



The Mathetes Trust Prayer Diary



July - September 2017

Welcome to the first Mathetes Trust prayer diary, which invites you to pray for the work of the Trust with local churches in the UK and with Rooted in Jesus in Africa.

July week 1: The Diocese of Butere, Kenya

- For the team currently running two Rooted in Jesus introductory conferences at the invitation of Bishop Tim Wambunya: Revd Richard Morgan, Revd John Eldridge, Capt Joshua Opondo
- For Revd Capt Benjamin Kibera, organising the conferences
- For those attending - the diocese has an ambitious plan to train 300 people
- For the presence of the Holy Spirit to minister to team and participants

July week 2: Mission in the UK

- For the training day (July 8th) in Purley, Reading, preparing for a ten day mission in September, to be led by Roger Morgan with a team from both the home parish and from outside - pray for courage and inspiration for the home team as they pray about who the Lord wants them to invite
- For the EQUIP group of church leaders who meet in Leicestershire this month with the shared aim of growing their churches, and for Roger as he leads
- For the EQUIP group of church leaders who meet in Wiltshire
- For the EQUIP group of church leaders who meet in Kent

July week 3: The Diocese of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan

- Give thanks that we were able to contribute towards the transport costs of Revd Nelson Saya Gumbe as he trains and supports RinJ group leaders in the Ugandan refugee camps - pray for the 35 leaders trained recently in Morobi (right)
- Pray for all those who have fled their homes for the camps, that they would receive the comfort of the Lord in their new situation, that their prayer would be powerful and their needs met
- Pray for Bishop Emmanuel Murye, and RinJ Coordinator Pianilee Samuel as they serve their people. Bishop Emmanuel writes: "I like my people to be deeply rooted in Jesus Christ. South Sudan needs godly people who are



rooted in God". Pray that growing numbers would become rooted in God.

- Pray for all those seeking to bring peace to South Sudan.

July week 4: For the Dioceses of Fianarantsoa and Toliara, Madagascar

- For Bishop Gilbert Ratelison and RinJ Coordinator Jean Flobert as they plan the Rooted in Jesus Junior conference to be held in the diocese in August
- For the team: Canon Jacob Robert, Alison Morgan, Lucy Hefford, Katy Morgan. RinJ Junior is in use throughout Jacob's home diocese of Mara (TZ).
- For Bishop Todd and Revd Patsy McGregor, Diocese of Toliara, also planning a RinJ Junior conference, to follow on from the one in Fianarantsoa
- For all those leading RinJ groups in both dioceses. Pray for all those coming to faith, and for the new churches being built. Pray for the Sunday School teachers attending the conferences - probably their first formal training.

August week 1: For UK churches seeking to 'Grow Younger'

- For all those using Roger Morgan's book *Growing Younger* and trying to reach out to families
- That we would see a growing national determination to change the way we do things in order to make the church accessible to children.
- For Martin and Rebecca Castle, leading the church in Earl Shilton, and for James Alexander, leading the church in Oakington - both seeking to Grow Younger. Pray for all those involved in reaching out to children and families in these churches, that the Lord would lead and guide them.
- For Matthew Sheffield, the children's worker at Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church, and Jonathan Morley, the minister

August week 2: For those using Rooted in Jesus in the DR Congo

- For Revds Stephane Makata and James Mayundo, RinJ Coordinators in the

Rearranging the chairs on the deck of the Titanic?

Roger recently found himself in a taxi in Dover, on the way to preach at a local church. He got into conversation with the taxi driver, who asked what he did. Roger explained; and asked if the taxi driver had ever had any connection with the church? "Oh yes", said the taxi driver, "I used to go. I really liked it. I'd like to go again - but I can't, I've got children."

How serious are we about the need to reach out to children and families? How willing are we to change the ways we do things? How radical do we need to be - and are we prepared to be radical? What happens if we just carry on as we are? Please pray for a grasping of the nettle all over the country!



