

# ZAMBIA 2016



## Prayer Supporters Guide

St Mary's Anglican Church is sending a team to Zambia from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016. They will be staying and working in the Help Ministries Project property and community of Chibobo.

**Team Leaders:** Gavin Ward and Annette Swaffield

**Team Members:** Kevin Swaffield, Emily Clements and Megan Riley

**TRIP AIMS:**

- To support and share with the community our Christian faith, and to support them in their faith journey through practical, relational and spiritual means.
- To encourage the Christian Community in Chibobo by participating in church services including preaching, praying, singing and sharing testimonies
- To spend time with the orphans of Chibobo, sharing our love of games, stories, music and sport while developing relationships with the children and the carers.
- To carry out maintenance in the community as requested and or needed, sharing and teaching such skills to members of the community where practicable.



Joshua 24:15

*"Choose this day whom you will serve.....but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"*

## TRIP AIMS continued

- To install electrical wiring as part of the improvements being made to the Chibobo Community Medical Centre.
- To share materials required for kits that provide lasting female hygiene and teaching members of the Koala club how to make and put together these kits.
- To follow up on the distribution of Days for Girls kits given out last year, to ensure that good hygiene practises are being used with the kits and to conduct discussions with the girls relating to personal female hygiene and practises.
- To meet with the new chief of the local area and develop new relationships with this community leader.
- To assist with the development of a new constitution for HMP orphanage and be involved in pastoral discussions with leaders of the orphanage, and all related to the care of orphans, widows and vulnerable children in the local area.
- To photograph and create records of all the current orphans at HMP as an awareness program for interested persons and parties here in Australia
- To experience some of the beauty of the Africa by visiting Chobe National Park and Victoria Falls, while also conducting debriefing exercises for all members of the team

## TRIP PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the financial support so far especially the contributions that have been given for the female hygiene kits.
- Give thanks for the prayer and physical support that the team are experiencing that will enable their work to be achieved in Zambia.

### Pray for:

- Guidance in the preparation for the trip.
- Wisdom in decision making for all the project preparations that are being carried out
- Protection for all members of the team, especially during the many journeys that occur.
- For the hearts and minds of the group to be open to God's guidance and prompting, and that His name will be glorified and His will be done.
- The orphans, carers and administrators at the Chibobo orphanage, especially Staivous who has overall responsibility for the group and the trip organisation.

# TEAM'S PRAYER POINTS:

- For safety and health during the trip.
- That everyone we meet may see us as disciples and hear God's message through our word and actions, and that we may ever be mindful of the prompting of the Holy Spirit in all situations.
- That we will be mindful of the needs of fellow team members – especially for Emily and Megan visiting Zambia for the first time.
- That we will have the skills to share our faith through our testimonies and our preaching
- That we will learn more about God's love for all his people worldwide but especially in Australia and Zambia.
- That we will be able to develop relationships with many people in the Chibobo community and come to understand the real situation facing the Orphans, widows and vulnerable children in Chibobo and be respectful to our Zambian hosts.
- That the team will be able to learn and assist and uplift the Chibobo community, and to gain an appreciation of Zambia.
- That the team will be able to do this through practical tasks and ministering to the Chibobo community.
- That our projects will be purposeful for all at Chibobo and that we will be humble and gracious in all that we undertake
- For God's protection and safety for us as we travel by air, road and boat (particularly in this pre-election period of the Zambian Presidential elections)
- For God's protection in any manual work we undertake
- For flexibility as we adjust to changes to programmes and plans
- For good working relationships as we serve God and the Community
- For good opportunities to speak of God's saving grace through Jesus
- For enjoyment and fun as we see the beauty of God's creation on safari

# PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS

## Gavin Ward

- That I may co-lead the team well
- For God's wisdom as I meet with HMP and Community leaders and respond to any challenges
- That the proposed meeting with the new Chief proceeds and that it leads to a greater link between us and the Chibobo Community
- For energy to be attentive to the needs of the team and the community
- For God's peace for Sharon and I as we are apart this early in our marriage
- For Emily and I as we visit the Vicki Ward library in the Secondary School and think through future support for it
- For an overwhelming sense of God's delight and joy with the people and the team



# Annette Swaffield

- That I will be true to God's word as I work with the people of Chibobo in whatever work I am called to do as I act as an Ambassador of the gospel and St. Mary's.
- For my role in the leadership team – that I will be alert to the needs of the team as we work together serving the community of Chibobo.
- For our time with Megan as we share God's people and God's world with her and for us to be mindful of her needs as a new and younger member of the team
- For good health while we are away in Zambia and Botswana and for both of us as we extend our trip on to Namibia.
- For our families while we are away from them. That my mother will keep good health and for Steven and Narelle as they think of Megan while she is with us.



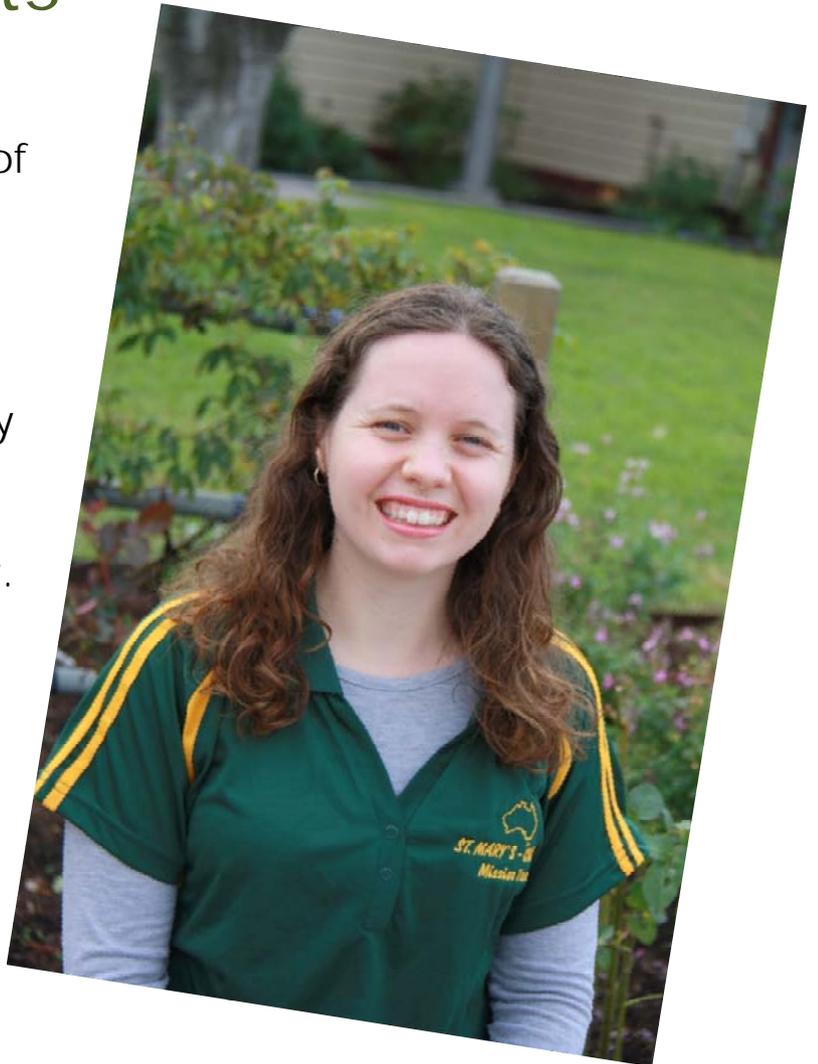
# Kevin Swaffield

- For me as I go not knowing what I will be called upon to do. Give me wisdom and patience to undertake whatever is put before me.
- For safety of all the team in everything that we undertake during the trip
- For guidance as I manage all the finances and funding throughout the trip.
- For joy as I renew acquaintances with all our friends in Chibobo



