

Weekly News

11th September

MISSIONARY UPDATE: THE MAHON'S IN PERU



Hello Everyone! We hear that it has recently been hot and sunny in the UK! It's cooler here in Trujillo, sometimes dipping into the teens, meaning we need to wrap up and sometimes even turn the heating on!

The children recently had three weeks off school, and we had the privilege of visiting Iquitos for a few days. It was great to see our previous home, reconnect with friends and neighbours and visit the churches and the Nauta training centre. Please be in prayer for all our friends there; that they will not give in to discouragement and receive a fresh vision for God's kingdom purposes there.

Upon our return, we took part in a retreat for Mission Workers based here in Peru. It lasted for three days in the middle of August and took place at our regional conference centre in Shiran, in amongst the mountains close to Trujillo.

The Baptist Convention's Missions Board which are a group similar to BMS and whom we support, have been going for three years now and this is part of their vision. The board is made up of a group of pastors and missionaries who enable



Above: The Pastors' prayer and fellowship meeting in Iquitos

and encourage Peruvian Baptist churches to raise up, pray for and financially support home grown missionaries. The Brazilian Baptist Convention also support the board. Your prayers for the Missions Board would be appreciated, for them to remain united and be successful in achieving their strategic goals, working together with several regional and international mission partners.

The event was entitled 'In the Shoes of the Missionary'. We had visitors from Ecuador and Venezuela as well as Peruvians, who shared their wisdom and experience on topics such as Cultural Sensitivity, Evangelism and Discipleship, and

Building Teams. Dave taught on the privilege of being called and set apart for God, like Abraham was. There was also time for open questions, testimonies and lots of praise and worship. We prayed together and got better acquainted with several sisters and brothers.

The delegates also had fun playing games together and there was a dentist as well as a hairdresser available for

styling and helping the ministers to look and feel good. There were a handful of children there for Ruth, Jonathan and Phoebe to play with.

The retreat was great encouragement for the delegates, and there was a tangible element of excitement and hope because it was the first of its kind here. Plans are in place to make it a yearly event.



There is also an opportunity to prepare and send a young missionary couple to a country in Northern Africa. Since it is illegal to openly evangelise there, they will be developing community football whilst he is there as part of an existing team. Please pray that everyone who was involved in this retreat will be able to build on what they have received from this special time together.

In particular, we would appreciate your prayers for Carlos and Betty Rodriguez, a Venezuelan couple who have been sent by the Baptist Convention of Brazil with BMS funding, to support and help develop the Peruvian Mission Board. Carlos has developed this opportunity to send the Peruvian missionary couple to North Africa. From South America to North Africa with English support - a good example of global partnership for the Kingdom of God - to show the world just how much God loves us all!

We are together playing our part in being part of Jesus' answer to His prayer to the Father just before He left as recorded in John 17:23 'I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.'

Thank you for jointly holding us up in this!

The Lord bless you,

Love

The Mahon Family

CHURCH NEWS

LADIES BREAKFAST - SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The popular Ladies Breakfast returns this weekend in the Church Hall at 8:30am.

You can book to register [here](#)

If you have previously attended, please remember to log in to the website, as this will speed up the booking process and save you having to re-type all your details into the system.

SIMON MOFFAT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Simon's service will take place at NBC on **Thursday 19th September, 3pm.**

All are welcome to attend.

Please continue to pray for Barbara and the family at this difficult time.

ORGAN CELEBRATION SERVICE: SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 2PM

In anticipation of the upcoming building works and the removal of the organ, we wanted to give it a fitting send-off, with a Songs of Praise style celebration service.

A number of our past and present organists will be joining us to play a selection of favourite traditional hymns in an hour-long service on Saturday 12th October at 2pm.

This will be followed by tea and cakes in the Foyer.

CHURCH BUILDING WORK DATES

The Church Hall upgrade works are scheduled to begin on 10th November and are expected to last 8-10 weeks.

