

Sunday 27th January

Zimbabwe:- Pastor Kevin writes, 'I presented the Gospel to Tinashe Marapa. He was in prison for seven years for armed robbery. I met him at the funeral of one of his friends. He was thanking God for taking him through such a difficult and painful time in his life. We had a discussion and he received Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Now we study the Bible together.' Hallelujah.

Monday 28th January

Zimbabwe:- Kevin says, 'I met the Murinhimira family, father, wife and six children in their home. They received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. However all of them subsequently suffered from illness and needed special attention but there is nothing to help them – no food, no clothes, no money, no medication. It was a great disaster. We are often at a loss as to what to do but God helps us through you. Please pray.'

Tuesday 29th January

Portugal:- Please remember Jorge and Adelia Paradela in Braganza, Northeast Portugal, who were active among the miners and their families until the mines were all closed. We thank God for their continued ministry and ask for continued prayer for Adelia's health.



Wednesday 30th January

Philippines:- The photograph shows children at IMM evangelist's Pastor Salvador's kid's group. There is hope that there will be an opportunity for a church building in Calagasan and the Pastors request that we join them in praying for the money to be provided. The change in the miners'

lifestyle because of Jesus results in less money wasted and more saved. Praise God!

Thursday 31st January

Pray for IMM ministry across the globe in various nations and language groups trying to reach men and women, boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to do intentional discipleship to build and equip for future ministry. We are on the winning side, because the one who called us is faithful. He has taken Victory over sin and also Victory over death.

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We have thought, O God, on Your loving-kindness in the midst of Your temple. According to Your Name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth: Your right hand is full of righteousness. Psalm 48:9-10.

Saturday 1st December

South Africa:- This week-end the new church in Marikana will be dedicated. (see Safety Lamp article) Praise God, Moses Hlongwane, an ex-miner who lost his right leg in a mining accident, has been appointed the pastor. He is planning to have an evangelistic outreach and asks for prayer. This church ministers mainly to miners and their families and is closely associated with the Miners Bible School.



Sunday 2nd December

Tanzania:- We thank the Lord for the perseverance of George Mngoya as he evangelizes artisanal gold miners through crusades in the gold fields of Tanzania. He was delighted to inform us about an open air crusade in September for three

days where four people received the Lord. More meetings were held in November at Magole village for seven days and George asks prayer for them and for all who took the step of faith that they may grow in the love of the Lord Jesus.

Monday 3rd December

The situation in Zimbabwe is desperate. Recently there has been a serious cholera epidemic. Please pray for the health and safety of the five evangelists of Mine Ministry led by Pastor Pardon Chingovo. May they experience the protection of their Heavenly Father and be led in wisdom and in the strength of the Lord. May the Lord go with them day by day as they seek to share the Love of the Lord with so many who find themselves in desperate circumstances.

Tuesday 4th December

Philippines:- Peter Robertson (IMM Pacific Rim) and his wife Gwen are visiting Cebu Island over December and January. Please pray for them that they will have great encouraging meetings with Brother Joy Bendoy, who oversees the work of Pastors Wennie, Espante, Loven and Largon regularly visiting the mining areas. May their visit encourage the pastors in their dedicated service for the Lord.

Wednesday 5th December

South Africa:- Thank God for Patrick and Julia Langa and their impact in the Africa Evangelical Church in the platinum mines. There is a great need of committed effective leadership. They are highly respected in their community and involved in many areas of life including establishing Christian schools. Pray that people will see the Lord in their lives.

Thursday 6th December

South Africa:- IMMSA committee write "We are honoured to receive the prayerful and sacrificial support of IMMUK committee to continue the IMM South Africa's discipleship program. The Lord answered your prayers and stretched the programs to more than five locations already and opportunities are opening up in the gold and platinum mine communities. Thankyou for standing with us."

Friday 7th December

Sierra Leone:- Pastor Dennis Mannah is making good use of the projector and generator provided a couple of years ago by IMM supporters and is taking the Jesus Film around villages in the region. Pray that the Good News will spread throughout this diamond mining area and many souls come into the Kingdom through Dennis' ministry.

