

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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THIS IS HOW GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE AMONG US: HE SENT HIS ONE AND ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

~1 JOHN 4:9



GIVE THANKS

- At this wonderful time of the year, let's praise Jesus remembering how God's only Son was born in a humble stable and laid in a feeding trough. And let's ask the Lord of all to teach us to be grateful and humble for his glory. May his name be exalted throughout the earth.
- Join us in giving thanks for the many people who have been organising fundraising events for the work of our partners in Ethiopia and Lebanon this autumn. Please pray that more funds will be released so as our partners can continue their work without delay.
- Thank God for the opportunity to speak to members of the Dáil Foreign Affairs Committee about the issue of volunteering in orphanages as part of the Comhlámh Orphanage Working Group at the end of November. Please pray that TDs will take action on the recommendations presented. Join us in praying for organisations working in countries around the world to transition children safely out of orphanages into families. Pray for favour with governments and for local churches to step forward to care for vulnerable children.

WORLD NEWS

- We are grateful for the many people who joined us for the recent 'Home from Ethiopia' event at Bewley's Café to hear about the recent trip and the Self Help Group work there. We are aware that there are challenges in the country and our colleague Mulugeta writes - "the country [Ethiopia] is again undergoing widespread violent ethnic and religious clashes, especially in the eastern part of the country. Christians and churches are targeted. Ethnic based violence in universities is also rising. As we continue in the transition there are many uncertainties that erode hopes for the future. Please pray for peace and stability in the country."
- As unrest continues in Lebanon – please join our partners Merath in their prayer from Matthew 6:13 - 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.' Pray that their work to provide provisions to help refugee families through the harsh winter and schooling for their children may continue without disruption.
- We are thankful for the Tearfund Ireland supported capacity building workshops that took place in South Sudan at Emmanuel Christian College last month. Thank God for the encouraging news that a good tutor has been found, who is due to take over teacher training at the college.

IRELAND

- Thank God for the new Creation Care resource launched in mid-November in collaboration with the Church of Ireland Youth Department to build the capacity of youth leaders to explore climate issues and faith in an interactive, creative way. Please pray that the resource, consisting of 4 workshop outlines will be widely used within the Church of Ireland and beyond. The resource is available on the Tearfund Ireland website
- Project proposals - Pray for Markus, Mulugeta and Genet as they work on a project proposal for Irish Aid for next phase of the Self Help Group work in Ethiopia. Please pray for the recently submitted Development Education proposal that is being assessed for work with youth leaders in Ireland.
- Please pray for team members and our partners as we take time off over the Christmas and New Year period, that there will be the opportunity for rest and refreshment.