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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to you all from a rather subdued summer in Sheffield, but luscious green.

**Thank you** so much for praying for us over these past weeks and months:

- a special Thanksgiving service for David's father, who passed away peacefully in March; it was a lovely tribute to a man who faithfully served God for many years
- a wonderful holiday-of-a-lifetime in Italy, with Margie's sister and brother-in-law, tracing some of Margie's father's footsteps during the 2<sup>nd</sup> war, and visiting Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Vesuvius
- an intensive May sharing at different meetings and gatherings; we were very aware of God's help. A huge thank you to all who kindly hosted us and great seeing friends and having some time with family members.
- 2 teaching sessions for the **Africa Orientation course**: hard work, but excellent they could take place: 4 candidates, all in different locations, on different appliances: 3 in Ghana and a lady in Cameroons. Iffy internet, so often videos were switched off which made conversations and sharing tricky, but where possible folk entered into discussion.
- Privilege of celebrating with **Betel UK** at 2 of their four 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meetings. It was very moving to witness and hear powerful testimonies of what God has done in transforming and restoring broken lives in the 6 centres in the UK. The theme of 'Living Stones' was a timely reminder to be giving thanks for the blessings and goodness of God that we have received, and to share the stories with and hand the blessing on to the next generations.



It was such an enjoyable **Jubilee Friday** afternoon that we shared with others at our local church: fine and warm, 250+ folk from the local community, *from all nations* and a very happy atmosphere; thank God! There is a special Summer Service on June 12, followed by lunch. Many have been invited.



Several of our Branches have had (and have) tricky situations to deal with and time has been spent on zoom, email, whatsapp ++ **supporting and coaching the leaders** as they seek to handle and resolve these matters in a God-honouring way. One leader was encouraged with words from *2 Kings 3.18*, 'This is an easy thing in the eyes of the Lord', and so we pray and trust God for His way, leading and wisdom.

**Planning ahead:** We are praying about **2 visits** to Africa: Mozambique in August and on to Chad in September, for their annual conferences. The triennial leadership elections will take place in Chad. Normally we would travel to Guinea-Bissau in November but this year **Intercon**, the WEC 4 yearly Leadership conference will take place that month, in Thailand. Guinea has re-scheduled its conference to January 2023.

**Mozambique:** Momade and Célia return this week to Pemba after home leave. Tânia starts serious house-hunting on the Island of Mozambique, a couple of kilometres off the east coast, where she will be serving amongst the Makhua-Nahara people, who are followers of Mohammed. The island is described as *'having a rich history, sandy beaches, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Mozambique's fastest-growing tourist destinations.'*



**João Paulo and Elisabeth** are witnessing Mwani peoples leaving Islam and following Jesus as they hear about Him, read and study His Word and experience His healing power. There have been several baptisms recently and these new believers are being disciplined by João Paulo to reach their own people.

There is a British couple who are hoping to spend 2 years in Pemba. They still have to do their orientation course, and a good programme for them, once in the country, needs to be finalised.

Sadly, we have just heard and read of **renewed violence** by extremist insurgents in the north and are renewing our prayers for God's intervention.

**Chad:** the Branch members are very thankful for **Thomas**, a Chadian, who is teaching computer at the Learning Centre and looking after the library. He started with one class, and now has 3. The English lessons, given by Branch members, have now finished until September. This is such a vital ministry for building relationships with the Arab peoples and others, who do not know Jesus, and the opportunities are many. But there is a real need for more English teachers. *Do you know of anyone who might be able to give a year??*

**Family:** we will be celebrating various family birthdays this month, including Sophia's 3<sup>rd</sup>. She and Harvey are great fun to be with and keep Ruth and Mark, who have very full jobs with Betel, on their toes! Esther has had precious opportunities recently of catching up with several BCS friends, who live on other continents.



Do let us know how we can pray for you.

With our many thanks for all your prayer, encouragement and support,  
with love.

*David and Margie*

#### Thanks for:

God's goodness in so many areas of our lives

#### Suggestions for Prayer:

- Planning and preparing for visiting Mozambique and Chad: leadership elections in Chad, Tania's move to the island of Mozambique
- An end to the renewed violence in the north of Mozambique
- Help for the Branch leaders dealing with difficult issues
- More English teachers for the Learning Centre in Chad, workers for the Mandinka peoples in The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau, and amongst the Horn of Africa peoples
- Our local church Outreach
- Sharing opportunities:
  - **June 18/19** Sharing in the Mission weekend at St Johns Tunbridge Wells
  - **June 26** leading and preaching in Sheffield
- Campers and helpers at the **WEC camps**: July 30-August 13, in Cromer. [weccamps.org](http://weccamps.org)

**WEC UK and Status change:** Just a reminder that because of legal changes WEC UK has had to make, it is now no longer allowed to process any personal money gifts for us, only ones for specific projects. Personal gifts can go to our Stewardship account: [www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20026637](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20026637)