



# Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

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## Drilling For Water ... Caring For Life

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K.

You may be one of our supporters who can still recall that the 1965 Number 1 song in the US music charts also had the oldest lyrics of modern 'hit' songs. This was recorded by a band called the Byrds; the melody was by Peter Seager and the song was entitled 'Turn. Turn. Turn'. Apart from the opening and closing lines which he wrote (and claimed 45% of rights fees for), the lyrics were taken straight from the King James Version of Ecclesiastes 3: 2-8, "a time for...". This is probably one of the most beautifully crafted poems in the whole of the Bible – but I'm pretty sure that most folk who remember this song, may have never progressed to the end of the chapter, to recognise and take note of its true context!

So, go on – check it out again and its place in the rest of the whole book: real time relevance!

We are enclosing with this Prayer Diary a copy of the latest Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. Newsletter. It provides the back story to the Prayer Diary and also looks forward to the next steps of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K., GOD willing.

As usual, this 7-day Prayer diary is for repeating until the next News/Prayer update. These written thoughts can become prayers to help each of us start, to identify and to share in the calling of Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. and we thank you so much for your participation. May the LORD bless you and us, as we engage with this diary and Him in this way together.

**Sunday (Eccl 3:11-13)** We recognise with deep gratitude to the Almighty GOD, that has made Himself known to us in Creation, His Son Jesus and by His continual presence with us in the Holy Spirit, and as we experience the benefits of His salvation and redemption in Christ. In our growing awareness and understanding, we wish only to serve in and for His everlasting Kingdom, in obedience to His will, His call on our lives and in the gifts, both spiritual and material, He has and will provide, as we focus on Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. and its work - today and in this week. We suggest you read and consider the Newsletter again.

**Monday (Eccl 3: 14-15 )** We thank our Heavenly Father, in His infinite grace and mercy, for His forgiveness of our waywardness and weakness, of which we truly repent. We accept with wholeheartedness, the kindness offered to start anew, to move off - and on with a greater sense of the opportunities He has laid out before us in Kanyao, and the renewed recognition that only with His continual guidance and direction in all matters, we earnestly seek His blessing, His authority and His righteousness.

**Tuesday (Eccl 3: 16 -17)** We recognise that our human environment is still to be fully released from the bonds of sin and its effects. We also wish to participate as ambassadors of the GOD's Kingdom here on earth, to bring healing, light and life in the power of the Holy Spirit through Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K., to those who daily experience the debilitation and struggle of poverty, sickness, injustice and wickedness. We put our trust in Almighty GOD who knows the way before us and He has promised to be with us in the struggles, obstacles and the concerns to get things done properly and to fully engage in every aspect this move. We call on Him to assist us, to resource us and to protect us in all the necessary preparations to get this ministry fully operational.

**Wednesday (Eccl 3: 1-8, 14)** We thank GOD that our times are in His hands; each is a gift from Him, in which He also is present, not as an observer of commentator, but as one who has put and continues to put His life into each. Within His everlasting perspective, nothing in the span of life is therefore worthless. We pray that as life for us is about relationships – with GOD, with His creation and with ourselves as individuals, groups, communities and nations all following the Christ – that the implications for those directly or indirectly involved in the wide span of this major move for Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. will foster a truly beautiful flourishing of mind,

body and spirit – whether as givers or receivers – to His eternal Glory.

**Thursday (Eccl 3:2)** To move is to leave one situation for another. By the Grace of our LORD Jesus the Christ, we are able to approach a small understanding of GOD's loving determination to be completely involved in and deal with the weakness, mess and suffering of Creation and human life (Isaiah 53 and Phil 2), to prepare for His return and the flowering of 'a new heaven and a new earth'. We each have a part to play in His move of infinite worth and in this aligned matter of the re-building of His Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. business in Kanyao. Call us out LORD and increase our faith and courage in the power of your life-changing goodness.

**Friday (Eccl 3:11)** Can you recall this year, how you spent the weekend of 10th-12th April? It's not a test of your memory as much as a reminder of the effects of the first Easter. Does the sacrifice of Jesus still have its meaning and effect on our lives and the way we live? This was GOD's plan for us which He carried out through the times of the Old Testament and into the New and thereafter to this moment and into His future. I am / we are – a recipient of GOD's loving-kindness, through the good times and the not-so-good times, because of the timelessness of His time on Planet Earth. It could possibly be described as the 'most profoundly existentialist time in the history of time' and it envelopes us who trust Him. This is why our response can only be 'Take my life and let it be, consecrated LORD to Thee.' This how Nehemiah Construction Ministries U.K. endeavours, in GOD's strength, to be operating.

**Saturday (Eccl 3:11a)** Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 4b, I confess, bring me some concerns: since a very very short time (2 lessons) of ballroom dancing and recognising that - as the French say "je danse avec des pieds gauche" – this is one area of my life I cannot even consider as a possibility, even with trying the solo 'grandad dance'! But perhaps, in the light of verse 11, it may not necessary to worry .... or what is 'to dance' suggesting – to rejoice? "Dear LORD, I find my joy in knowing you and exploring the myriad of gifts in this time on earth, which you have for me - but not for me alone, but to share with others, as you direct – for your Glory alone."