



Oh how He loves us!

This past Easter Mum and I have spent time reflecting on the enormity of Gods love for us, not only in sending His son to die for us but in the faithfulness and obedience of Jesus to go through so much suffering, that we

might be reconciled to God and be called His children. I seem to have to be reminded of this so often at the moment, that despite my own shortcomings and failures, His love is greater and He holds me in His hands. What a Saviour! And what a message to tell.

SIMs vision is to make Christ known to those who are living and dying without knowing Jesus. We are living in a season where there are so many opportunities to talk of the Hope we have in Christ. With so much pain and suffering, trials and difficulties - Jesus is **with** us in it all.

For many of us lockdown has been hard and i confess to be feeling some cabin fever at the moment and a deep longing to get back to travelling and being on the front line again, but God is teaching me a different way for now. I don't always find it easy but seek to trust God for each day He brings, learning how to live well in this season.

SO, what has He been doing from an office in West Sussex as I spend my days at the computer - not my preferred way of working! BUT He has been at work and there is lots to give thanks for.....not forgetting the wonder and the beauty of Gods creation as the spring flowers appear after the long winter (despite snow yesterday!).



After 2 years of prayerfully discerning how we can be engaging in outreach through business ministries (through professionals, micro-enterprise, business as mission and church planting); a way forward has been paved, a blueprint written, and a global lead appointed. I am so excited to see JP Gradone appointed to my team. Pray for him as he now builds a global team to serve alongside him. As we look to the future of mission, I believe business ministries will play a critical role. Living in a COVID plus world

many are looking for ways out of poverty, others looking for employment, and other countries are shutting the doors to missionary visas and so we need to rethink how we engage in mission.



Diaspora Ministries

We are living in a world where people are on the move: refugees, migrants, professionals, some by choice, some by force. Living outside of their home context, many are more open to the Gospel, as we see in Acts or able to hear the Gospel for the first time, since in their home context it would be very difficult. The opportunities are huge. We are involved in some exciting opportunities in Europe through our partnership with [How Will They Hear](#). Next month, we are launching a gathering to bring all

those working amongst the diaspora from across SIM to pray for their ministries. Our aim in doing this, is to grow a network of workers so that we can connect, strengthen and build this ministry.



Investing in the Next Generation

With a vast proportion of the population in many of the countries we work in under the age of 25, my heart yearns to see us reaching out in relevant ways to the young people today. I am so thankful for Jason Brink on my team who leads our engaging university ministries; pray for our youth ministry - a few months ago I begun a roundtable to consider how we can be relevant as a mission in reaching out to the teens in this

current age. Pray for wisdom and creativity. May 10th-11th we will be meeting with other youth workers around the world in WEA's Youth network consultation (WEA = World Evangelical Alliance). The impact of social media, mental health, social cohesion, protests and economic concerns are putting immense pressure on the youth of our day. Equally their vibrancy, passion and innovation is inspirational resulting in many creative opportunities. How does the Gospel penetrate these realities and what is God calling His people to as we seek to respond?

Prayers for the coming weeks.....months

1. Executive Team Retreat - next week Mon-Wednesday. I and a colleague are leading part of it, exploring how we are mobilising professionals into mission
2. [BAM Gathering](#) - April 28-30th - about 8 of us from the mission will be attending. Pray that we will hear what God is saying to us as a mission through this event and be able to put into action what we hear - thinking creatively, acting courageously.
3. JP Gradone as he starts his role on my team as the business ministries global lead
4. WEA Youth Event - May 10th-11th - pray for a core team to join me in attending, as we look to reach out to young people
5. Various Roundtables I am facilitating in the months ahead for youth, church planting and engaging in the muslim world
6. Appointment of a Sports Friends Global Lead - our current global lead is moving on after 25 years. He leaves a huge role to take up; a search team has been put in place to find the right person to succeed him. We have some good nominations, pray for the person of the Lords choosing.

And personally.....

Thank-you for your on going prayers for Mum, she is getting stronger every day. Pray for the two of us as we get used to living together during this season - a

challenge and a joy for us both :) I am so thankful for the precious times we have each day to read Gods Word and pray - we are learning lots together, just this week we started a great [seminar track from Word Alive on fear and anxiety](#) A timely word in these current times, You would be welcome to join in on line too.

I would also value prayers for me, spending my days on line, like many of us no doubt, is not my favourite thing to do. I have grown weary of it and long for more face to face, which is unlikely to be coming anytime soon. That said, it has been an amazing tool to remain connected to people and grow greater collaboration, for which I am thankful

Thank-you for your partnership in ministry,

Much Love, Emma
