



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Engineers

My name is Matty Chadder, I am an Aeronautical Engineer working for Airbus. My wife, Antonia, and I moved to the area in December to be nearer to family and had our first child, Ezekiel, in August.

Working in engineering I have found there are two groups of colleagues, those who cannot comprehend having a faith and an understanding of science, and those who are too worried about offending me to bring up faith. I much prefer the first group; people who are willing to ask direct questions despite the risk of offending me. It has often sparked good conversations addressing common misconceptions surrounding Christian life.



My first prayer would be for the spirit to be moving in engineering workplaces and give people the confidence and curiosity to ask questions about faith encouraging open conversation.

Secondly, prayer for Christians to have the confidence to reach out to other Christians and find a support community in work.

Finally, apprentices often come into engineering straight from school, unlike university students they can lack the support of Christian unions and student churches, especially those that have left home. This can be a challenging time for young Christians, I ask for prayer that apprentices would find a supporting community, despite not doing a conventional degree.

TBC Mission Projects

Lunch Club has now been back for a term and a half & we have seen many new people join us for lunch, friendship & fellowship.

We have recently in the talks after lunch learn about fostering, sharing the gospel within the armed forces and running marathons in your 80's, (not sure that's for me even when I was in my 30's).

If you're interested in joining us and you're in your 70's+ contact Mark in the office he's in charge of the waiting list.

Please pray for:

- That we can share Jesus in a practical way with all our diners.
- The health of all our diners & volunteers as we go into the winter months.
- The chance to build relationships with the diners & also within the volunteers.
- For Juliet as she books a variety of speakers from church.
- Activities and the community to catch the interest of the diners.
- Thanks for the new volunteers that have joined the team.

Local/UK Partners

New Start Debt Advice has a team of volunteers who meet with people struggling with their finances from our local community.

Our team shared stories of where we have been able to help people with their finances but also where we have just been able to come alongside people, listen and show them God's love.

As we meet with people, we often see that the financial struggles are a symptom of underlying or historical issues. Please pray that we would have wisdom and insight from the Holy Spirit to know how and when to point the person to sources of help that will address those issues.

We often feel we do not have much to offer the people we meet but pray that God would take what we have and use it to transform lives.

If you're interested in helping people with their finances (full training provided) or you feel you could give some time to listen to our clients and show them God's love by partnering with one of our existing advisors/money mentors, speak to Mark Stuart or one of the church leaders.

Please pray for:

- Us as we look at each situation and identify the right way forward.
- Wisdom and that the people we are helping will take on board and act on the advice given.
- Those that we stand alongside to know that God loves them and this will draw them to faith in Jesus.

World Mission Partners

Mark, Tammy, Bethany and David Baker were sent out from TBC to Sabah, North Borneo in 1999 to re-pioneer the work of YWAM there. In line with YWAM's vision 'to Know God and Make Him Known', their ministry has encompassed children, youth and adults, in discipleship, evangelism, providing primary healthcare, community development, English classes.

In the last 3 years, we have intentionally come alongside the 90+ YWAMers, throughout the nation & 100+ students & staff that we have trained, providing pastoral support, prayer & training, so that they can reach and disciple those yet to hear the gospel. We have also been able to start taking part in a project aimed at ending Bible poverty.

In the last month, we have taught at a local training centre that aims to equip local young adults with skills & Christian teaching and are currently partnering with Focus on the Family in translating some of their materials as well as Alpha in running their Parenting Course and soon Pre-Marriage Course.

Pray with us:

- For our family that we would each grow closer to the Lord in every aspect of our lives.
- For His wisdom as we train, send out and support others.

Families @ TBC

We thank God so much for those He has bought to us at TBC.

Please pray:

- For our family ministry teams: Family Café, Two by Two, Café Church, The Well Course & Mums Bible Study that God would protect, guide and provide all that our team members need to be loved children of God and then to serve Him. May they be able to know God's heart for the people that they meet and bring Jesus' hope and love as they interact, chat, serve, play and comfort.
- As we begin 'The Well Course' this month. A six week course for women designed to support them in living 'life to the max' – (John 10:10). Please pray for the relationships that are built with our team and with one another and ultimately we pray with our Lord.
- For those families who are feeling the pressure of the cost of living crisis. We thank God for the support the food bank offers alongside our care fund. Please pray that with Christmas coming, families will be able to adjust expectations of their friends and family. Thank you!

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- All those affected by the war in Ukraine
- All those known to us who are unwell with Covid
- The family of John Harris
- The family of Dick Vooght
- Cher, now at home on dialysis
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Ruth Collett
- Wendy Titterton
- Gloria Hammond
- Mike Britten
- Angela Miles
- Micky and Roger Flight
- Chris and Hev Scorah
- John Shackford
- Angela Cann
- For the Well Course, that the participants experience the richness of God's love
- For full restoration of health for Nick
- Helen Harrison and her African trip

Please note that this prayer list, and any other prayer needs mentioned in Connect are for sharing within this church fellowship. Details of the people mentioned must not be circulated or republished on social media.

If you are concerned about someone who needs care or support, contact Paul Ferguson - paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk



World Events

Please pray for:

- The tensions between North and South Korea.
- The ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.
- Those families and individuals struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Renewal

Billy Graham once wrote: "everywhere I go I find that God's people are hungry for something. Their Christian experience is not yet all they'd expected... The most desperate need of the nation today is that men and women who profess Jesus, be filled with the Holy Spirit."

If you identify with that observation, try to spend just a few minutes every day, asking for a fresh touch of God's Spirit.

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