

Wellspring of Prayer

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14th February 2017



Dear Friends and Intercessors,

It is good to be able to write to you again, as people called by God to intercede into the HIV/AIDS crisis, a continuing global pandemic not withstanding all the advances made to date. Individuals are still suffering and there is considerable disparity regarding access to medication. For example there has been a big and noticeable fall off in babies being born with HIV in parts of South Africa because of the availability of in-utero medication but this is not so clearly seen in countries further north.

Ministries and carers are also having to cope with the traumatic impact of teenage deaths; deaths of children who have had so much love poured in and to whom they are 'family'; deaths probably caused by being infected years ago before an adequate supply of anti retro-viral medication.

A strong message is coming out from India, that once started on the medication, there MUST be regularity and consistency in taking that medication for the rest of one's life. Any break in the sequence leads to rapid mutation of the virus and a sharp decline in health.

In the Philippines there is a burgeoning upsurge of HIV infection amongst 14-25 year old youngsters, and a need for urgent community teaching on prevention, especially with regard to avoiding promiscuity and multiple partners.

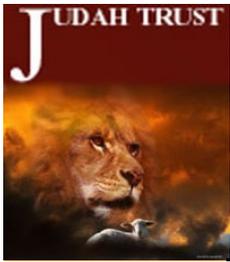
Across all nations is the same message of the need to care for children who are infected or affected by HIV. There is a multiplicity of caring models as can be seen in the Prayer Booklet, but a really heartening one is the way the Diocese of Cape Town has taken responsibility for and made its own, the ministry of Fikelela. Is it possible for this model of Diocesan drive to be taken up by other Dioceses around the world?

The ministries in these booklets are all mature, and we know / have met the leaders, and / or visited them all over the past 28 years. There are more ministries than we can cover each time in a simple 12 page Prayer Booklet though, so we will vary the coverage from month to month. If you are not in this time, it is not that we have forgotten you or are not praying for you, we are!

A serious cry from the heart is coming up from all the ministries in Kenya, New Life Home, Springs Ministries etc about the terrible impact of the continuing national strike by the medical profession. Can we pray please for this situation, whatever the right and wrongs, to be resolved speedily.

We have reported extensively this time from Els van Teylingen at Amecet in Soroti, Uganda, because Els is prepared to reveal the impact on her heart when the babies die. She shows us the reality of the epidemic, not just on those with HIV but also on those who care for them. This is the reality that we have seen across the world for so long now, be it in Brazil, Africa, Thailand, India or the West - it still hurts to hear these things. This is why we persevere with drawing these things to you for prayer.

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Personal Prayer Coverage

Back here in Bognor Regis, as we prepare these Prayer Booklets, Joy and I have become very aware that we too, need prayer support for this harrowing work, and we ask humbly, if you will pray for us as well.

'Needs List'

In another area, we have decided to put up from time to time a 'Needs List' for Judah Trust so that we can lay before you things that would make this work easier and reduce the worry about funding. If you are able to help, or know someone who can, we would be most grateful. We have ground our costs down to the minimum, cancelling things such as PO Boxes, reducing audit costs, insurance etc. That said, we have observed over the years that colour generates interest, and interest generates prayer, hence our use and determination to use colour, in the Prayer Booklet. So here is our current needs list.

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| 1. | Coverage for our annual software subscription for Adobe products | 250.00 pa |
| 2. | Colour toner for our new laser printer - each of 4 cartridges averages
(a full set of 4 high capacity cartridges just cost us £552.52) | 140.00 ea |

Address Lists

If you have not already done so, could you let us know the following by email to admin@judahtrust.org or by post

1. That you wish to continue to receive a paper Prayer Letter by mail every two months;
- or
2. That you would like to receive the email Prayer Letter, in which case please let us have your email address;
- or
3. That you do not wish to receive either.

Do also look at our website, www.judahtrust.org for updates - we are trying to keep on top of this.

Do keep praying and do keep sharing with others that 'Kingdom Living' is one of the essential components of an HIV free life.

With love and blessings from us both,

Ray & Joy Thomas

