

## Overseas Missions Committee

### Wesleyan Reform Union

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.  
(Philippians 2:2)

## “HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD”

Hello Everyone

I would like to thank you all on behalf of the WRU Overseas Missions team for all your prayers and support, over the difficult year of 2020.

We are now waiting for spring to burst forth in 2021. Whilst we do the world is still dealing with the covid-19 pandemic, which no-one could have foreseen this ongoing change to our everyday lives. Thousands of people have lost their lives, employment, businesses and have suffered ongoing health problems to this awful virus.

We are all still in lockdown, isolating, wearing masks; with no hugs and no contact with our families and friends, no travelling; limited church gatherings, using zoom to communicate with our fellowships for meetings, coffee mornings and quizzes, live streaming our Sunday services on-line via Facebook! We are all learning new skills to reach out in the name of Jesus.

As the above title says “Hear the Word of the Lord;” let us continue on the path that God has lit for us, drawing strength from Him. Praying earnestly with zeal and passion to our Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, giving comfort to others the best we can, encouraging one another, listening to each other, and recognizing other people’s needs.

God’s Word is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We are given the Good news, the Great Commission, to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

God's Word tells us to "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

Matthew 28:19-20; says "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen

Although we might not go personally to other Nations, we do have brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone, and do go out all over the world, to share the Good News. They represent all of us in doing this in Christ Jesus. That makes us united in Christ, made one in Him. Hear the Word of the Lord!

The Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches have Overseas Missions personnel all over the world, whom we support, and we also financially support a project annually, sometimes longer if the circumstances demand. This year, until June 2021, we are continuing to support the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara, Madagascar.

One of our overseas personnel, Doctor Lesley Noghti, has returned to the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara in January 2021, where she volunteers her skills and knowledge as a paediatric neurologist.

After her retirement in the UK some 4 years ago, she has been volunteering when she can in Mandritsara. Please continue to pray for her and all the team out there.

The people in Madagascar, live in rural locations and every day brings its challenges. When they are told to isolate, they do so! As they are used to epidemics and other tropical diseases and viruses.

The Good News Hospital are currently building a new block which will incorporate a maternity unit. We ask if you can continue to financially support and prayerfully uphold this project which ends in June 2021.

Your help will be very much appreciated for all concerned, as our brothers and sisters continue on the path set out before them, and as they spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to all.

If you would like to know more about our project or would like to donate to the WRU Overseas Missions outreach work which supports all of our Overseas Missions Personnel, please get in-touch via our website, email or phone number. Or if you would like to get your church or circuit involved in our work, and would like either a visiting speaker to attend your church service or set up a zoom meeting to discuss the work, we are happy to be able to facilitate this in the best way we can in the current or future circumstances.

We have 9 people serving on the Overseas Missions Committee, who are a dedicated team and are excited about this mission work, who we are sure can help you to get involved with this work.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, both prayerfully and financially, and we ask that you would continue to pray for all of our Overseas Missions Personnel, wherever they are serving around the world.

And finally: “Hear the Word of The Lord”.

“And how shall they preach, except they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’” (Romans 10:15)

God Bless You All

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