

**1<sup>st</sup>** The master's students are due to submit their dissertations on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Pray that they will finalise and submit on time, and that they will have grown in Biblical understanding and in their walk with the Lord through preparing their papers.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Give thanks that the Bible school and church planted by GWC alumnus, Ernest Mulenga, in Ndola, Zambia have resumed operations under strict regulations. Pray that God will continue to strengthen the faith of both the students and the congregants.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Please thank the Lord for providing Explore with a fundraiser who will start with the team at the beginning of November.

**4<sup>th</sup>** GWC management are currently in the midst of the financial budget process for 2021. Pray for wisdom as they look ahead to next year and for the successful completion of the budget exercise.

**5<sup>th</sup>** GWC alumni Gareth Heuer and Luan Stoop are hosting "Collide Conference", an online conference with the theme "In His Image" on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please pray for them and speaker, GWC alumnus Rev. Musawenkosi Ntinga. Pray, also, that those attending will grow in their knowledge of the Lord.

**6<sup>th</sup>** As the fundraising team seek to meet the 2020 donations targets in the last quarter, please pray there will be no funding deficit.

**7<sup>th</sup>** Thank the Lord for the approval of the bold strategy by the Archbishop of Uganda, to utilize the Explore material within all 37 dioceses of the Church of Uganda. Please pray for the implementation of this plan.

**8<sup>th</sup>** Our maintenance staff are now able to use public transport and can return to work. Pray that the Lord will have his hand of protection on them as they commute to and from college.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the new SRC students will be filled with zeal to perform their duties to the best of their abilities and form a strong bond with GWC staff and faculty.

**10<sup>th</sup>** As the college faces much uncertainty in 2021, pray that the Lord will give wisdom and guidance to the GWC leadership. Pray, also, for their continued physical and emotional wellbeing as they persevere to reach their goals in the final quarter of 2020.

**11<sup>th</sup>** GWC alumnus, Kendra Courtney, requests prayer for time management as she coordinates and balances all the work she is currently doing, assisting Christ Church Somerset West with design and web work and managing her own company.

**12<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the encouraging Combined Women's Fellowship Group gathering held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. While these are normally held every term in the auditorium this one was online due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we were still able to encourage and exhort each other and it was a very special time together.

**13<sup>th</sup>** Final exams begin at the start of November. Pray for the logistics, that all will run smoothly. Some exams will be written online while others will be written on campus, requiring careful coordination in terms of COVID-19 regulations.

**14<sup>th</sup>** In the main, GWC lecturers continue to hold their classes online. Pray that even in these less than ideal circumstances they will be encouraged by their interaction and engagement with the students.

**15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the planning and resourcing of Explore facilitation training for 2021 in Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania.

**16<sup>th</sup>** The fundraising team will launch the new GWC Ark Endowment at the end of 2020 with the aim of providing a long-term solution to sustaining the work of GWC by reducing the college's dependency on annual donations. Pray for the team as they launch this initiative and that it will be well received by potential donors.

**17<sup>th</sup>** Cape Town-based GWC alumnus, Fundiswa Yuba, requests prayer for resources and support as she starts "Messy Mercy Ministries", an online ministry to reach women who feel unloved, for the Gospel.

**18<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for our new website and branding, soon to be launched. Pray that these will help our GWC marketing and communications.

**19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the development of an opportunity for Explore to train many pastors in Western Kenya. Pray for the relevant parties to find agreement.

**20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for our student numbers for 2021, that despite all the current obstacles presented by COVID-19 there will be a full and thriving student body next year.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the students as they manage their workload and assignments while studying for exams, especially the students who are set to graduate this year.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray that the GWC community: faculty, students, staff and alumni will encourage and serve each other well in this final term of 2020.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** The honours students are due to hand in their dissertations on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Pray that the Lord will give them peace of mind and that they will not feel overwhelmed in light of their current workload as they finalise and hand in their papers on time.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Pray that all our new international students will get their visas in time to join us for the start of our 2021 academic year.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for GWC's graduating women that they will finish the term well. Pray, also, for their future plans and that God would continue to open doors for them to serve him with their gifts and abilities.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Praise the Lord for his amazing blessing in the ongoing protection of all our employees and students against COVID-19. No cases to date have been reported at GWC.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Alumnus, John Jal Deng was consecrated as Bishop on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Pray for JJ as he prepares to lead the Diocese of Bentiu in South Sudan and for his upcoming marriage, that God will be glorified in this exciting new chapter.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for understanding for the students in Malawi who are studying Explore in Chichewa.

**29<sup>th</sup>** As South Africa opens the borders for travel and returns to business 'as usual', pray that faculty, staff and students will remain extra vigilant, compliant and responsible for their safety as good witnesses during COVID-19 Level 1.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Praise God for the Children's Ministry students who have applied to study in 2021. Pray that their visas will be granted and other requisites met in good time.

**31<sup>st</sup>** Pray that above all else we, at GWC, will continue to grow spiritually and become more like Jesus, emerging on the other side of COVID-19 as stronger Christians with a renewed purpose to serve Him.