



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Retired and Home-makers

Hi, I'm Peter Hunter.

I retired from my full time job and moved 4 years ago to Thornbury from Wiltshire with my wife, Ali. Later that year I took a part-time job as a supermarket delivery driver. I'd been encouraging people to live for Jesus on their Frontline, here I had the opportunity to work it out for myself!!

3 months later the world went into lockdown, and the job took on a different aspect. Initially it was challenging simply finding my way around at night in an unknown area, but also a privilege being a friendly face for some people who wouldn't see anyone else. I love making good work, with a friendly smile (most of the time), but also being challenged to minister grace and love to people I haven't chosen to meet!



In Galatians 5:22 it says about the fruit of the Spirit "... Against such things there is no law." The law of ageing, or sin, or death (or retirement) is no limit to the fruit that the Spirit of God wants to produce in my life. He continues to use me, to grow me and transform me!!

Prayer points:

- Pray for your Frontlines - to be places where you make good work and are able to minister grace and love to people who don't yet know Jesus.
- Encourage others to look for the Holy Spirit to grow fruit whatever their age or situation.
- Pray to see God's Kingdom coming in unlikely places and people around you and your Frontline.

TBC Mission Projects

Two by Two is our very popular parent and toddler group, which is based in the Lower Lounge and runs twice a week.

We have free play, including craft activities and sensory play, and love story time and the song bag. The team has lots of opportunities to build good relationships with our families.

Please pray:

- That we continue to build on the good relationships and conversations we have.
- For our conversations to be flavoured with God's wisdom, love and compassion.
- That the families who come will become aware of God's love and feel drawn to Jesus, taking the next step of joining one of Hev's pre-pre-Alpha groups.
- For the wonderful team to be upheld, strengthened and emboldened by their faith.

Local/UK Partners

In June this year Thornbury Foodbank will have been providing support to people in our community who are in food poverty for 10 years. Not cause for celebration but we do give thanks for our supportive community and faithful volunteers.

We are able to support those in food and fuel poverty with more than food due to the generosity of our community who regularly make financial donations. Other Foodbanks may not be able to do this.

We retain telephone contact with those who are unable to attend appointments and signpost all clients to other organisations who can help them, which include New Start Debt Advice, Severn Wye Energy Advice and the Adviser employed by North Bristol Foodbank.

We have many expressions of thanks and gratitude from all our clients.

Prayer/Praise:

- Thanks for continued support from TBC and our community as food donations are reducing due to increases in the cost of living.
- God's wisdom for decisions which we need to make.
- God's love and hope to be shared with those who are in such difficult circumstances

The Bridge Trust are very grateful for the continued support provided by TBC. Currently, money from TBC helps support health care workers who work in the slums of Delhi in India. As well as working in India, Bridge also works in Zambia and supports schools, orphans, employment and skills training, sanitation and water projects as well as providing direct support for church leaders across both countries.

Please pray for:

- the health workers in Delhi and their work with vulnerable people in the slums, particularly during the current heatwave that is engulfing India.
- church leaders in India who live with the threat of persecution
- the workers and volunteers of The Bridge Trust Ltd as they plan their work across India and Zambia.

One of the highlights of our families ministry in recent months have been the two 'Well Courses'. Please pray for the ladies that took part in these, some of whom are joining our Mums bible study. Please pray for Hev and her team as they discern what God is wanting next for these ladies.

One area where we are currently facing some challenges is in our Mum's Bible Study. We have had to pause this group for a time while we work to recruit a creche team to provide childcare for the children of the mums who attend. As the group has grown so have the number of children and we are finding it difficult to study and pray whilst tending to the needs of the children. We are committed to finding a solution that will allow us to resume this important ministry and praise God for the growth both personally and numerically that these Mums have made in the past year.

Please pray for Charlotte, Hev, Leigh & Jason as they prepare for two community days in July. Pray for them, as well as the wider team they hope to recruit that God will bless the teams and the community with a pouring out of His love and hope in our local community.

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- All those affected by the war in Ukraine
- All those known to us who are unwell with Covid
- All those families who have arrived here from the Ukraine as well as the hosts who will support them
- Cher, now at home on dialysis
- Graham Ogborne
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Ruth Collett
- Wendy Titterton
- Heather Woodward
- Micky and Roger Flight
- John Shackford
- Rose Ashley's mother

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 ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.
- those families and individuals struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.
- The crisis in Sudan

Renewal

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Allow God's grace to fill your life this season as we celebrate what He gave us and what He provides us with daily. May this time with friends and family renew your souls and build stronger relationships in Christ.

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