

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

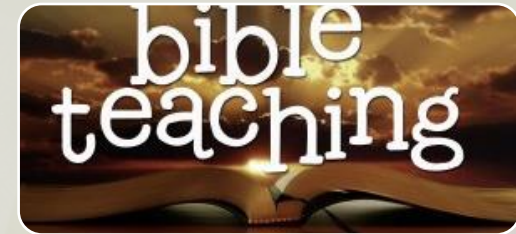
May 2026
Newsletter

Yet to all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12



Sundays in May



3rd May
10th May
17th May
24th May
31st May

OPEN
Angus Mathie
Ken Gray
Robert McGilivray
Hugh Mitchell

Angus Mathie
Gordon Thomson
Robert Gray
Phil Geary
Hugh Mitchell

Mike Glass
Iain Jamieson
Alan Gamble
Blair Martin
Iain Jamieson

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For he satisfieth the longing soul,
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
Psalm 107:9



Every Monday from 10.30 am



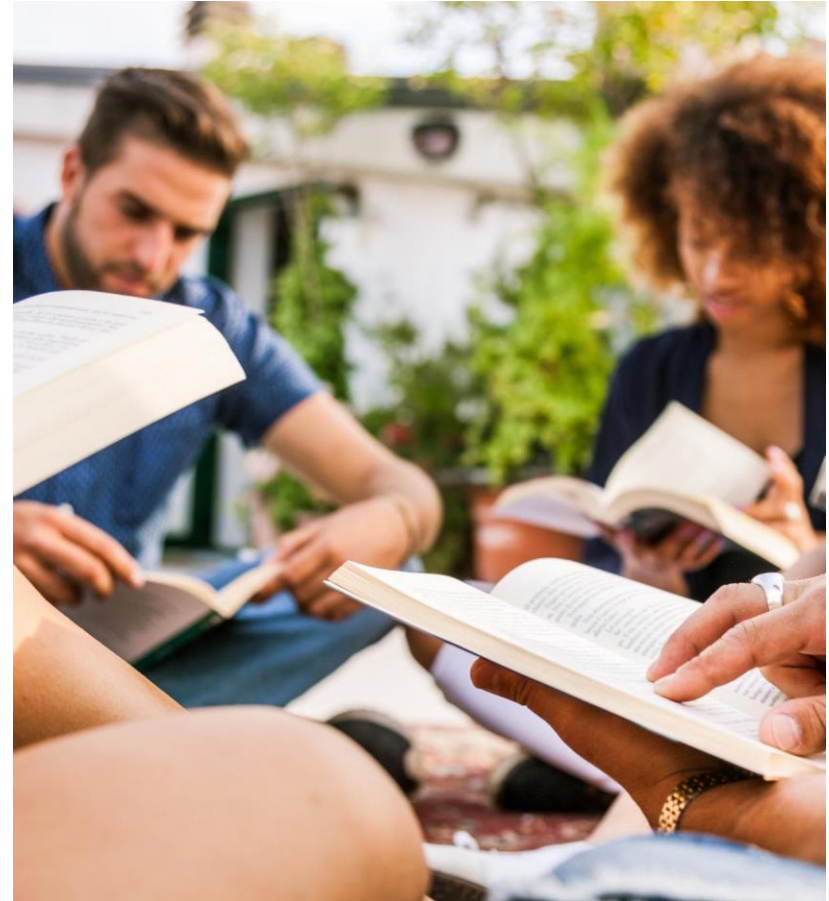
STREET CONNECT

CONNECT • TRANSFORM • THRIVE

RECOVERY GROUP
EVERY TUESDAY 10am – 12 noon

ENGLISH LESSONS WITH GOSPEL INPUT

Tuesdays
from
6.30pm





Biscuit & a Blether
Wed 13th May
10.30 – 12.00pm



Wednesday Prayer in May

6 th May	Willie Glen
13 th May	Angus Mathie
20 th May	Malcolm McMillan
27 th May	Robert McGilivray





**NOAH'S ARK TODDLERS
GROUP, FRIDAYS @ 10AM**

£11.50

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9th May

10am

Garrion Bridges

Sign up sheet in the foyer!

