



**BMS World Mission Focus: The Mahon Family, Peru
(Galatians 2:19-21)**

1. What from the service particularly struck you as you heard from Dave, Michelle and the children? Have you ever imagined yourself moving to another context to engage in mission? If yes, where would you go and for what purpose?
2. Do you believe that the Gospel is against racism and oppression? Is racism a problem in Christchurch? Do you find this an easy subject to discuss? Why? Why not?
3. Discuss Dave's story of being racially oppressed in London Docklands. What were the issues he was confronted with? Have you ever experienced/seen oppression of any sort, racial or otherwise? How did it feel? Did you challenge the oppression you felt/saw? Why? Why not?
4. Read Galatians 2:11-21. How do these verses wrestle with the issue of oppression? Who did race matter to or not matter to in these verses? How can you tell?
5. Share what you recall of Peter's (Cephas') journey with the issue of racial segregation. Why then is his attitude in Galatians 2 shocking?
6. Who is the 'Paul' challenging 'Peter' in society today (locally, nationally, internationally)? Who is challenging the status quo? How do we avoid being a 'James' or 'Barnabas', simply conforming to old divisions and superiority? Why is the issue of racial discrimination awkward to discuss?
7. Dave reminded us again about what it means to be 'in Christ'. Are all equally loved and valued, like Christ values all, in the church...in our church? Do we really experience unity within diversity? How?
8. *'Make friends rather than help.'* Are you good at looking for the 'stranger' in our community? Who are 'the strangers' in Christchurch?
9. Spend some time praying that God might use you as a 'Paul'. Ask God how you can talk about 'the elephant in the room' more freely.
10. Pray too for all of our mission partners. Each has shared 3 prayer requests, overleaf.

Prayer Requests From Our Mission Partners

“H”, Asia

- For refugees to have freedom in camp, access to health care, education and work
- H's new role among abused women
- People will answer the call to join their small team

Voice of the Gospel

- Polish missionaries working in Iraq, Kurdistan, Nepal and Pakistan who took part in a conference organised by VOG
- The youth camp, 10-20 July, where young people will be challenged with God's Word
- Henryk Dedo as he continues to suffer with chronic back pain. People will be missing his evangelism and enthusiasm for the Gospel

Dave & Michelle Mahon, Peru

- The Government's vaccination programme and people's well-being as Dave and Michelle deal with disappointment, frustration and grief
- The success of restarting of broadcasts with the new partnership, Radio Amazonas
- Proposed home assignment in the UK, in May. For clarity regarding Covid guidelines, flights, church visit and general health

Edith's Hope, Uganda

- The Edith's Hope Lent Challenge, and Ruth's challenge in particular
- For children to return to schools soon
- The vaccination programme will be sped up...it hardly seems to have started yet

Smile Charity Uganda

- Alex and Bennie as they settle back into normal life having been away
- The vision for the 'Seeds of Hope' park for young people
- The political situation in Uganda

Stephanie Darling, Malawi

- For clarity about returning to Malawi, especially concerning her role
- Leadership in the Bible College
- Covid in Malawi

