

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Pray for IMM ministries that continue in a number of other countries, including Ethiopia, Burundi, Sierra Leone and Ukraine. Pray also for new opportunities to open up in countries like China where over five million miners remain unreached with the Gospel.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Remember Dennis Mannah, sponsored by IMM UK, who works so hard and faithfully in the Tongo Fields area of Sierra Leone. He is establishing Christian schools in the diamond mining area and is able to minister effectively with the support of a team of evangelists, who work alongside him.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

We remember today all the families of IMM sponsored pastors/missionaries as well as those of our advisers, who oversee the work around the world. Lord Jesus, may they all be blessed, overshadowed by Your love and grace, today. Amen

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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## Glynn-Vivian Miners' Mission Incorporated 1906 THE INTERNATIONAL MINERS MISSION

February and March 2012

*"Fear not, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."*

*Isaiah, Chapter 41, verse 10*

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of John Cox at his home in Barton Mills, Suffolk, England on 18 December. John Cox was a good friend of the IMM over many years. Committee member of IMM in 1973 and then a very effective Chairman in 1975, he had to retire in 1978 because he needed to care for his first wife, Margaret.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

We give thanks for the life and Christian witness of John Cox, who maintained his interest in IMM down the years and attended the IMM Centenary Celebrations in 2006. John has left a lasting legacy and whilst IMM has indeed lost a good supporter of the Mission, we rejoice that 'he is with Christ, which is far better.'

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### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Rejoice with IMM UK that following attending the November Committee Meeting, Pastor John Doohan has kindly agreed to become a trustee. IMM UK warmly welcomes John and we believe his gifts, expertise and experience will be of great benefit to the Mission.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Over recent months 14 new converts have been baptised and become members of Shakisso Church – the first and oldest IMM UK-supported mission site in Ethiopia, where Girma Hordofa serves as a pastor. Praise God that the church is growing with new leaders coming into the fellowship.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Kibre Mengist/Adola was originally an outreach of Shakisso, Ethiopia, but is now growing faster than the Shakisso church and has planted five more churches in other communities where miners live – Harmfama, Hiyu Komele, Zenbaba, Yerbamuda & Didaguda.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Recent conflict regarding the ownership of land in Kibre Mengist, Ethiopia has been settled, praise God. Although it was a difficult time for the church, local government officials provided them a plot of land with a cheap price and the believers are raising funds to start construction. Gobena Gume and Fikeru Abebe are leading the church as pastors.

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Hiyo Komele is an outreach from the Kibre Mengist Church, Ethiopia and during the 2010 annual General Assembly it was recognised as a local church. Most members are traditional miners and farmers. Over the last six months 21 new converts came to the church which has its own building. Hallelujah!

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

We thank God for Urs Kunzle, IMM adviser in Huanuco, Peru and for the brothers as they continue to study God's Word at the Huanuco Bible Institute with help from IMM. Pray also for the Bible Institute near Arequipa where IMM USA sponsors 10 students under the leadership of IMM Peru Co-ordinator, Santos Valero. Ask God to bless these Bible schools, their leaders and students mightily in this coming New Year.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Thank God for the faithful IMM missionaries based in the Arequipa, Peru area. Rene Churata, Aurelio Castro, Juan Carcausto and Roberto Masca often travel two by two into remote, high altitude, inhospitable mining areas visiting small weak churches. Pray for strength and encouragement for each of them.

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Pray for Peter Robertson, IMM Australia who is currently in South Africa en-route to Zambia where he is working on the Copperbelt for several weeks in his profession. During this time Peter hopes to challenge some of the local churches to get involved in partnering with IMM to reach Zambian miners.

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Pastor Jupiter Sevilla, writing to Peter Robertson IMM Pacific Rim from the Philippines: "Two weeks before the conference last year I felt so dry and discouraged. Now my spirit is rested in God. Nothing to be worried about and stop worrying. This was the great blessing that I received. Praise be to the name of Jesus Christ! Glory to God!"