Guest
Speaker:
**Alex
Bedford**
Motorcycling
Champion



Church Trip to St. Andrews Saturday 13th June



£18 – Sign up in foyer
Leave Church 10am
High Tea included



PRAYER
REQUESTS



FRANCE

Phillipe & Marie-Christine



Phil and Marie, Aix-en-Provence May 2026

Greetings from Northern Ireland! I am currently in the midst of a GLO evangelism camp; God willing, I look forward to sharing more details about this experience with you next month.

Praise and Thanksgiving

We are so encouraged by what God did during our recent camp (April 20–25) held in **Istres** and **Salon-de-Provence**. Centered on the theme of "The Paranormal," the event allowed us to reach hundreds of people through street outreach and personal invitations.

Over a hundred people heard the Gospel for the very first time during the conferences, and several of them have expressed a desire to stay in contact with us. We praise God for these open doors!

Prayer Requests & Key Dates

- **May 3–6 | Toulouse:** I (Phil) will be accompanying Marie as she visits an intern from the Geneva Bible School (IBG) and her mentor to conduct an internship report. While she conducts these visits, I will be dedicating time to writing my biblical commentary.
- **Marriage Preparation:** Marie and I are currently mentoring Julia and Jimmy, a young couple preparing for marriage. Please pray for us to have the necessary wisdom as we walk alongside them.
- **May 19, Tuesday | CEP Aix:** Phil will be leading a biblical training session on the theme of **Pentecost**. Please pray for clarity and spiritual impact.
- **May 22–26 | Belgium:** We will be traveling to Belgium for pastoral follow-up with young leaders in a training program led by our former intern, Joshua. Phil will also use this time to visit an IBG intern and their mentor.
- **May 30 | Antibes (CFRI):** Phil will lead the Regional Training Center for Church Planters (CFRI) on the Riviera. This is a strategic moment as five specific projects are in their finalization phase.
- **May 31 | Antibes:** Phil will be preaching in this church, and we will both spend time visiting key individuals in the area.

Vision for the Future

- **Musical Project:** Please pray for the launch of a new YouTube project designed to encourage meditation on God's Word through weekly musical compositions.
- **Café-Théâtre in Aix:** We are planning to launch a "Café-Théâtre" in the Student Center (Foyer pour Étudiants) starting in September 2026. As Aix-en-Provence is a city of art, we believe this will be a powerful and relevant way to share the Gospel through Christian artists.

More than ever, we are dependent on God—both in prayer and in practical matters. We are deeply grateful for your interest and your faithful support.

Be blessed,

Phil & Marie



Nyangombe – Gordon and Sybil



Points of Praise:

- A) An excellent Sunday School Teachers seminar was held over eight days
- B) On Saturday, 105 youth from Nyangombe and surrounding villages came to Nyangombe to spend the day hearing the Word of God preached and participating in games and other fun activities.
- C) Church leaders from surrounding villages gathered for a planning meeting to establish a district committee to plan youth events across the district.
- D) Some of the new mason, carpenter and mechanic trainees have already been selected and will begin their program at the end of the month. Others will be selected this week, and all will live and study at Nyangombe for the next 18-24 months.
- E) Plans are being finalized this week for Nyangombe goods, already in our mission goods distribution centre at Musenga, to be transported as soon as possible.

Nyangombe – Gordon and Sybil



Please pray that:

- A) The Gulf war will come to a peaceful resolution. (Zambia has declared a fuel emergency and fuel is not always available around the country.)
- B) The judgement on the court case against Nyangombe, which was scheduled for 31 March, is still delayed awaiting the judgment being presented.
- C) The women planning to attend the ladies conference on 5th to 15th May will find the resources needed to attend and that God will be preparing their hearts to hear His Word.
- D) Youth will hear God speaking into their lives during the end of term break.
- E) Local farmers will be successful in deterring the hippos who once again are decimating gardens.
- F) An adequate response to high youth suicide rates, which are higher than anyone can recall, will be found as leaders from Church and Government consult and look for ways to address the problem.



