

# Barrow's Buzz...

September 2018

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations. (Ps.22:27-28)*

Dear Friends...

Psalm 22 is well known for its graphic depiction of Jesus' agonizing rejection and crucifixion – His passion. But also tucked away in this messianic, prophetic psalm is a marvelous picture of '...all the families of the nations...' turning to the Lord – part of the global ripple-effect emanating from Jesus' atoning death and resurrection (vv.1-21). We learn there is no-where and no-one beyond reach, '*...all the prosperous...*' and '*...all who go down to the dust...*' and '*...even the one who could not keep himself alive*' are addressed. So who is left? No-one! The final verse also points to a people who will '*...come and proclaim His righteousness...*'. Once again we are reminded of the gospel imperative - the church is a non-negotiable part of all the Lord wants to accomplish.

In our last prayer letter we mentioned an end-of-pilot phase review for the ENGAGE programme. Tim assisted in the preparation and compilation of the review document as it was presented to the SIM UK Board. The good news is that the proposal to continue the programme as outlined in the review was endorsed. This will entail development of ENGAGE by strengthening resources and solidifying organizational structures which will allow an increased effectiveness in the programme outcomes. It was recognized that we've learnt a great deal about what is required to make ENGAGE work to meet the needs of the UK church as they seek to share God's good news cross-culturally. Please pray as we make a concerted effort to connect effectively with SIM offices globally to explain the UK scene. The Board will revisit ENGAGE in a year from now but the timely development of the programme is crucial in order to deliver on current levels of enquiry. Multiple interest has been received from the W. Africa, E. Africa, E. Asia, Latino and USA office with strong candidates proposed from each of these entities. Each candidate has areas of specific gifting and experience, and so it is vital to match each one with a favorable church-centered ministry context. This encouraging interest in ENGAGE has tipped the balance towards more candidates than we have openings for, so I would ask you to pray for links to churches who share the vision to reach surrounding ethnic communities. In particular, several of the ENGAGE enquirers have had considerable experience working in India. Please pray as we try to establish links with churches who desire to reach H\* and M\* communities.

The need to connect with SIM offices globally is being addressed quite literally the second-half of September. East Asia Director Dr. Stanley Ling invited Tim to come and present ENGAGE over a year ago, but with the recent consolidation of the programme we believe time is right to strengthen ties with this SIM entity as it has continually supported the ENGAGE initiative with strong applicants. Thankfully Tricia will be accompanying Tim as they complete the following itinerary:

- Sept. 14 – Depart UK to Shillong, India (via Dubai, Kolkata and Guwahati + 3 hour road journey) arrive Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 16 – Speak at Naga Christian Fellowship and Pohseh Presbyterian Church, Shillong.
- Sept.17 – Meet with SIM N.E. India staff
- Sept 18 – Travel to Guwahati and board flight to Singapore.
- Sept 19 – Arrive Singapore & rest.
- Sept 20/21 – Meet at SIM East Asia office for discussion.
- Sept 22 – Fly to Kuala Lumpur
- Sept 23 – Speak at St Barnabas Anglican Church + one other.
- Sept 24 – Meet Malaysia director/staff.
- Sept 25 – Fly to Taipei.
- Sept 26 – Meet SIM Taipei staff.

- Sept 27/28 – Travel to Taichung to meet staff and speak at Taichung Mission Prayer Fellowship
- Sept 28/29 – Depart Taichung (via Taipei, Dubai) arriving in UK 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please be in prayer for the lengthy periods of travel along with the full schedule. Pray too for effective and fruitful ministry – for opportunities to speak in church and to share the ENGAGE vision with SIM entities.



The Barrow kids have returned, or are soon to return to their various studies and work. Gabby (having just turned 21!) will be beginning her second year at Greenwich Uni while we are in Asia, so please pray for her as she is either ‘home alone’ or as she goes to stay with Sacha and Kyle. Gabby has had a long summer break and enjoyed a mixture of work and travel, with a recent mission week in Bulgaria working with Roma children. Sacha has also enjoyed a summer teaching-break but without any travel as Kyle has been very busy ‘chefing’ at some interesting events around London. Ben has also had a short-break from his studies at Nottingham Uni. It was great to have him stay with us for a week or two – on and off – but now he has returned to the second and final year of the Masters programme. Michael has also had opportunity to visit Europe over the summer months, but it has also been a busy summer for the audio/visual industry around London. Tricia continues to work long and hard nursing hours in the acute-care ward. She enjoys nursing patients, but some of the shift patterns are quite grueling.

#### Prayer Pointers

- For the development of the ENGAGE programme over the coming months that we might be able to deliver on a number of potential placements, and that the programme would realize its full potential and fruitfulness.
- For Tim and Tricia’s Asia trip, Sept. 14-29. For effective times of sharing and ministry that the various E. Asia offices would prioritize ENGAGE for their candidate placements.
- For safety and care in the many miles to be travelled and countries to be visited, and for the immediate family while we are away.
- For the possibility of serving at the Namibia SLC in March/April 2019.
- For Michael, Ben, Sacha & Kyle, and Gabby as they resume/continue their studies and work, that they would each see the love of Jesus in their lives in increasing ways.
- For Tricia in the demands of nursing: professionally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We were recently chatting with an SIM colleague from one the fields in southern Africa, and Tim was invited to be their Spiritual Life Conference (SLC) speaker in 2019. We would like to fulfill this opportunity for the SIM Namibia missionary team in March/April of next year, but as we no longer serve overseas a travel budget doesn’t exist, and would therefore be dependent on raising Ministry Funds for international travel. Please would you pray that we’d be able to fulfill this invitation, and that the needed funding would be made possible.

Thank you once again for your faithful and prayerful care and interest for the Barrow family.



**WITH OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE**

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