Saturday 8th December

Ukraine:- Please continue to pray for Pastor Vasiliy as his activities have been curtailed due to health issues. He continues to pastor the Revival Church in Bakhmut which works with refugees giving the spiritual food of the Gospel; sadly, the church is no longer able to arrange for feeding needy people. Vasiliy continues to serve in Bakhmut rehabilitation centre which is mostly full to capacity.

Sunday 9th December

Sierra Leone:- Last month Pastor Dennis Mannah ran a teaching course on the all vital topic of spiritual regeneration – how/when we become children of God. This took place at two villages in the Dodo region and involved about 50 participants. Thank God for this witness in a place where the Gospel is hardly ever heard. Please continue to pray for those who attended. May they grow in their understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Monday 21st January

Sierra Leone:- This New Year brings many opportunities to develop the work of Gospel ministry to miners in this country. Please pray for the possibility of restarting work in Moriba Town, where there is a large dredging mine for rutile, a major source of titanium oxide. There is a church building but no pastor. The church is currently being used as a school.

Tuesday 22nd January

Zimbabwe:- Pastor Dereck Marijeki, who pastors the church community in Shurugwi, asks for prayer for the "HIV and Drugs Support Network". The main aim is the encouragement of everyone to undergo an HIV test, particularly the young people. He finds himself visiting the local hospital in order to meet and provide spiritual support for AIDS victims, who are dying. He reports that AIDS is the main cause of death in Shurugwi. Please pray.

Wednesday 23rd January

Japan:- It is now 110 years since the first overseas IMM mission station was opened in Ashio, Japan, then a large a prosperous copper mining town. The church is still meeting in the wooden mission hall built all those years ago. We praise God for His faithfulness. *(Please request a free copy of our booklet, 'God moves in a mysterious way' which tells the story of the IMM Ashio fellowship by writing to David Shillitoe at the address shown)*

Thursday 24th January

South Africa:- Please pray for Labias M and his ministry in the platinum mining community around Rustenburg. This young man has proven skills and a real passion to serve the Lord with an ability to speak to people in several southern African languages. Thank God for men like him and pray that God will raise up many more.

Friday 25th January

IMM's vision:- 'To evangelise and minister to miners, their families and others in mining areas under God's leading in cooperation with other evangelical church groups and agencies. To come alongside miners where they are and point them to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, who alone can save them'. Please pray that we may keep faithful to our call.

Saturday 26th January

Zimbabwe:- Pastor Kelvin Chipangura asks for prayer as he does door to door visitation in the Kadoma area. He also visits the hospital, mine compounds and children's homes. He constantly preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have so little, lack of medication, no financial means to buy food or clothes. Yet they are eager to hear the Good News of God's love and mercy. Glory to God Almighty.

Wednesday 16th January

Zimbabwe:- Rev. Elias Katiyo requests prayer for his country. Several families have lost loved ones due to the recent cholera outbreak. He wanted to visit the hospital in Zvishavane to see some of the church members who were patients, but this was not allowed as the authorities did not want to see the disease spread. He said, "We are not allowed to gather in large numbers and we must not shake hands in public places."

Thursday 17th January

Ukraine:- Alexander Popov writes to thank IMM and its supporters for funding to run two Christian camps for children over the summer. He thanks God for the spiritual freedom and the opportunity for God's work in Ukraine in spite of war in Donbass, where many mines are situated. The 60 (each camp) children attended Bible study, worship, prayer and praise, drama, played games and on the last day were presented with their own Bible.



Friday 18th January

Ukraine:- Thank the Lord for the relationships built up with unchurched children and their parents during the two camps. Pray for the team as they continue to work with the children and organize a club for them where there are Bible lessons, crafts and games each Saturday. Alexander and Svetlana write "Because of your financial support our dream about the camp turned into reality. It happened at first time in the history of Krupskaya settlement! Many people heard and saw the love of God." Praise the Lord!

Saturday 19th January

Zimbabwe:- Rev. Katiyo writes: 'Due to the cholera outbreak there is a need for soap. Everyone knows that you should wash your hands with soap after visiting the toilet. However so many of those living in the mining areas, most of whom are unemployed, are so poor that they are not able to afford the purchase of a bar of soap even!' Please pray for help to provide food and funds for hospital bills.

Sunday 20th January

Ethiopia:- The Lord is pouring out His grace in Ethiopia and there is much excitement about the expansion of God's Kingdom. Currently funds are being raised to finish a large multi-purpose building for the Addis Kidan Baptist Church in Addis Ababa which will be used to promote God's glory. A Bible School is planned for pastors and evangelists.



