

Mission News – April 2025

(please try to use prayer guides daily)

MONDAY – Today, please remember and pray for our partnership in Ghana with **the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu, Bishop of the Diocese of Ho, our Companion Diocese**. The following is the second half of the prayer written by Joy Whyte for the Church in England. The first half was used in March. It is also appropriate for the Church in Ghana. “ Endue the ministers in Ghana and Bishop Matthias with Your power – preaching; teaching; pastoral care; youth work; clubs and fellowships; evangelism and outreach ...through these draw lives to You, and deepen those lives in the knowledge and saving love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. O God, let Your strength and beauty fill the Church in Ghana! Let the people of Ghana praise You; For You are good; Your love is eternal and Your faithfulness lasts forever.”

TUESDAY – Outflow had a busy winter season operating their men’s shelter and drop-in centre called Outflow Foundation Centre at their main building at 100 Waterloo Street. They were asked to increase their hours in December 2024 from 18 to 24 hours a day to support the winter response to homelessness in our community. There was an average of 100 people signing in each day. (This complimented the Out of the Cold shelter that opened in December as well.) Presently, construction has begun on their new 6-unit affordable housing project located at 86 Waterloo Street (former parking lot for Fitzpatrick’s Funeral Home). This means there will soon be 6 bachelor suites, subsidized apartments that will support homeless individuals being discharged from hospital. This is a partnership with Horizon Health, who will be providing ongoing care for the residents in these units. Please pray for grace, peace and daily strength for Outflow staff in the inevitable challenges the expansion of their programs brings.

WEDNESDAY – Threshold House (TH) (located in Saint John) is a post-treatment Christian community and transitional housing for men who have completed a 12-step rehabilitation program. **Marilyn Otis** is TH Director and desires our prayers as she develops relationships with local churches and businesses and builds community support. **Jeremy Robinson** is the Addiction Services Coordinator and helps the men transition to life after Rehab. Pray for Jeremy as he helps the men go back to school, find employment and discover their place in the community. Volunteers are needed to help tutor the men. Presently, TH is undergoing renovations with painting and replacing carpets underway. Thanks to grants, they are able

to employ the men at TH to do the renovations. It cost \$1000.00 per month for one man to live at TH and most are on Social Development. Pray for donors to join in sponsoring a man with a donation of \$350.00/month which is needed to make up the difference. Finally, please pray as TH spreads the news of what TH is and how men are being set free by the power of Christ. Pray as they go into churches, businesses and rehab centres, meeting with counsellors and **potential future residents**.

THURSDAY – Please pray for **Shiloh Peterson** as she finishes up her last semester of study (Applied Arts) in Dallas, Texas and then heads back to her home abroad in West Asia to start her work as a consultant in her field of work with a linguistic organization there. She is also doing two courses with two friends in West Asia over WhatsApp and email. Please pray these Scripture Engagement art projects will encourage these young women, their friends and fellow believers. May they inspire others to spend more time in God's Word and create new works to teach Who God is and how He is always present. Shiloh also asks for prayer for a mother tongue translator whose father died recently. His father rejected him when he chose to follow Jesus. Pray his mother and brother's hearts will be softened. A final prayer request is for her transition back to West Asia in May and for her team with many structure and role changes. Pray God will prosper the work of getting His Word to multiple language communities in the region where they work.

FRIDAY – L'Arche Saint John

If you're passing through the Saint John Airport, be sure to check out **YSJ: Home**, a special exhibit created by the talented artists of L'Arche's Creative Connections. This collection celebrates the many meanings of home and will be on display until mid-April. All artwork is available for purchase. June also marks the 20th anniversary of L'Arche! **Rachel Vander Vennen** (Ex Dir and CEO) reports that this summer/fall they will be welcoming new core members to their Connects program (supported independent living for adults with intellectual disabilities) which will double the program's current size. She asks for special prayer for these new core members, their families and their team of assistants as they navigate this exciting transition. Rachel also requests continued thanksgiving and prayer for financial support as their community grows.

SATURDAY – Mark Orr (Executive Director, Leadership Training Ministries) writes that LTM is continuing to support their Amazon leadership partners as well as their most recent Baltic cohort. But they are looking forward to a long awaited followup event with **Washington** and his team in Uganda, probably in the Fall. They are also excited to begin building a training group of 10 young leaders from the Mediterranean region under the leadership of **Sylvia**, one of the Greek team. Please pray especially for Mark as he coaches and mentors eight selected youth-focused ministry leaders this year. This would be done one on one. Pray for Mark's protection as he travels internationally, for his family during his many absences, and for good health, grace and strength for each day.

SUNDAY – Deborah Edwards (Mission Aviation Fellowship) arrived in **Haiti** in February, after seven years of flight training, Bible school, time spent building flight experience, support raising and flight, cultural, language and security training. She is thrilled to have joined the team in Pignon in a remote part of Haiti. She is being hosted by a Haitian-American couple who minister there until there is a place for her on the MAF compound which is presently under construction. Living in a remote area off the grid means that they have to install solar panels to create their own power, Two houses are nearly completed and hangars now need to be built for their airplanes. Please pray for (1) Deborah and her language helper **Rose** as she learns Haitian Creole, (2) the purchase of a good vehicle for travel to the airport, church and market and also as a means for evacuating quickly in the event of an emergency, and (3) MAF Haiti to be operational by the Spring, Above all, pray for an end to the violence and for God to bring healing and restoration to Haiti.