

## World Focus for August

### The Great Escape

Our title this month matches that of the summer series at The Ten O'clock service which is based on the life of Moses. There are various aspects of this story that have direct relevance to mission. The following are some examples, together with suggestions on how this leads us to pray.

- *The baby in a basket*: an example of providing protection to the vulnerable. There is also the backstory of the two midwives defying the unjust orders of Pharaoh. **Pray** for those challenging unjust laws.
- *The burning bush*: God called Moses to a specific task. Moses displayed a degree of reluctance, before embracing the task. One note of caution: Moses' call was a unique event for a unique task; today the call of God has both individual and corporate elements. Those exploring volunteering with Christian organisations or entering full-time Christian work should always involve some of their close confidantes, small group leaders and appropriate others in the discernment and application processes. **Pray** for clarity for all those exploring direct participation in Christian organisations. **Pray** that local organisations such as Street Pastors, Foodbank and the hospital chaplaincy team find the volunteers they need.
- *Places of worship*: Moses asked Pharaoh for permission for the Israelites to take a pilgrimage in order to worship. Later Moses was given instructions for the tabernacle as a central place of worship. **Pray** for those denied places of worship; one example at present is the closure of church buildings in Algeria.
- *The giving of the law and the call to obedience*: **pray** that we would all be obedient to God's word, making well informed decisions whenever we face ethical challenges, especially in places of employment.
- *Relying on God's provision*: Moses and the Israelites were dependent on the daily supply of manna and finding water. **Pray** that Mission Partners will receive the resources – the "daily bread" – that they need.
- *Remaining faithful*: there are several examples of Moses remaining true to God despite the assorted pressures and complaints of some of the Israelites. **Pray** for gentle, consistent persistence for mission partners.

#### Intercessions on Sundays:

Please use a selection of the following.

#### The Great Escape:

- See above

#### Specific Mission Partners:

- You are welcome to pray for any of the church's Mission Partners you know well.

#### Church members volunteering:

- For those leading or assisting at summer camps.

#### Knowing Jesus Christ and sharing His hope:

- Pray that many find peace with God because of how each of us lives our daily lives
- Likewise, pray that all involved with each of our mission partners will make Jesus accessible to many by how they live their lives and do what they do