

Saturday 28th January

Continue to remember in prayer the ministry of Pastor Alexander Nagirnyak in the coal mining town of Enakievo, Ukraine, particularly the work amongst the many children. Christian holiday camps are organised each year which IMM UK helps to sponsor. These cost about £1,000. Please thank God for those children who have found the love of Christ at these camps.

Sunday 29th January

We thank God for the sacrificial ministry of Vasily Medvedev, Pastor of the Church in Artyomovsk, Ukraine and in particular his ministry in developing Rehabilitation Centres of those affected by addiction to alcohol and drugs. Pray for Andrey and Kristina working for the Lord in leadership at one of these Centres.

Monday 30th January

The development of Rehab centres for addicts in the Ukraine is new to IMM, but we are encouraged to meet some who had not only been weaned off their drugs but also made commitments to follow Jesus, praise God for His goodness and grace!

Tuesday 31st January

Praise God that the IMM support for work in and around Enakievo and Artyomovsk, eastern Ukraine is money well spent as every year new people in these mining areas join the ranks of those who hear of the love of Jesus for the very first time in their lives. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support.

A big 'thank you' to all our supporters and fellowships who pray for, and give so generously to support, the world-wide ministry of the International Miners Mission. We would be delighted to arrange for a speaker to visit your fellowship to tell more about the work of IMM.

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"Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because He cares for you!"

(1 Peter 5:7)

Thursday 1st December

Prayer is asked for Peter Hammond, husband of Susan, who supports our Hon. General Secretary, David Shillitoe. Peter has to undergo surgery shortly and we seek the Lord for His protection. May Peter and Susan cast any anxiety they may have on Jesus!

Friday 2nd December

Marian Popescu's recently emailed report from Targu Jiu, Romania, brings some exciting news but some challenges, too. He rejoices that we are "workers together" (as the Apostle Paul himself expressed) in the evangelisation work and ministry to the miners of Romania. Please pray for the team seeking to reach out to mining families.

Saturday 3rd December

Marian, reporting from Romania continues by emphasising that they know that without our Lord's help "we can do nothing in this work", but also, the evangelistic team of Viorel, Marian, Aurel, Vali and Daniel is well aware that "without your help – material and spiritual – it would be hard in this ministry." Continue to pray for them.

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Sunday 4th December

Therefore, the Romanian evangelists want to express again their thankfulness and all their appreciation to everyone who supports and prays for them in what they view as our “considerable effort for them in these financially challenging times” and pray that the Lord rewards IMM and its supporters for this huge sacrifice.’

Monday 5th December

Marian Popescu, Romania, tells of ‘an intense summer’ of work. There were some evangelisations in the mining villages. He asks that we pray for people from these villages that our Lord will open their hearts, because they are much indoctrinated in the superstitious religion and are dominated by the mysticism and occultism. Marian says they have ‘difficult struggles’ in these villages. Please continue to pray.



A miner in Romania has just received his free allocation of coal ready for the cold winter months

Tuesday 6th December

There was a baptism service in Targu-Jiu, Romania on 28th August. Initially there were 7 candidates, but 3 backed off at the last moment. It seems that because they had become Christians their families caused trouble for them, so there were only 4 candidates. Our Lord Jesus knows their problems and the hope of Marian and his colleagues is that “at the next baptism they will be in the water.”

Wednesday 7th December

Romania – Please rejoice with us that 4 more people have made a public commitment to follow Christ – an act that will hopefully strengthen others who are considering taking such a step. May the power of Satan be broken and the joy and peace of following Christ faithfully flow into their hearts!

Monday 23rd January

Join with IMM USA in thanking God for providing funds for IMM South Africa to purchase 2 sound systems for open air meetings, one for the Johannesburg area, the other for Rustenburg. Praise God for the countless opportunities in the mines where men and women congregate, sometimes in large numbers around taverns and market places – looking for social interaction, excitement and meaning in life. Thank Him too, for those eager to hear the Word of God.

Tuesday 24th January

We are all surely called to be as Christ in our own communities, so please thank God for the various meetings being held in the South African mining areas – in the open air, church halls, in the mines and in various churches. Pray for the church leaders and believers and for Christian cell groups at different mines such as Kloof Gold, West and East Driefontein, Elisburg, Impala, Rustenburg Platinum etc. that meet regularly and seek to witness for Christ in their own workplace.

Wednesday 25th January

Please ask God to comfort Debbie and Connie Boggs and their families in Big Laurel, Kentucky, USA following home-call of Titus Boggs, long-time friend of IMM USA. Nathan, Titus’s son, has assumed leadership of Laurel Mission with Debbie his mother, as assistant director. Connie Boggs, Titus’s sister, is heading up ‘Living Waters Ministries’. Please pray for the on-going work in remote coal mining areas in the USA.