Diocese of Katanga and Kalemie - they are doing a stunning job, and have built up a network of over 250 groups in the most challenging circumstances.

- For the Dioceses of Kasai, Kindu and Kinshasa, hoping to hold RinJ conferences in 2018 if the security situation permits it
- For the Dioceses of Boga, Aru and Nord Kivu, already using RinJ but facing challenges of different kinds
- For all those working to bring peace to DR Congo in the light of the national elections postponed from last year

August week 3: Tanzania and Malawi

- For Bishop Stanley Hotay, National Director of RinJ Tanzania, and for Bishop James Almasi and Canon Jacob Robert, on the national board of RinJ.
- For Alison Morgan as she travels to Tanzania to meet with the national leadership and diocesan coordinators - that this meeting would be possible within the limited window available
- For all those leading RinJ and RinJ Junior groups across the Province, where RinJ is now in use in 18 of Tanzania's 27 dioceses - and for a strategy to enable RinJ to become self sustaining.
- For Bishop Brighton Malasa, Coordinators Elliot Litereko and Edward Kawinga, and the leaders of the RinJ groups in the diocese of Upper Shire following the conference earlier this year (right)



August week 4: For The Mathetes Trust

- For Roger Morgan, Director of TMT - Roger travels a lot, and would value your prayers that he would be able to give of his best in every location.
- For John English, our Administrator. John works two afternoons a week - please thank the Lord for John and pray that he would find great fulfilment in what he does.
- For Alison Morgan, as she oversees *Rooted in Jesus* and looks after our publications and websites, and Kinga Gorak as she helps with the formatting of the books. Pray for Kinga, formerly the RinJ administrator, now back with her family in Poland, that she would find a job she is excited about.
- For trustees Mike Cotterell and Andrew Evans and for their churches, St Paul's Slough and St Katharine's Holt - multicultural London, rural Wiltshire.

September week 1: For churches with whom we work

- For the new EQUIP group led by Canon John Benson in North Wales
- For Revd Colin Cooper and all those seeking to become disciples of Jesus in Chesterfield, where the church of St Lawrence is running a '[Beyond Ourselves Project](#)', challenging every member to invest 24 hours in Sept, Oct and Nov 2017 in growing closer to God
- For Bob Weldon leading the Anglican ministry in Folkestone, and for the new and growing work among families led by Kate McNeice.



September week 2: For those using our publications

The Mathetes Trust stocks a range of books, booklets and course materials. Please pray for those using these materials, and for us as we support those using them and seek to make them better known:

- *Beautiful Lives - sharing your faith with friends and neighbours.*
- *The God who is There* - a three part practical discipleship course inspired by our *Rooted in Jesus* programme in Africa
- *Something Understood* - a book of poetry for prayer and meditation
- *Decision* - a booklet designed to help people make a lasting commitment to Christ, now published in a revised and updated edition

September week 3: Specific prayer requests

- Please pray for Dr Alfred Olwa, recently elected as bishop of Lango Diocese, Uganda; and for Ronald Eguny, RinJ coordinator.
- Pray for Revd Joshua Opondo, RinJ coordinator in the Diocese of Maseno South, Kenya, and his ministry of healing and deliverance.
- Pray for a release of funding to enable RinJ to grow wider and deeper.
- Pray for Lucy Hefford, starting a year in Uganda with CMS and working with Rooted in Jesus.

September week 4: Evangelism in the UK

- This week we are supporting a ten day mission in Purley, Reading.
- Please pray for all those hosting events in their homes, for their friends and guests - that the Holy Spirit would be working in and among them
- For the mission in Derby due to take place in October - for good preparation and planning, and a growing sense of trust and excitement at what God is able to do among those who wish to invite him into their lives
- For Roger Morgan and Richard Scott, leading the teams, and for those joining the team from other parts of the country - that their faith would be stretched and their hearts be full of joy.