

Clarion Prayer Letter January 2017

Equipping the Church for Leadership, Mission and Evangelism

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Thank you for standing alongside Clarion with your interest, encouragement, prayer and financial support. This significant ministry could not continue apart from you. As I began to write this, the words of Proverbs came to mind "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (11.25). May the Lord bless you as you continue to bless this ministry.

Praise God for:

1. His faithfulness in providing all that we needed to fulfill the tasks he has laid on our hearts.
2. His presence and blessing during 14 trips overseas during 2016 to, among other places, China, Uganda, Nepal, Israel, South Africa, Guatemala, USA and Poland. There have been many opportunities to meet with, mentor and teach local leaders – most of whom lack Biblical training. Highlights included:
 - **China** - for Stephen being able to encourage and develop church leaders and assist with the major distribution of Scriptures. (Did you know that the world's largest Bible printing press is in China?)
 - **Uganda** - Clarion has made an important contribution to Christian agencies working among needy children. Stephen was able to liaise with and influence the thinking of senior government members
 - **Nepal** - Stephen lead a very important pastors' training conference;
 - **Guatemala** - contributing to leaders working in a ministry with vulnerable children.
 - **USA** - especially through the Haggai Institute. This organisation trains strategic leaders from around the world to share the Good News in over 100 nations. Stephen has been able to make a significant contribution to this unique ministry.
3. The UK ministry, in addition, to occasionally speaking in local churches and some mentoring opportunities Stephen has continued to lead pastors' conferences, and strategically assist a number of mission boards. In January, he has been speaking at Youth for Christ's annual staff conference.

Pray for:

1. Planned trips during 2017 including an early visit back to China and potential new areas of ministry in the months to come.
 - Stephen's protection - physically - his health during these trips and spiritually against the wiles of the enemy, and for the Spirit's anointing on his ministry.

- The Lord's sovereign 'interruptions' (see Philip meeting in Acts 8 with the Ethiopian court treasurer).
- The financial provision for these trips - each one has core costs (e.g. flights / accommodation / insurance / visas) of on average £3,000. We welcome contributions of any size. If you would like to contribute we are happy to accept cheques or you can donate via our website www.clariontrust.org.uk/support

2. The redevelopment of our web site. Please let us know if any 'out there' are willing to assist in this current need.

Again, thank you for your support and investment in the ministry of Clarion Trust International. May you know the presence and blessing of the Lord in your life in 2017.

Phil MacInnes, Trustee
January 2017

Some highlights from the upcoming diary

05 Feb	Minchinhampton Baptist Church	preaching in a local church
09-21 Feb	China	Leadership Training and Development
23 Feb-1 Mar	Haggai International, Atlanta USA	attending Board meetings
13-24 Mar	Uganda	Leadership Training and Development
30 Mar-3 Apr	Raleigh Durham, USA	Chairing The Rooftop's Global Council
23-27 Apr	Lucerne, Switzerland	Speaking at National Leaders' Conference