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News Prayer & Praise Sheet

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Suresh Vemulapalli, India

Kojo Kyeramanteng, Ghana

Roberto Araújo, Brazil



CTIM Medway Ministers & Leaders
together in prayer & praise

INN-TERNATIONAL

Regrettably the two most recent planned Ministry Trips, one to northern Uganda in January and the other to Brazil in April had to be postponed. The honest reason was work overload, which affected the Director's health (he had been warned repeatedly!). We also had insufficient funds to meet the high costs of the Uganda trip. However, flights are booked and the preparation and mobilisation on the ground is well underway for the **next two scheduled trips** (see below). God willing, the Brazil trip can be re-scheduled for Easter next year to coincide with an annual Mission Conference there.

Ministry trips 2014

- **19th June-2nd July: northern Uganda** (leadership training and church visits)
- **11th-24th September: India** (church visits, Leaders Conference)

Peter is the key speaker on all these ministry trips.

Any financial assistance with these ministry trips is most welcome as we fund them all. God bless you! 3 John 1.7-8

Widows, orphans and student training

Since 1994 we have been financially supporting widows, orphans, church leaders and students particularly with school fees. A decision was made to wind this side of the ministry down, and we are now left with just four young people, the children of widow Nighty Opio from Kigumba, and Walter Olima from Agwata. We have our own churches well established in both towns as a result of outreaches in each place in the past. We thank God for everyone who has so faithfully and generously given financially over the many years to give these young people a future and a hope. All have succeeded and are doing very well.

Social Media

Every week we post a **short devotional word of encouragement** early on a Wednesday morning. These can be read from our blog www.inn.org.uk or from our Friends of Inn Facebook page or Friends of Inn Facebook group or on Twitter. Do please access these



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INN-MEDWAY

Churches Together in Medway (CTIM)

The first few months of chairing CTIM have been marvelous. There is a fresh sense of expectation and excitement, of harmony and mutual love and co-operation amongst church ministers and leaders. We have met twice for breakfast and to hear representatives of Christian organizations talk about how they are impacting their communities, the most recent being from two of the Chaplains at the Universities of Medway. For the very first time, certainly in 30 or more years, ministers and leaders met to pray together for the city. This was hosted by the Dean of Rochester Cathedral. We joined across the denominations, nations and generations to seek God for the welfare of the city (Jeremiah 29.7). These gatherings are planned to happen every other month. Everyone is invited to pray for Medway on 30th June (see enclosed/attached).



INN-TERCESSION

June 2014 - August 2014

"Intercession is evangelism on your knees." Anon

- Day 1** Finance, accounts and administration: Gillian Marchand
- Day 2** Patron: Jean Darnall, Jean Darnall Ministries
- Day 3** All Inn-tercessors, sponsors and donors
- Day 4** Voluntary Staff member: Evelyn Kusi
- Day 5** Trustee: Duncan Cawte, Hillsong London/Kent
- Day 6** Inn CM: communications, publicity and media
- Day 7** Future: focus, identity, connections and relationships
- Day 8** Virtual VOICE: continued development & effectiveness
- Day 9** King's Church, Gillingham (formerly The VOICE)
- Day 10** All fundraising sponsored events and participants
- Day 11** Further funding for growth, development and expansion
- Day 12** Supporting church: Beulah Christian Fellowship, Gillingham
- Day 13** Director: Peter Marchand: vision, finance, health; future
- Day 14** Uganda Team member: Tom Ongom
- Day 15** Northern Uganda June/July ministry trip: preparation and funding; leaders, delegates, churches
- Day 16** India September Ministry Trip: preparation and funding
- Day 17** Uganda partner: Milton Ogwal, Victory Outreach Ministries; Irene, Peace, Charity and Patience
- Day 18** Ugandan widow and orphans: Nighty Opio, Jane, Barbara, David
- Day 19** Ugandan student: Walter Olima
- Day 20** Uganda church network: Kaberamaido Pastors and Elders Fellowship
- Day 21** Uganda church plant: Celebration Church, Agwata
- Day 22** India partner: Suresh Vemulapalli, India Village Ministries; Roja, Swithin and Sophie
- Day 23** IVM church: Raparla Village Church; Ps Jaya Paul
- Day 24** India Village Ministries: Leadership Training
- Day 25** Brazil partner: Roberto Araújo, Katy, Benjamin
- Day 26** Medway Youth worker: Daniella Beaumont
- Day 27** Churches Together in Medway: Member churches and organisations; Executive Committee; Chairman
- Day 28** Medway Ministers Group: leader, Peter Marchand
- Day 29** Ghana partner: Kojo Kyeremateng, Akua, Ama, Nana Yaa
- Day 30** Medway Council: Trevor Clarke, Member for Rochester South and Horsted
- Day 31** Local Member of Parliament: Tracey Crouch, Chatham and Aylesford

Relevant Question

Is the day of the small church over?

Peter replies with relevant Answer

Well, it certainly isn't over yet because a large number of congregations are numerically small - i.e. 50 members or less. Whether they can survive under the increased need to meet charity law and health and safety requirements is another matter. It is true that many are struggling with the admin side of church life these days, not only in terms of financial resources but also in terms of personnel. Many are now being maintained by older members, either because there are no younger members, or because 'those who can' are exhausted with both husband and wife in full-time employment, and generally with young families. There is a particular spiritual

dynamic within the smaller church, which if nurtured and nourished well is compelling and potent. Potential and gifting can be realised, recognised and released in a non-threatening context. Often in the numerically larger congregations there is an anonymity which leaves large numbers of the members merely as spectators rather than participators. Performance oriented worship services cater for the most gifted, but stifle the remainder. Can smaller churches survive? I hope so, but they do need to relate beyond their own congregation or even network or denomination - two are better than one has a wider application than the Wedding Service!