Monday 10th December

IMM South Africa:- Pastors Patrick Langa (left) and Mohau Mofokeng (right) provide godly leadership in the Platinum mining area through the Miners Bible School organised by IMMSA. There have been graduations in 2018 in the mining centres. An original objective was to make the provision of these courses self-sustaining over five years. However due

to strikes, mine management changes and redundancies this goal has not been achieved. Maria Tshipe (centre) achieved graduation in 2018 at Boitekong church. Praise God!

Tuesday 11th December

Peru:- Roberto Masca has been working in Orcopampa since April of 2014. He writes; "I have been preaching the Gospel and ministering for over 20 years and fellow missionary Rene Churata was instrumental in encouraging and helping me get more advanced training for ministry. 3000 gold miners live in Orcopampa and it takes nine hours by overnight bus from where I live, and I spend half my time ministering there. Santos, Rene and I are a team." Thank the Lord for Roberto's faithful heart.

Wednesday 12th December

Bolivia:- Nicolás and Beatriz take every opportunity to share the Gospel of the Saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Visits are fortnightly at the "Orcoma" Mining centre attended by 15-20 people. Testimonies, hymns and the study of the Word of God are always followed by prayer. Pray for them as they grow in their relationship with the Lord and for the strength, energy, wisdom, passion and vision for Nicolás and Beatriz.

Thursday 13th December

South Africa:- Many leaders in the mining communities struggle with marriage. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen Christian marriages and for those who are providing marriage enrichment groups and trauma healing groups. Moses Sello, has moved to Manamagoteng. Pray for his wife and family and that all these leaders will experience the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ as they seek to restore relationships and bring families closer together and into relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday 14th December

Ukraine:- Alexy informs us that there is now a registered Church in the salt mining town of Soledar served by young Pastor Sergey. There are 20 members whose numbers are increasing with interested seekers whose children have attended the Christian camps held last year. Please continue to pray for them.

Saturday 15th December

Ethiopia:- Coordinator Gobena visits many churches in the Shakiso area to train and especially to encourage and organize the new churches. He believes in training Pastors to meet the heavy demands facing them by teaching, and empowering them that they will not suffer 'burnout' due to their busy ministry schedules. He is so thankful to IMM supporters who provided funds for a motorbike for him in 2016 that has enabled him to increase his activities and area of ministry.



that the Lord will raise them up in faithfulness and truth to share His love in their communities. Thank God for their teachers and leaders. May they have wisdom as they seek to encourage young people in their relationship with the Lord.

Monday 17th December

South Africa:- Pastor Mohau Mofokeng (Miners Bible School facilitator) writes, "It was also agreed that letters should be send to local mines bearing the particulars of all our workers. This is to be done to increase our foot print and be involved or be invited to events hosted by the mines. So that our ministry can be recognized and the service we can offer to mining communities." Please pray that there will be much interest from this initiative, that more miners will hear the Word of God.

Tuesday 18th December

South Africa:- Please pray for Ambrose Moemi, his wife and three daughters. Ambrose is a Platinum miner and leading an Africa Evangelical Church in Ledig, which is currently experiencing problems. As he lives about 100km away from the church this is not helping the situation at all. This is one of the most mature churches in our region. It has many senior citizens with some already in their mid-nineties! Pray for unity and cooperation amongst the church members.

Thursday 10th January

South Africa:- Praise the Lord that Moses Hlongwane with his prosthetic right leg continues to have a passion to reach many miners in the platinum mines. The new church plant in Marikana is growing and showing fruitfulness through his leadership. Pray that the Lord will give him vision for his work and wisdom as he seeks to lead this church plant as a godly shepherd.

Friday 11th January

Philippines:- Pastor Buddy and Pastor Wennie share the Word of God with miners at the Argao mine, Calagasan. They praise God that there is growing interest in the mining community and miners are wanting to have their own Bibles and desire to have Bible study in their own homes. There is a hope that this community will be able to have its own church. Please pray for them.

Saturday 12th January

South Africa:- Pookkattu and Molly Paul (Facilitators IMMSA) cover vast distances seeking to encourage, nurture, disciple and grow people in the Lord. They work hard with the Miners' Bible School supporting students and celebrating the graduation services. Please pray for them that they will see the hand of God and be encouraged in the calling He has made on their lives.

