



# Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

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## Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

Prayer diary - March 2019



“Find your delight in the LORD. Then He will give you everything your heart really wants.” Psalm 37:3-8.

These words were read out by John Harrison at the start of our recent trustees meeting on 26th February – a meeting we had been looking forward to for 3 months: the first of 2019, the first with two ‘sons of’ (Andrew Symons and David Saunders) attending and the last one which Les would attend before his next 6 week-long trip back to Kenya at the weekend.

John suggested that the reading was for Les (v3b?) and his travels and time there with key words as ‘Trust in’ (v3), ‘Find in’ (v4) and ‘Commit to’ (v5). In each case there is instruction or direction and in each case, is the gracious promise of reciprocal action of the Almighty GOD, ‘the LORD’. There are words of warning (vv7-8) which might have been recorded directly for us all in the charity as supporters, as trustees, as workers to recognise the gracious total understanding, kindness and control of the LORD in all things.

These key words will guide our weekly prayers for the work of the Nehemiah Construction Ministries UK over the next couple of months and we are very grateful to you for joining us in your loving and thankful prayers, seeking GOD’s will and ways to be done for and through this work. We are very aware that planning and timetable and time-span of dealing with matters in Kenya is neither necessarily fixed nor ‘logical’ nor ‘completely complete-able’. We trust you will find these notes provide a helpful focus for your prayers, however you use them. Thank you so much.

w/c 3rd  
March  
Les will be travelling around the region to meet people, to identify suitable borehole sites, to pay bills, to obtain certificates, to purchase equipment and to sort out various problems en route. Pray for his protection away and in the compound and carrying out all his work and travel with safety, working transport, good timings and successful visits and actions.

w/c 10th  
March  
Initially, there are still some repair jobs to be completed on the vehicles and rigs, as well as the ongoing possibilities of breakdowns, wear and tear damage and other road users! Pray for wisdom in dealing with these material problems, financial matters, obtaining of parts and testing certificates and authorisations. With the climate, some social conditions and the environment, this is actually a matter for daily prayer.

w/c 17th  
March  
One of the key matters is the recruitment and hiring of a capable and committed drilling team foreman, mechanic and drillers with all the associated business of financial transactions as insurance, pay and taxes, certification, learning and skills development on the job, accommodation and use of time and the necessary positive development of good, honest working relationships between them all and with other parties as accountants, landlords and government officials. Pray for guidance and understanding with good communications and a shared and owned vision for the work

w/c 24th  
March  
There will be some significant business meetings for Les to set up, to obtain a new work permit with recognition of his role as a ‘business entrepreneur’, working with integrity in a recognised non-profit organisation; to provide work and community development in the business through making a recognised working relationship with local organisations and people (remember the name Rick Strickland), local government and overseas charitable investors. Pray for successful negotiations with great understanding, honesty and enthusiastic and with meaningful participation by all parties moving forward in harmony with each other.



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w/c 31st  
March

The emphasis of this time away and Les' heart is drilling bore holes - NOW and gearing up for an even busier future. This involves contracts, finance and other specific administrative matters; many conversations about legal, physical, timing and employment conditions, limitations and regulations; with discoveries of anticipated social impact on local communities, geological surveying and reporting, and the demands of living and working together for periods of time. Needs a miracle? many!

w/c 7th  
April

But there is another equally significant calling, expressed within the living out and telling out of the Gospel, the story and message of Gods' love and power in Jesus, the Christ and by the Holy Spirit which has to permeate every activity, every communication and every reaction of our work. Les and His team will experience hardship, frustration, possibly great antagonism from material and spiritual forces. Pray constantly for their safe-keeping in body mind and spirit, their conduct and their worship of the Living GOD who graciously accompanies them.

w/c 14th  
April

Another important aspect of this 'tour of duty' is that 'what can be gained, can be recorded' ... and what can be recorded, can become part of our acknowledgement of GOD's hands on and around, and heart in this visit and this work. This is not just about getting receipts (very important), making notes and signing up contracts and agreements, but also about...taking photos, recalling and recording memories, recalling promises and people: this could be quite difficult for a man who prefers to see fountains gushing with taps bringing joy to others. Pray for such great moments, that Les will have his phone with him! Pray that Les will have time, inspiration and energy to deal with this side of the operations

w/c 21st  
April

As mentioned, this period is to gear up for the June visit when Les hopes to travel and work (2 more holes?) with Andrew, and his sons David and Chris (who will probably stay for 3 out of the planned 6 weeks there). Andrew and David are now working together (voluntarily) to connect NCM to various social media platforms to develop our supporter base and hopefully appeal to others to join Les on his tours especially appealing to younger folk who use these connections. We are aware that another couple of engineers, plumbers with aspirations (longer pipes) or even archaeologists / geologists with an interest in making holes water boring and water bearing and a robust Christian faith (min 0.5mm lentil-like width!) could make it all the more interesting and exciting.

w/c 28th  
April

Our next Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 30th. Les will hopefully be back and possibly even ready to report it all to us. In the meantime, back in the UK, Trustees are busy with further initiatives for making this work known possibly even an interim report from Les; exploring the whereabouts and writing to sympathetic finds for grants to set up future operations; completing the annual report with the eagerly awaited accounts; and praying for Les and his wife Pauline and for others to join in in the ways outlined above.

Above all and in all, pray with thanks – and without ceasing!