Thursday 26th January

Thank God for faithful IMM missionaries based in Arequipa, Peru. Rene Churata, Aurelio Castro, Juan Carcausto & Roberto Masca frequently travel in twos into remote, high altitude, inhospitable mining areas where the small churches are typically very weak. Please pray for strength for each of them, and for their every need to be met, including good health and safety in travel over rough roads.

Friday 27th January

Please pray for Eliseo Quispe, IMM Bolivia Co-ordinator and the various IMM ministries in Bolivia involving Nicolas & Beatriz Ajhuacho, Florentino Apaza, Mabel Romero, and Elise Flores. Pray that God will soon establish “associations of miners” in Huanuni and Llallagua and that these groups will be a means of encouraging miners in their faith and of reaching out to others.

Ethiopia pastors that IMM sponsor, that they may have courage and complete trust in the Lord for the success of their ministry.

Tuesday 17th January

Pray for many more people in the Guji region of Ethiopia to be touched by the Word of God. There are many miners and others still to be reached. May the Christians in the churches be called to serve the Lord amongst their communities and support their leaders.

Wednesday 18th January

Praise God for the leadership team of the Addis Kidan Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. May they make wise decisions as they seek to expand their ministry to other parts of the country where mining is being developed.

Thursday 19th January

Stuart Burns, IMM USA, says that the 'doors of opportunity are still wide open in South Africa for the Gospel, in the mines, in the schools and many other places we cannot even get into in our own country.' Please join us in praying that the work of IMM South Africa will grow in strength and expand.

Friday 20th January

For financial reasons, evangelist and pastor, Patrick Langa is now working in security at one of the platinum mines in Rustenburg, South Africa. In this capacity Patrick has contact with many miners and is able to reach out to them. Thank God for this opportunity.

Saturday 21st January

Thank God for the effective ministry of Andrew Mayathula in Freedom Park near Rustenburg, South Africa where he pastors a church and conducts open air evangelism, hospital visitation and other outreach on the platinum mines. Please ask God to strengthen and encourage Andrew and his family, today and every day.

Sunday 22nd January

Please pray for the miners (men and women) who came forward at an open air meeting in Rustenburg, South Africa following an invitation during the IMM USA Mission Trip in September. 38 people signed their names and provided their phone numbers. Ask God to enable Pastors Andrew and Mohau to effectively follow up so that the spiritual seed in the lives of these folk will take root and grow.

Thursday 8th December

In the mining village of Floresteni in Romania, God's workers have met real problems with the Church. We learn that the priest applies pressure on people attending services arranged by the evangelists. Please pray for greater freedom for Christians who struggle with such persecution.

Friday 9th December

Being a Christian in a country like Romania can be very tough because of what is perceived as persecution by those of other faiths or no faith. Marian Popescu says that for this reason people are very reserved about repenting and making a commitment to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for a real spiritual breakthrough!

Saturday 10th December

Regular services take place in Sambotin Church, Romania which, in Marian Popescu's words, 'through our Lord's grace, is finished'. We learn that there were many evangelistic meetings arranged last summer and that people from this village are 'slightly open' to the Gospel. Praise God for His faithfulness.

Sunday 11th December

Marian Popescu beseeches us to pray especially for the area around Sambotin Church, Romania which, he says, is a "stain" on the village. It is the area with a high rate of violent events. Many problems are caused by poverty due to unemployment as the mine has been closed. We pray for God to save many more people and change the mentality of the inhabitants whose hearts are hardened against the Gospel Truth.

Monday 12th December

Please pray for Pastor Mohau Mofokeng and his wife Bulelwe, that the surgery that was postponed takes place and will result in them being able to have the child they yearn for. Ask God to give Bulelwe and Mohau peace following the delay and thank God for their fruitful ministry in Rustenburg, South Africa.

Tuesday 13th December

The successful mission outreach to South Africa in September led by evangelist Johnny Wilson from the USA with Stuart Burns and Paul Liggitt (IMM USA) has raised the possibility of small teams of three people each from the USA going out to specific churches in 2012 for working together, relationship building and outreach to the mines. Please pray.

Wednesday 14th December

Please remember Rev. Pookkattu Paul and his wife, Molly, as they have been under considerable stress during the last few months, as they have sought a permanent home to stay in South Africa. They recently moved into their 9th house in Johannesburg in as many months! We pray that this one will right for them to stay in!

Thursday 15th December

Thank God for the good news reaching us from South Africa. Pastor Elijah Dube is very grateful for use of a new loudspeaker system, so he can preach in the open air in mining camps around Johannesburg. This ministry is very fruitful and allows churches to contact new people of the mining community.

