Prayer Letter April 2021



- 1st Pray that students would utilise the Easter holiday break well to rest and prepare for the weeks of study to come.
- 2nd Praise God for Easter! Pray that GWC faculty, staff and students will marvel afresh at what Christ achieved for us on the cross and in his resurrection.
- **3rd** Pray for good attendance at the monthly prayer meeting, open to all students on 5th April from 4-5pm, for a wonderful time of encouragement in praying together to our good and faithful God.
- **4**th Pray for staff and faculty who will be taking leave over the Easter weekend and in April, that they will enjoy quality time out after a very busy start to the year.
- 5th The pilot project for the use of Explore throughout the 37 dioceses of the Church of Uganda has commenced. Please pray for the important phase of selecting 30 facilitators who will be trained in June and that their hearts will be filled with a desire to reach others through Explore.
- **6**th Please pray for the two *Come Dine With Me* student events scheduled for the 8th and 10th of April, that these would be precious times of fellowship across the year groups.
- **7**th Praise God for the return to in-person lectures, that the students can be reunited and continue learning together in a way that was taken for granted before COVID-19.
- 8th Praise God for the successful completion of our annual audit process this year.
- 9th Praise God that most students have begun settling into a church community. Pray that the students will feel welcome and cared for within their church families and have many opportunities to serve, showing a willing heart and passion for God's people.
- 10th Pray that those international students who have left families back home will enjoy regular contact with loved ones during the year.
- 11th This year, GWC will be holding two consecutive Matriculation services due to venue capacity on 12th April for the Higher Certificate students and 13th April for BTh and new postgraduate students, respectively. Pray that this will be a special and joyous occasion for the new students as they are formally inducted into the college.
- **12**th Pray for discipline and good time management for the students as the first deadlines for their major assignments are drawing closer.
- 13th Pray for the finalising of the setup of our GWC endowment including design of the marketing material. Pray that this endowment will be well supported and, in the long term, will assist the sustainability of the gospel work of GWC.
- 14th GWC alumnus, Gareth Maggs, was ordained at Christ Church Midrand on Sunday 28th February. Gareth will continue to work in youth ministry and is thankful to God that he has made him to be one of the many ministers "fighting the good fight for the growth of God's kingdom".

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- 15th Pray for the games night planned for 16th April, that it be an occasion for fun and laughter and fellowship as a GWC family.
- 16th Pray for the women students and wives, both off and on campus, for perseverance as they study or work during the pandemic, and for safety as they go about their business.

- 17th Please pray for one of the new HCert students who, in February discovered that two of his close relatives died suddenly. Pray that the Lord would comfort both him here and his family back home.
- **18**th Africa Inland Mission (AIM) has appointed GWC alumnus, Jacob Igba, as the Southern Africa Mobilization Coordinator. Pray for God's wisdom and resources within this role and that through AIM the church in Africa may send many missionaries into the field.
- 19th Pray that every student would feel at home at GWC, that they will learn to live alongside one another in a way that shows grace and love, bringing glory to God who has brought the college body together.
- 20th Reggie Lamityi, a GWC alumnus who leads the Young Adults Ministry at Christ Church Midrand was ordained as Presbyter on 28th February. Reggie and his wife, Mbali, are preparing to plant a church in Centurion in 2022. Pray for them as they continue to serve at Christ Church while preparing for the next season in their lives.
- **21**st As the GWC community continues to live in the midst of the pandemic, pray that every individual would care for the other by considering the impact of their actions, and continue to demonstrate their love of God and each other.
- 22nd Give thanks that students are returning to in-class learning at universities in Zimbabwe. Pray for alumnus, Nelson Vhukani and all at FOCUS Zimbabwe that they will easily gain access to campuses and be able to continue ministry there.
- 23rd Screening all the students before classes has its challenges but is now smoothly in play. Thank the Lord that these 'new' procedures for face-to-face classes have not hindered the smooth flow of lectures.
- 24th Many of GWC's maintenance staff are delighted to be back on campus, as lockdown has taken its toll on their well-being. Praise God, they are filled with fresh energy. Pray for their continued stamina and safety as they serve.
- 25th GWC alumnus, Cecilia Mumbi, has taken on a new role at Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students (ZAFES) as Campus Ministry Co-ordinator. Pray for her as she settles into this new role, for provision of resources and for God to enable her to serve him faithfully.
- **26**th Give thanks for God's provision so far this year. Pray that he will raise up new donors to strengthen our core support base.
- 27th Please pray for the planning of the Explore facilitation training to be held in June in Mityana Diocese, Uganda. Pray that the Lord is already preparing students who will study Explore under the guidance of these facilitators.
- 28th Give thanks for the Institute for Christian Impact (ICI) and the new South African branch that GWC alumnus, Dumbudzo Mushambi, is helping to establish. Pray for partnerships to grow and for all involved to rest on the Lord's leadership and timing.
- 29th Pray for the opportunities for Explore to be used in a South Sudanese refugee camp in Kalobeyei, Kenya and within the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. Pray that travel will be opened for the parties to meet to determine the way forward.
- **30**th Praise God that even with COVID restrictions the students have still been able to grow friendships, spending time together at meal times and in between classes.