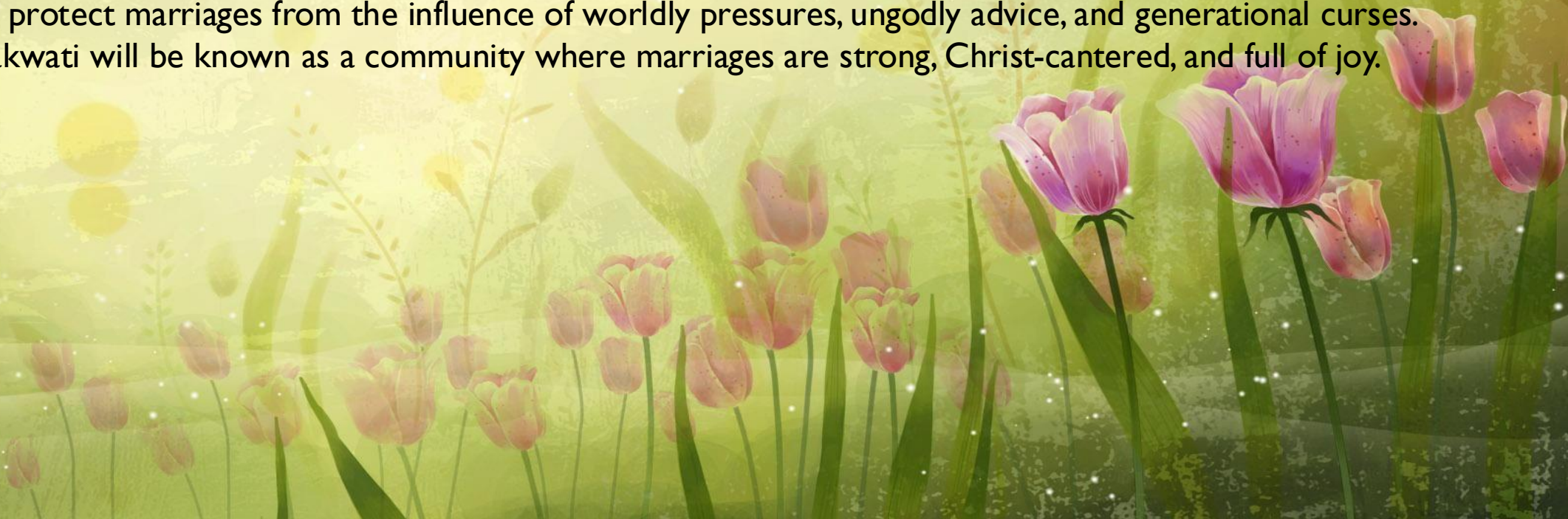
- Sunday School Teachers doing 'practical exercises' with children
- Michael Mukosayi speaking to the youth gathering
- Church leaders planning for youth committees



Wati & Nkandu

I. Pray for Marriages in the Makwati Church & Community. Of late I have been involved in marital counselling and helping to restore and reconciling many marriages in the church and in community.

- Pray for God's presence to be restored at the centre of every home in Makwati Church and Community (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
- Pray and stand against every spiritual attack on marriages confusion, division, infidelity, anger, and discouragement in the mighty name of Jesus.
- Pray for love, faithfulness, humility, and forgiveness to increase between husbands and wives (Ephesians 5:25).
- Pray for healing of broken relationships and restored peace where there is conflict in marriages.
- Pray that couples will be rooted in prayer, the Word of God, and godly counsel.
- Pray God to protect marriages from the influence of worldly pressures, ungodly advice, and generational curses.
- Pray that Makwati will be known as a community where marriages are strong, Christ-centered, and full of joy.



2. Prayer Points for the Youth.

- Pray for the youth who heard the Gospel, that the seed of the Word of God will take deep root in their hearts (Matthew 13:23). Many of these young people come from difficult and ungodly family backgrounds.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw them closer to God daily, and help them grow in faith, obedience, and holiness.
- Pray for them for deliverance from peer pressure, addiction, immorality, and destructive influences.
- Pray for these young people for boldness to stand for Christ even when it is hard that they will serve God faithfully and transforms their communities.