Friday 16th December

We continue to pray for churches and individuals inside South Africa to come forward and commit themselves to support the challenging need for outreach to the huge mining community of South Africa. These miners spend many long hours working hard underground to extract gold and platinum. Oh, may they find the Wisdom of God for their lives! (Job Chapter 28)

Saturday 17th December

Victor Varas who served in an official capacity as an IMM evangelist in Chile for more than 40 years, celebrated his 72nd birthday at the end of September. Victor is feeling very much better having lost 15 kilos in weight! He says he still feels that he is a missionary of IMM and wants to keep in touch. A good and faithful servant, indeed.

Sunday 18th December

Victor Varas, Chile, continues to visit the large city of Rancagua, the site of one of the largest underground copper mines in the world. He was given a good welcome from his friends in the church there. Victor's replacement Cristobal Mangini, is working with IMM USA who now have responsibility for supporting the work in Chile. Please pray for both their ministries to miners and their families.

Monday 19th December

We are understand that Cristobal Mangini was scheduled to meet Jose Henriquez, the Chilean miner, who, earlier this year, came to speak in UK. Cristobal invited Jose to come to speak to miners at the copper mine at Los Andes. IMM USA continue to support Cristobal in this venture – please pray for this excellent opportunity for Christian outreach.

Tuesday 10th January

Bishop Joy Bendoy, who oversees the evangelists supported by IMM Asia-Pacific, says he is certain that God has a lot more in store for them in the Philippines for the expansion of His Kingdom. Bishop Joy and his team have committed their lives to pray for IMM on a regular basis!

Wednesday 11th January

Matthias Feurer, IMM Switzerland who is working for the Lord in Ethiopia tells us recently, during his daily devotional time, that he again read “Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because He cares for you!” (1 Peter 5:7) which comforted his soul. Matthias testifies that up to now the Lord has been faithful and cared so lovingly for him that he can only be grateful for His provision in his life. May that be our experience too.

Thursday 12th January

Now that he has completed his language studies, Matthias Feurer, IMM Switzerland plans to put what he has learnt to date into practice as he has now moved to Mizan Teferi, Ethiopia, to start his research work on the Kacipo-Balesi language. This is quite a challenge for him, as he has never worked as a linguistic researcher before. Matthias hopes to get familiar with his working duties quickly. Please pray that he will feel at home in the new area soon.

Friday 14th January

Praise the Lord for the promising work in the Guji Zone of Ethiopia, especially in the mining towns of Shakisso and Kibre Mengist where the people are open to the Gospel and there is not so much opposition as in other parts of the country.

Saturday 14th January

Prayer is needed for the Addis Kidan Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to find a godly and passionate person who can co-ordinate the church outreach in the Guji Zone, 700 miles away. The churches need strong local leadership because the work is becoming difficult to manage from Addis Ababa.

Sunday 15th January

There is a growing need for simple church buildings for worship in some of the preaching points around the gold mining town of Shakisso, Ethiopia. Please continue to pray to the Lord for this need to be met.

Monday 16th January

Please continue to pray for the pastors and leaders to be able to have the in-depth training necessary to have well organised churches. Pray for the

Wednesday 4th January

Please pray for Mike and Vi Webb, who oversee IMM support for outreach to miners in Sierra Leone. A mine where Mike worked in the early 1970's is due to reopen for production again shortly. Pray that IMM may be able to help start a Christian witness at this mine, should the Lord open the way.

Thursday 5th January

A large iron ore mine in the centre of Sierra Leone is ready for production. A railway line has been built to carry the ore to the coast. Mike and Vi Webb are waiting for news on the location of the main mining site so that they can find a place for a church and place an evangelist/pastor there.

Friday 6th January

Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific, visited the Philippines from late September to early October last year accompanied by his brother Jimmy, from South Africa. Peter's objectives were to hold a training event for their evangelists, as well as to visit a rural mine site with Pastors Joy, Wenceslao (Wennie), Jupiter, Salvador (Buddy) and Roland. Praise God that the trip was successful.

Saturday 7th January

The training event set up for evangelists in the Philippines, included as many pastors who wanted to attend. There were up to 55-60 attending. Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific, says he finds just visiting and encouraging evangelists is not sufficient. Training events also help to promote IMM within the network of churches there.

Sunday 8th January

Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific and his brother, Jimmy visited a rural mine site in the Philippines with Pastors Joy, Wenceslao (Wennie), Jupiter, Salvador (Buddy) and Roland. Peter says it was interesting and that all mining operations were stopped so they could address the miners. Praise God, the mine owner was there, too!

