### 1st Wednesday Reflection & Prayer Hour

### September 19

MMI keeps the first Wednesday of the month as a day for corporate prayer. The hour set aside is 9.00am-10.00am, but for those who are not able to join in prayer then, please use these notes to pray for an hour at some time during the day.

### Reflection: Colossians 1: 1-23.

Read Colossians 1: 1-23 straight through.

Read it again slowly, personalising the words:

• in verse 1 use your name in place of Paul’s and the name of someone you have ministered alongside in place of Timothy.

•  In verse 2 substitute anywhere you have met God’s people, e.g. Bangalore, Gaborone, Beirut, Minsk

• Apply what Paul says both inwards (to yourself, thinking of those who might say these words to you) and outwards (as to those you minister to in your MMI role).

•  In verse 7 think of a particular person and if you know who brought them to faith, substitute that person’s name for Epaphras.

•  **Be encouraged;** some of us pray this as a prayer for YOU! Take a moment to reflect and then read the passage one more time, as a prayer.

Now focus on verses 15-20, and specifically Paul’s use of ‘all’. The founder of the Vineyard movement was fond of saying ‘I looked up ‘all’ in the dictionary, and guess what it means – ALL!’ The NIV has Paul using ‘all’ seven times, and there’s one ‘everything’ too! Paul sees the over-arching presence of the Son. Everything there was and is comes from, and is held together in and by Him, and His blood has reconciled ‘all things’ to God – alleluia!

 We have been presented holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation. While the reconciliation has already taken place, we look to the eventual fulfillment of all God’s promises with the establishment of the new heaven and earth and the end of the age.

Now use the passage we have reflected on as we pray for the people and situations below.

 Mark Hibbert-Hingston Sept 19

###  PRAYER

**We give thanks and praise for**

 the Summer Adventure Retreat (SAR)in Bulgaria and  pray for ongoing fruit  coming out of it.

**In September we pray for:**

 **The Bahamas**, which have been devastated by Hurricane Dorian. Lives have been lost and thousands of buildings ruined by the 40 hour storm. Pray for safety for members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and all others who are beginning the recovery efforts.

**6-8 Sep MMI at  SHAPEfair.** Mark H-H and Roland Shuli will be manning an MMI stand to spread awareness of MMI at SHAPE. Pray for good conversations and active interest.

**23 Sep planned presentation of the Indian Army commemorative booklet to the Indian Chief of the Army Staff.** Pray he will authorize a wide distribution across the Indian Army. The booklet will be presented either by General (retd) Vasudeva or by the British High Commissioner in Delhi. Pray for wisdom as to who should present the booklet .

**28 Sep – 11 Oct CE-TL Roddy flies to USA** to attend the ACCTS staff meeting (30- 3 Oct) followed by the AMCF Quinquennial meeting.

**AMCF Quinquennial (4-11 Oct),** Pray for the preparations for this meeting of the AMCF Presidential bench and representatives of the MSOs;  for wisdom for AMCF President, Srilal Weerasooriya; the inauguration of new VPs for S America and N/Central Europe; for a clear way ahead for the next 5 years and for a sensible, godly way ahead towards a possible future World Conference. Pray for the ACCTS staff dealing with the administration and that the Lord will provide for the balance of the costs of this Conference.

**30 Sep-11 Oct Madagascar.**RTL Francophone Africa, Eric together with Augustin in Madagascar for IAEC Chaplaincy training. IAEC are paying for Augustin to attend.

**Pray for the funding**this autumn to allow RTL S Asia, Paddy, to be able to do an Autumn road trip and attend the India MCF Conference; for Eddie to make a delayed visit to W Africa and Samuel a delayed visit to Sao Tome .

**Pray for protection** over all the MMI team and their families and for guidance, encouragement and energy to manage their multiple tasks

***If you would like to receive short prayer requests as the need arises, please email prayer@mmi.org.mmi***