# Emily Clements

- Pray that I am open to learning from the people of Chibobo and from God while I am there.
- Pray for me as I am reminded that Chibobo was a special place for my mum, and for comfort through all the emotions that come along with that.
- Pray for good health and energy while we are in Zambia and Botswana.
- Pray for Benjamin as he leads an RMIT Christian Union camp while we are away on mission.
- Pray for Benjamin and me while we are apart; for safety and opportunities to communicate.
- Pray for my Year 3 class at Melton Christian College for stability in my absence.



# Meg Riley

- That my relationship with God will grow and be strengthened by seeing His work in a new place.
- That my family back home will be kept safe and healthy.
- That I'll be able to catch up on the school work I have missed when I get back.
- That being the youngest member of the team will be a positive experience and that we will be able to work with my age.
- For guidance in helping the women of the orphanage, especially with the Day for Girls project.
- That I will be able to cope well with communicating with new people I meet, and find ways to overcome the language barriers.
- That I will be able to adjust to unexpected things that the trip may bring and roll with it.
- That my little cat will be OK whilst I'm away and that I will get to see some big cats on safari 😊



# Team Itinerary



## **Tuesday June 21**

Depart for Zambia late afternoon.

- Pray for safety as we travel to the airport and for smooth check in with all our luggage and for smooth flight connections in Perth

## **Wednesday June 22**

Arrive in Johannesburg early morning & fly direct to Ndola

- Pray for safety in travel, connections, no lost luggage and smooth entries into Zambia

## **Thursday June 23**

Day in Ndola preparing for Chibobo projects

- Pray for safety and good time management as we try to obtain all
- the supplies for the projects at Chibobo.
- Pray for the team as they bond together

## Friday June 24

Travel to Chibobo orphanage.

- Pray for safe travels on the road to Chibobo and no delays at the road blocks

## Saturday June 25 – Sunday July 3

Time at Chibobo village, completing a range of projects.

Taking part in church services and worshipping the Lord with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Pray for the team as first timers encounter a new culture and the orphanage and for renewed friendships and contacts for those returning.
- Pray for good health for the team, for safety as they carry out the planned projects and for the power of God's spirit in all that the team undertakes.
- Pray for Annette, Emily and Megan as they work with the Koala club teaching them new skills to make female hygiene kits; for Kevin, as he carries out a variety of maintenance tasks and for Gavin as he conducts meetings and planning sessions with community leaders
- Pray for good relationships in all that is undertaken and the grace to be flexible as we serve the Chibobo community.

## Sunday July 3

Attend local church services then drive to Lusaka

- Pray for spiritual blessings as the team take part in worship in many parts of the community,
- Pray for safety as they travel to Lusaka

## Mon July 4

Fly to Livingstone.

- Pray for safe travel to Livingstone.



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## **Tuesday July 5 – Thursday July 7**

Camping Safari, Chobe National Park, Botswana

- Pray for safe travels throughout the safari – on land and on water.
- Pray that God's creation will be revealed to all in the beauty of the landscape and the animals seen
- Pray for smooth border entries into Botswana and back again into Zambia.
- Pray for discernment as we debrief our time and projects at Chibobo.

## **Thurs July 7 – Sat July 9**

Victoria Falls & Livingstone

- Pray for the team's final days together appreciating the wonders of Victoria Falls, the Zambezi River and time exploring Livingstone and it's surrounds.
- Pray for safety as we travel in this area.

## **Saturday July 9**

Depart for Johannesburg/Melbourne from Livingstone.

- Pray for safe travels for Gavin (to Perth) and for Emily and Megan who are flying to Melbourne
- Pray for safety and protection Annette and Kevin as they continue travelling in Namibia.

## **Sunday July 10**

Arrive in Melbourne, pm.

- Pray for the team as they adjust to life back in Australia.