Monday 9th January

Bishop Joy Bendoy has written to tell Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific, that those who attended the training conference arranged by Peter in the Philippines are rejoicing because of the tremendous spiritual blessings they received from the Lord during the time they shared together in late September, early October. Praise God!

Tuesday 20th December

Reverend Pardon Chingovo begins his report from Zimbabwe with the uplifting statement 'Glory be to God who created heavens and earth.' He says that the campaign held in September in the Rutendo Redcliff mining area, 'was more than successful.' The 20th to 22nd September were days of prayer and fellowship amongst the mine evangelists. Rev Pardon was strengthened in his spirit and faith during the days of prayer.

Wednesday 21st December

Praise God that all 7 IMM Switzerland-supported evangelists were present at the Revival in Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe together with three invited pastors from Harare namely, Reverends G Zunga, P Matsatswa and Haward Beckett. Other pastors and evangelists were strengthened and renewed in their minds by what they experienced during the evangelistic meetings.

Thursday 22nd December

Church members and other community people in Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe who attended the Revival prayer meetings that started at 3.00 am (!) each day were encouraged. It was a time to talk to God. The Participants found time to pray for each other, IMM prayer requests and the mine ministry work there.

Friday 23rd December

After opening the September series of evangelistic meetings under a tent in Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe, the pastors went out during the morning to carry out door-to-door evangelism in the mining community. 39 souls came to Christ during these days. Please join with our co-workers in Zimbabwe by thanking God for His harvest.

Saturday 24th December

During the evenings of 20th-22nd September at the Revival in Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe the 7 IMM Switzerland-supported evangelists met with the local church members and community people for prayer. The evangelists took turns to share the word of God and prayers to prepare for the second part of revival. May what was shared bear more rich fruit for the Kingdom.

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.”

John 1 verse 14

As we pray for each other this Christmas Day, let us remember that Jesus Christ, the 'Christmas Word' became flesh for us. Hallelujah! Today, and every day, may we be a reflection of Christmas.



Rev. Haward Beckett preaches the Word of God in the tent

Monday 26th December

Rev. Haward Beckett was one of the speakers during the last 2 days of the 20th-25th September Revival Meetings in the mining area of Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe. He encouraged the converts to remain stand fast in the Lord Jesus. Please thank God for using him to encourage believers.

Tuesday 27th December

There was a wonderful time of going around and preaching the gospel in the mine compounds. 14 souls come to Christ in the mining area of Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe. Open Air preaching was targeted at areas where people gathered, e.g. near beer halls and shops. Rev P Matsatswa preached during open air services.

Wednesday 28th December

Mr Makore from “Guta Rajehovha” one of the ‘cult churches’ in the mining area of Rutendo Redcliff, Zimbabwe said “The Lord is good and faithful to me. I learnt the word of God in its fullness and I will never go back to this cult church.” Praise God, he gave his life to Jesus Christ and is now a member of the fellowship at Rutendo Church.

Thursday 29th December

Mrs Phiri, a member of Rutendo Church, Zimbabwe said “Glory be to God I experienced the hand of God. I was suffering from a burning stomach but, from the day I was prayed for during this Revival, I was healed.” God healed her! She is giving glory to the Almighty and she is asking IMM to continue supporting rallies such as the one in the mining area of Rutendo Redcliff.



There was much rejoicing during the evangelistic crusade in Zimbabwe

Friday 30th December

The Swiss Committee, who support the IMM work in Zimbabwe give special thanks for the faithful leadership of Rev Pardon Chingovo, who has built up an excellent team of evangelists, who reach out to the many mining communities, establish churches and teach people faithfully. Schools, hospitals, prisons, police stations, old peoples’ homes are all faithfully visited. Praise God for him!

Saturday 31st December

As we reach the final day of the year may we pray that the Lord will give us all the strength we need to face everything that comes and not dodge issues ‘...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” *Ephesians 4, verse 15.*

Sunday 1st January

A happy and blessed New Year to you all! Lord, we ask only that you will take us by the hand now and lead us into a year of growth and reality, such as we have never known before. Lead on, dear Lord, and we shall follow. Amen

Monday 2nd January

We continue to thank God for the ministry of Pastor Dennis Mannah and his team in Sierra Leone. They have many opportunities to reach out to communities around the area of Tongo Fields, where there is much artisanal mining of diamonds taking place. There are opportunities in reaching these people for the Gospel. Please pray.

Tuesday 3rd January

The Christian secondary school continues to grow in the Tongo Fields diamond mining area of Sierra Leone. Please pray for the children, some of whom come from other faith backgrounds, as they learn about the love of Jesus Christ.