3. Pray for us as a family.

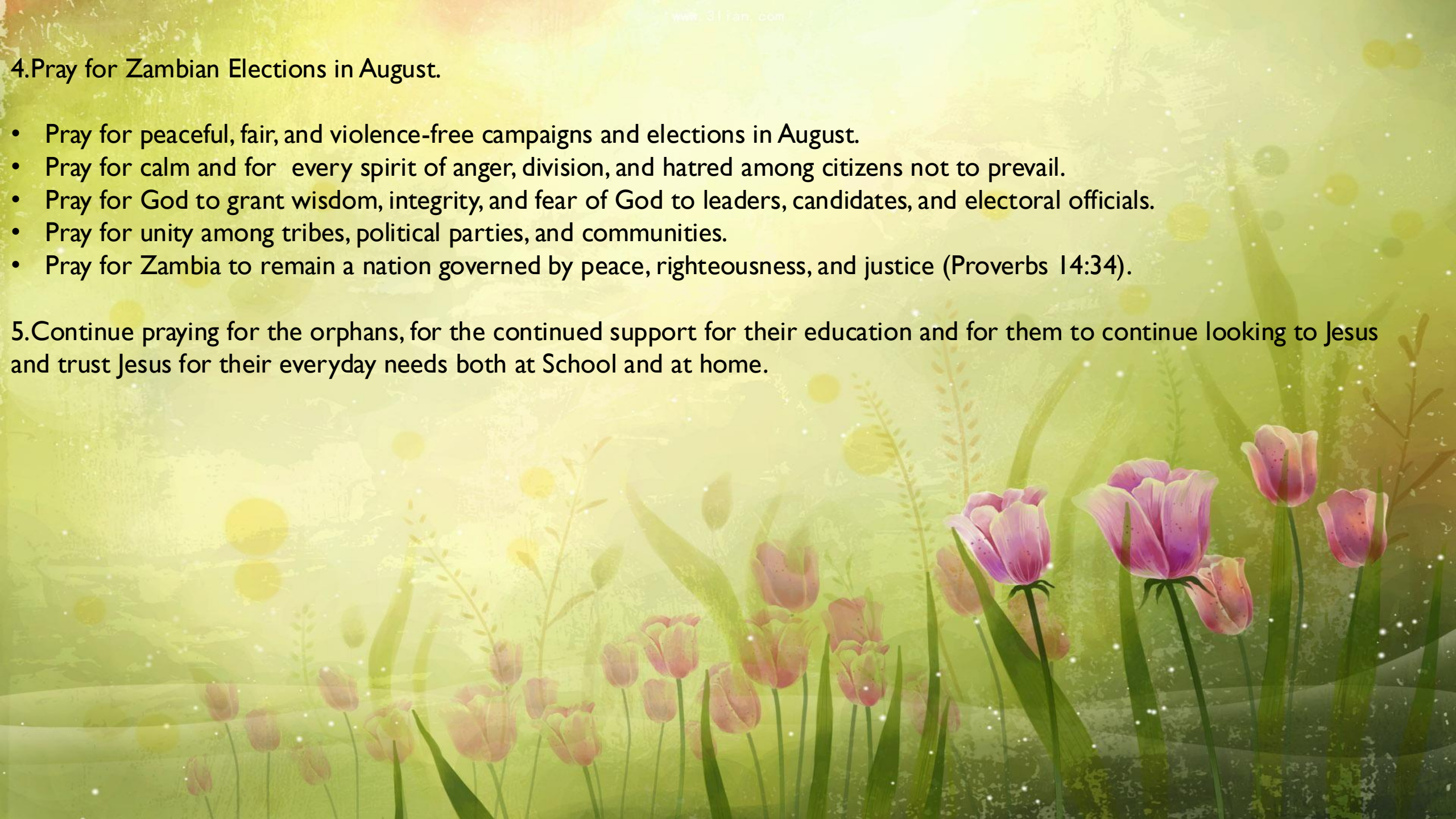
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to grow deeper in love for Him and for one another.
- Pray for God to always strengthen our prayer life, unity, and commitment to His Word.
- Pray for our home to be filled with peace, joy, and the Holy Spirit and people who will be around us we see Jesus Christ in us.
- Pray for us for God's protection to be on us from spiritual attacks, discouragement, and distractions and all health issues.
- Pray for our family to be a light and testimony of God's love to others. "As for us and our house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).