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Marian Popescu, reporting from Romania emphasizes that they know that without our Lord's help "we can do nothing in this work", but also, the IMM sponsored 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." Please pray for them, along with Cornel & Sanda Hudulin, IMM advisers in Romania.

challenges beyond our understanding. Pray that the Lord will provide extra strength and courage to meet their needs and spiritual strength to hold on to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Zimbabwe has an astonishing one million children orphaned by AIDS related diseases. Pastor Chingovo is supported by IMM Switzerland to reach the many mining communities, where there are so many unable to afford the cost of going to school. Children sometime do unofficial mining to try and find money for school fees.

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Praise God that many are coming to Christ for release and salvation in Zimbabwe. At Mberengwa mine – 46 new believers! Pray for the team of six evangelists/pastors who help Pastor Chingovo in outreach to the mining communities, where there is great need and much poverty.

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Pray for wisdom for the IMM USA Board that meets in Roxboro, NC. Thank God for those who serve – Ben Wilson (Chairman), Tom Gilliam (Treasurer), Stan Morton, Howard Whitfield, Paul Liggitt, Gary Bittner and Clarke Kennedy.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Cristobal Mangini writes from Chile: “Dear IMM brothers, with your help, I continue to be dedicated to the ministry at my place of work, sharing the word of the Lord by giving out Bibles and other spiritual material. I have invited Jose Henriques, spiritual leader of the recent mining tragedy to deliver his testimony to the miners at Saladillo where I work.” Thank God for Cristobal’s faithfulness.

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thank God for the recent visit to central Peru by Santos Valero, IMM Peru Co-ordinator. Ask God to establish the IMM work in the Pasco mining areas. IMM USA anticipates soon receiving a proposal for one or two new workers. Thank God for Daniel, a student who has been ministering for a few months in Cajamarjilla, near Cerro de Pasco.

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Haremfama too, is an outreach of the Kibre Mengest Church, Ethiopia, that is some 56 miles away! Over the last six months 8 young men and women have made the decision follow the Lord Jesus and attend discipleship classes. The people in Haremfama live by traditional mining and farming.

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Zenbaba where Nigusse Denbela serves is an outreach of Kibre Mengest, Ethiopia, 15 miles away. Praise God, over the last six months 8 people have decided publicly to follow Christ as Saviour and Lord. Nigusse is now teaching them the basic Christian doctrine.

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

The Kamashi mining area is found to the west of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A new gold mining site it is some 385 miles from Addis Ababa. Kelebessa is the evangelist working there. Over the last six months five miners have decided to follow Christ, praise God.

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Shakesso Boke, Ethiopia is a new outreach founded a year ago by Kibre Mengest Church. It is a mining village 13 miles from the mother church. Over the last six months 11 people have decided to follow Jesus and are attending the basic Christian doctrine. Praise God for His gracious love!

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Didaguda is a new outreach begun 18 months ago by Haremfama Church, Ethiopia. Many people cannot read or write. They simply hear the Bible when it is preached. The membership is 42. Mining and farming is their livelihood. Please pray for these dear brothers and sisters as they grow in their faith.

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We magnify the Mighty God, who is bringing many Ethiopians to the foot of the Cross. We continue to pray as Jesus commanded us “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” There are many more needing to respond to the message of Christ. *‘Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.’*

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Challenging travelling conditions on unmade roads in Ethiopia do not prevent the faithful evangelists from taking the Word of God to mining communities and planting new churches. In partnership with Addis Kidan Baptist Church, IMM UK hopes to further strengthen and empower Christians to reach out to other mining communities.

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Support from IMM provides transport expenses as the evangelists in Ethiopia travel to serve miners in their mining place together with daily living expenses. Nine evangelists faithfully work in different parts of the Shakisso area and one in Kamashi, Beneshangul Gumuz province in another part of Ethiopia.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Not for IMM UK-supported evangelists in based Ethiopia, the luxury of jumping into, or onto, a vehicle and travelling on metalled roads to spread the Word of God! Please uphold them as they graciously give of themselves and their time in His Service.