After the Hall is completed, the work in the Church will follow. This is expected to be from the third week in January and will last 4-6 weeks, depending on what is found beneath the pulpit.

The Church will still be usable in this time, but the stage area will be boarded off for the duration of the work.

There will be some minor loss of car parking in the area of the Morton Hall, to allow material storage and skips to be located away from the main car park.

If you have any questions please email nbcbuildings@newburybaptistchurch.org.

SONRISE CHURCH RESOURCES

As Shoemakers Christian Bookshop is now closed, the manager, Steve Wood, is continuing to supply Christian Resources to Newbury, Thatcham and the surrounding area via Sonrise Christian Resources.

You can phone Steve to talk through the options available and for any advice on choosing baptism gifts or cards, bible translations or commentaries, daily devotional readings or books that give biblical perspective on topical issues. For church groups, Steve can supply course materials, bookstalls for events and age-appropriate gifts for children.

Whatever your need Steve would love to talk through your requirements and how he can help. You can also browse the website (link below).

Tel: **07396 825097**

Website: **www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk**

SAVE THE DATE: LIGHT PARTY, 31ST OCTOBER

The Light Party will be returning on 31st October, 5-6:30pm, for a fun evening of games, crafts, food and stories. This is for all children in primary school (reception - year 6).

Save the date and encourage your children to invite their friends.

Online booking will open later this month and invitations will be made available for children to give to their friends.

We also need some more volunteers to make the party a success. This includes helping the children with the crafts and games, food preparation, registration, and a pack-down team to clear up and put the chairs back in the church afterwards.

We would also like a team of people praying for the event whilst it is happening. You can do this in your own home or meet up with others to pray together.

Please email Sian if you would like to help sianc@newburybaptistchurch.org

WE ARE HIRING! OPERATIONS MANAGER ROLE

Our advert for the Operations Manager role at NBC is now live!

If you are interested in applying or know someone who might be an ideal candidate, please share the job description with them, which can be found [here](#)

Applications need to be received by Monday 23rd September.

Interviews will take place during the week commencing 7th October.

Please pray that the right person would see the advert and apply, and for the recruitment team as they receive and review any applications.

PRAYER WALKING

We have resumed our weekly prayer walk around Newbury on Wednesdays at 10am.

We would love for you to join us as we walk around the town, praying at various point along the way. This has proven to be an encouraging and uplifting time over the past year, with God often opening our eyes to new things and places, as well as blessing our conversations.

Prayer Space

**Do you have something you'd like to share for prayer?
Please let us know by emailing: office@newburybaptistchurch.org**

CTNA WEEK OF PRAYER

At the time of writing we are halfway through the Christians Together in Newbury week of prayer.

On Tuesday evening we hosted a prayer evening at NBC focused on global crises. Our brilliantly creative team made a number of prayer stations to help engage with this theme in different ways. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, do try and get to church on either Wednesday or Thursday, any time from 5:30-7:30pm.

So it seems appropriate that we focus our prayers on both global crises, and the wider week of prayer taking place across our town. Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to gather as Christians from across our town to pray together. May this act of unity be noticed by our wider community and bring you glory.

As we continue to think through the various global crises which engulf our world, we think particularly of areas where war continues to rage. We pray for peace in Ukraine, and for avenues to be created for constructive dialogue between presidents Zelenskyy and Putin.

We pray too for a ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, and for an end to the civilian casualties who are caught up in this bitter and seemingly never-ending feud. May the international community stand up for justice, and be advocates for peace, protecting the innocent on both sides of the war.

Lord, may each of us take on the responsibility and biblical call to care for creation. Would you draw our attention to areas and behaviours where we might be more considerate towards the environment, and in turn enhance our appreciation for the beauty of the world you have created.

May the time we spend prayerfully reflecting upon global crises prompt us into action, and we ask that your will would be done and your kingdom would come to our hurting and broken world. Amen.