4. Pray for Zambian Elections in August.

- Pray for peaceful, fair, and violence-free campaigns and elections in August.
- Pray for calm and for every spirit of anger, division, and hatred among citizens not to prevail.
- Pray for God to grant wisdom, integrity, and fear of God to leaders, candidates, and electoral officials.
- Pray for unity among tribes, political parties, and communities.
- Pray for Zambia to remain a nation governed by peace, righteousness, and justice (Proverbs 14:34).

5. Continue praying for the orphans, for the continued support for their education and for them to continue looking to Jesus and trust Jesus for their everyday needs both at School and at home.





Juli & Ela

Please pray for:

- * The church plant in Akerni. Three people from there will be baptized in mid-May.
- * The LivingStone youth group that Juli leads. The group has grown, and we now have 30–40 teens attending each week, but only four leaders.
- * Alesio, Amelia, and Anamaria, who will be baptized in mid-May.
- * Juli as he helps organize the Albanian Leadership Forum, where around 220 Albanian leaders will gather for training in 10 different networks.
- * Juli as he leads the Youth Leaders Network, with 21 people registered. Pray that the Lord would use this time to equip and encourage them for His Kingdom.
- * Ela's new initiative to give women, marginalized people, and students an opportunity for part-time work. We will send a fuller update about this soon.
- * The discipleship camp on May 8–9, where we will prepare 20 of our volunteers for the summer camps.

Thank you so much for praying with us.

From Ermal and Denisa

Dear brothers and sisters, Warm greetings from Albania!

We are grateful for the opportunity to share a short update on what the Lord is doing here and how you are part of it through your prayers and support.

1. Church Plant – “Light & Salt”

As you may know, we have joined and are actively involved in a growing church plant called Light & Salt. The vision is to build a Christ-centered community that reflects the gospel in both word and life. Our focus is on preaching the Word, building authentic relationships, and reaching those who do not yet know Christ. I (Ermal) am personally serving in a leadership role, helping guide the vision, teaching, and discipling others within the church. And Denisa is actively involved with children and women in the community!

2. Teachers Ministry

Together with Denisa, we are serving in a ministry that disciples and equips teachers in Vlorë. This has become a strategic area of impact, as these teachers influence many young lives daily. Through regular meetings, encouragement, and biblical teaching, we are helping them grow both spiritually and in their calling.

3. Youth Ministry – Josiah Venture

I (Ermal) am also continuing to work with Josiah Venture in youth ministry, supporting churches across Albania in reaching the next generation. This includes organizing sports activities, music initiatives, leadership training, and camps. Our heart is to see young people come to know Christ and be equipped to live for Him boldly.

At the core of everything we do is a deep commitment to discipleship and outreach—helping believers grow in maturity while actively reaching those who have not yet heard or responded to the gospel.

One encouragement I'd love to share is about a young boy named Geart, whom I've been discipling personally. It has been a joy to walk alongside him as he grows in his understanding of God and begins to take his faith more seriously. Seeing his hunger to learn, his questions, and his desire to follow Christ is a reminder of why discipleship matters so much. Please pray that he would continue to grow in faith, be rooted deeply in God's Word, and become a strong witness to others around him.

We also want to share about Duka, a single mother of two children, Armando and Amelia, who is in a very difficult season of rebuilding her life after experiencing severe abuse in her marriage. In the midst of this, we see God gently at work, bringing hope and healing step by step. Denisa has been walking closely with her—offering support, encouragement, and pointing her to Christ. Please pray for strength, protection, and deep restoration for Duka and her children, and that their home would become a place marked by peace and new beginnings.

Thank you for standing with us. Your prayers and support make a real difference here.

With gratitude and hope



I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26