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

The work in Ethiopia is far beyond what IMM thought likely when the committee responded to doors that opened when Mrs Vicky Yorke, IMM UK trustee, accompanied a team including John Massink to Ethiopia on a fact-finding mission in 1999. God is faithful!

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Vicky's aim was to assess whether the IMM could work with the Addis Kidan Baptist Church to evangelise mine workers in the remote town of Shakisso near Jima in southern Ethiopia, just above the Kenya border. Praise God today there are a growing number of evangelists working hard bringing new souls to Christ in Ethiopia.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Sierra Leone's economy was shattered by its civil war which ended a little under a decade ago. But the country is rebuilding itself, and one of the main drivers is the mining of iron ore. Please pray for the vast Marampa iron-ore mine that is giving economic hope to the country.

his ankles following the serious car accident he suffered with Sanda, his wife some years ago. We thank God for His faithful servant!

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

We rejoice to hear of churches full at the special services over the Christmas period in Romania. The team of IMM sponsored evangelists were busy providing music and preaching the Word of God to many believers and their families in mining villages, such as Prigoria, Sambotin and Floresteni.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Please pray for Michael Jarvis and David Shillitoe, representing IMM UK Committee, who are about to leave in a trip to visit their colleagues in IMM SA. Please pray for journeying mercies during the long trip and for protection as they travel around South Africa.

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Changed lives – that is the result of prayer and missionary effort to reach out to miners and their families. Sometimes these results are not easily seen, but the Lord is working in many hearts and lives, even today as we pray in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Thank God for open doors to the many mines in South Africa where Open Air meetings, Bible studies and church services are being held. Thank God for the school children who heard the Gospel recently and prayed to receive Christ. Pray for changed lives.

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Pray that adequate follow-up and discipleship will take place to establish new believers in their faith. IMM endeavours to encourage the training not only of new Christians, but also the evangelists and pastors we sponsor. Please pray for David Shillitoe and Michael Jarvis as they visit South Africa to see the work first hand.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Pookkattu Paul writes from South Africa: "Pray for our fellow brethren in Zimbabwe, Pardon Chingovo and others, who face

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Thank God with us for the faithful ministries of Nicolas and Beatriz Ajhuacho and Florentino Apaza over almost two decades now. Ask God to provide all their needs – spiritual, physical, emotional today and that their lights continue to shine brightly for Christ in the mining and other communities where they serve.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Eliseo Quispe writes from Bolivia: ‘Pray for the ministry of the CCU (Evangelical Christian Fellowship) in the western region, supported by the IMM USA, in the city of Oruro (Esther Daniela, psychology students), in Bustillos (Mabel, and other college of Nursing), and the work in Potosí (for Mijael and Juan Carlos and other universities) – may God strengthen their work from day to day.’

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Eliseo Quispe, IMM Coordinator for Bolivia continues: “Pray for the boys and girls in the group of teenagers in Huanuni, a huge copper mining town, studying the Bible every week with Mabel Escobar, that the Word will impact their lives to transform them into men & women who fear God and fully understand His goodness on this earth”.

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Pray also for the children of the "Happy Hour" in Catavi as God's love is demonstrated to them each week by Elisa and Arminda along with some youth and teen volunteers. May their lives and the lives of their families be strongly impacted for Christ.”

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

We remember today the ministry of Cornel and Sanda Hudulin in Targu Jiu, Romania, where there are several large lignite mines in the area around. Small daughter churches are now established in these villages. Please pray for the team of IMM sponsored evangelists making regular weekly visits.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Remember in prayer the continuing work of Pastor Cornel Hudulin as he leads the church in Targu Jiu. He suffers continually from pain in

IMM UK understands Mike Webb hopes to establish a preaching point at the mine, a couple of hours' drive from the capital Freetown.