Sunday 13th January

South Africa:- Pray for Pastor Andrew Mayathula, who is reaching out to the people living in shacks in the mining shanty towns. Sharing the Gospel and also giving food to the needy. Prayer has been answered and Andrew now has a car to help him move around the area. Praise God.

Monday 14th January

Stuart Burns writes, 'We thank God for the mature, wise leadership of Santos Valero in Peru, Eliseo Quispe and Ruben Paco in Bolivia. God is using them to encourage the workers and today we can say that we have a stable work force in both countries as a result of these wonderful leaders. Pray that they will be encouraged and strengthened in the work that the Lord will give them vision and insight'.

Tuesday 15th January

Ukraine:- In Volodarka they have group of 35 persons who have come very close to Jesus. This year they plan to register their Church. The leader of the fellowship is a young brother from Chasov Yar Church. Many people knew about Jesus because of crusades and children Christian camp last summer. Pastor Alexander Kobzar sends his greetings. The Chasov Yar Church has appointed two new pastors one being Andrey who works at the rehabilitation centre which currently ministers to 15 people.

Saturday, 5th January

The work of Fairtrade and others active in the artisanal mining sector needs our prayers. According to some estimates numbers involved in this type of mining have swelled to 40 million people worldwide and they have great need of justice in their livelihoods. Please pray that miners are converted in great revivals even as social, environmental, economic and governance justice are pursued.

Sunday 6th January

Zimbabwe:- Recently Pastor Pardon Chingovo reported 'I witnessed the burial of a grandmother, who had been looking after eight orphan children. Now these orphans have no one to care for them, as their parents have all died. I have been asked to help but this situation is very difficult. Most of the children are not going to school. Please pray.'

Monday 7th January

Ruben Paco Vargas, IMM coordinator for North Potosi. Bolivia, encourages and supports the evangelists in a hard spiritual climate where many miners worship the god of the underground. He is delighted that they were able to meet together as IMM Bolivia team a long time hope and gives thanks to the Lord. Please pray for him.

Tuesday 8th January

Bolivia:- Pastor Eugenio is consolidating his work in other areas. In Colquechaca, he has linked with some miner families and is visiting them regularly. Eugenio has also developed close contact with the church there and has been invited to evangelistic activities in the main town and the surrounding zone. As his relationship with the miners has developed, one group has asked him to be their representative in the Mine Cooperative, this is a fantastic development because they are not seeing him just as a preacher but as one of them who can be trusted. Praise the Lord!

Wednesday 9th January

Ethiopia:- Enjifata has recently stepped into the leadership role at the growing Adola church. Please pray for him as he settles in, that the Lord will bless him with wisdom to encourage the congregation and passion to preach the full Gospel of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that this church will be a beacon and draw others to hear the Word.



Wednesday 19th December

South Africa:- Pray for Rev. Vusi Ndinisa and his family. He is preparing to retire at the end of 2018 from Chaplaincy and would love to spend more time for study and helping in various ministry responsibilities he has, incl. IMM. Pray for his wife who was recently in hospital that the Lord will rest His healing hand upon her; and that the Lord would give them grace to balance the family and ministry pressures.

Thursday 20th December

Romania:- Evangelist and miner Daniel Gheorghitan is a member of a team carrying out some educational programs in the prison in Targu-Jiu, in the context of which we have the opportunity to speak to the prisoners about the Gospel. These courses are included in the programs of the National Penitentiary Administration for prisoner education. Please pray for Daniel and the team that there will be much fruit for the Kingdom.

Friday 21st December

Romania:- Marian and Gabi Popescu continue to thank the Lord for the provision of the sports field which offers the opportunity for children and youth to be in contact with the church in Curtisoara as it arranges programs, lessons and games designed to bring the Gospel into the lives of unbelievers. There are sometimes from 25 to 45 children who hear the Gospel by this means.

Saturday 22nd December

Romania:- Thank the Lord for the recent baptism which was held in November. Please continue to hold those who were baptised in prayer, that the Lord will strengthen them and give them the power to deal with the obstacles and challenges that will follow. Gabi Popescu asks us, "please support us in prayer for the baptismal program to become itself a good opportunity to evangelize the people who will be in church at that time!"