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Cristobal Mangini, IMM USA sponsored evangelist visited Victor Varas on 5<sup>th</sup> December, and found him in bed. It seems he has a gall stone but, IMM UK understands, no operation is possible yet because of other health problems he has. Please pray for Victor and Ana Varas, Rancagua, Chile.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Victor Varas, was appointed "honorary adviser to IMM in Chile" following 40 years in faithful service to the Lord in Rancagua, Chile as an IMM-UK supported evangelist. His spirits remain typically high. IMM received Christmas and New Year greetings from him ‘I am very lively and lots of love from the brotherhood here to the IMM. I have certainty that we will have a better year in 2012.’

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Butihinda in Northern Burundi is where artisanal gold mining takes place. Etienne began working there for ‘Harvest for Christ’ in partnership with IMM UK, and discovered that most of the miners had never been reached with the Gospel. Most have no church background so it is not easy to bring the Good News. Please pray.

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

The miners in Burundi can earn a lot of money selling the gold they extract, but many use the money in drunkenness and immoral sexuality. Etienne is building bridges that help to drawing close to some of the 200 mining families in the area. Please continue in prayer.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Evangelist Etienne has established a youth club for young miners in Butihinda, Burundi. A football club has been established with training sessions every week. These activities are acting as a bridge to win the confidence of the men working in the mine. Etienne also has the help of members of the local Church.

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Some of the challenges that Etienne, Butihinda, northern Burundi, faces include many of the miners being from other faiths so telling them about Jesus requires wisdom and knowledge. Some are slaves to witchcraft. Please pray for Etienne as he witnesses to the mining community, that God will give him a 'word in season' each time giving the opportunity for lives to be changed.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Flooding of mines in Butihinda, northern Burundi, is a constant danger when excessive rainfall hits at certain times of the year. Some miners have lost their lives as the crude mining tunnels suddenly collapse. Please pray for greater safety for the mining community and that they will give their lives to Christ.

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

People are always busy in their mines in Butihinda, northern Burundi, so there is not enough time to disciple them. Some people working in the mines are very poor and need help. However, praise God that progress is being made with Bible Studies and literacy classes for the miners and their families. Please pray for this work to grow.

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Jurgen & Wendy Schulz have been IMM USA advisers in Bolivia for almost 20 years now. Wendy is involved with prison ministry in La Paz and Potosi, a mining town. Wendy writes: "Let's cry out to God for Pastor Pablo and his family, including two of their daughters who are very sick. Pastor Pablo has been under a lot of stress. The family feels like they are on the edge....." Thank you for praying!

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

The IMM USA visit to Bolivia has been postponed and new dates are yet to be determined. Please ask God to raise up a translator for the entire trip, preferably from within Bolivia. Also, ask God to provide the funding for those whom He is calling to go and to prepare the way in His timing.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

The IMM South Africa Committee continues their strategic planning for the future of the ministry. Ask God for His wisdom to shine through for the way forward so that many more miners and their families will come under the sound of the Gospel and their lives will be changed.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Those involved with the strategic planning in IMM South Africa include Faki Bodibe (Chairman), Seelan Govender (Treasurer), Elijah Dube, Pookkattu Paul and Vusi Ndinisa. These men are all busy pastors and will appreciate your prayers for their ministry.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Part of the future IMM SA strategy is to hopefully involve a few graduates of the Christian Training Centre in the mining ministry. Please ask God to raise up more workers of His choosing for IMM South Africa. Continue to remember the strategic discussions taking place in your prayers.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Pray for Bulelwe Mofokeng as she recovers from surgery for infertility and thank you for your prayer. Pray for Mohau and Buelelwe's ministry in the Ikageng Church, Rustenburg and surrounding large South African platinum mining community where approx. 200,000 miners are employed.

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Pray also for the Boitekong church led by Patrick Langa and the Freedom Park church led by Andrew Mayathula, also located in the Rustenburg area of South Africa. There is a great ministry among the young children of pre-school age.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Thank God for the leadership in Bolivia of IMM Co-ordinator, Eliseo Quispe and the advisory ministry of Julie Noble. Please pray for these leaders, that God will give them much wisdom as they help guide and develop IMM and other ministries they are involved with in Bolivia.