Sunday 23rd December

South Africa:- Pray for Solly and the IMMSA Ministry Team, as they continue to impact the mining communities to become maturing followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jeremiah 29:11 talks about God's plans and purposes for good. Pray that there will be a seeking by individuals to realise the destiny God has for them for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

Monday 24th December

We thank Lord Jesus for calling a young British mining engineer to become a missionary to artisanal gold miners in East Africa following the principles of 'Mining God's Way'. Joshua seeks prayers for guidance, finance and safe passage as he prepares to go into this worthy ministry.

Tuesday 25th December

Praise God for the birth of Jesus, anointed to preach Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Praise Him that He calls His servants to partner with Him, that all who believe will not perish but have everlasting life. Pray that each of us will respond to His call.

Wednesday 26th December

Bolivia:- Elisa Flores and Arminda Mamami faithfully organise and run a children's work at Catavi, a suburb of Llallagua, a large mining town. The children come from miners' families and there are nearly 400 attending on three separate sites. Please pray for them as they seek to share the love of Jesus with these young ones. Also that the children's hearts and minds will be softened by Holy Spirit and that they will grow in the faith.



Thursday 27th December

Burundi:- IMM sponsored evangelists Etienne and Chantal have a real heart to reach the lost. They ask that we join with them in prayer that God will give them the knowledge to know how to bring the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to the many prostitutes. He says that "actually they are in bad conditions but God can make ways." Pray that he may be encouraged.

Friday 28th December

Zimbabwe:- Visiting the Globe Phoenix mine and the community of Mbizo recently Pastor Chingovo told us, 'What a painful situation in these places. It is not easy to attend to all the needs as many people are suffering with ill health. I witnessed the sewage flowing like a flooding river due to the breakdown of the sewage system. The situation is out of control. God must intervene. Please pray.'

Saturday 29th December

South Africa:- Maria Tshipe, is our female Miners Bible School facilitator and the administrative officer in the 'Growing Primary School' in the Boitekong AEC church under the leadership of Patrick and Julia Langa. Maria seeks further training in Office Management and she is offered a place in the University for a correspondence course. Pookkattu Paul (IMMSA facilitator) requests our prayer support for her, "that the Lord honour her hard work. She is worthy of our prayers and any financial assistance we can provide."

Sunday 30th December

IMM Trustee Terry Garde asks for prayer as he seeks to finish his PhD studies in theology and justice for artisanal miners and get back to making a difference in their world. He is amazed how our God is going ahead of him while he works to complete his PhD studies! Terry is keen to travel to Kenya to meet up with Capt. Rev. Simon Okoyo and also George in the mining area of Tanzania. Hopefully he will be able to visit in the next few months.

Monday 31st December

There is great pressure for believing Christian miners 'to be like the rest of the guys'. May they be able to keep godly standards at all times, because workmates are carefully watching them. Pray that the Lord will raise up spiritual fathers to encourage and set an example of victorious Christian behaviour. May they have a genuine, loving relationship with the Father, through the Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tuesday 1st January

Kenya:- We praise the Lord who reigns for prompting an English church fellowship within a former coal mining area in the UK to raise cash for the purchase of 30 Bibles in the Luo language. Rev Captain Simon Okoyo rejoices that the Miner to Miner Ministries in Kenya will distribute these to the artisanal gold miners he serves through the Mining God's Way Bible study.

Wednesday 2nd January

Burundi:- Etienne and Chantal ask for prayer for protection for their family. The dominant religion in the region is Muslim and it is very difficult to reach people with the Good News of the Gospel of the Saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Etienne is concerned for the protection of his children when they are in the local town for school. Pray that he will know the peace of the Lord and that they will be safe.

Thursday 3rd January

Burundi:- Please pray for the families of miners in Butihinda so that God can make a way so that people within reach can hear the Good News. Etienne has great faith that God has good plans for their lives. Pray that blind eyes will be opened and hearts softened so that they may receive the Light of Christ in their lives.

Friday 4th January

Burundi:- Please hold Etienne before the Lord. He asks that we pray for him as he seeks to reach the lost for Christ. Pray that the Lord will show him creative ways to build bridges that will connect with the mining community to enable him to build relationships. In the past football has been a great tool which is still important in reaching the youth.