



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 5 April 2015**

*Easter Day - Democratic Republic of Congo*

Conflict has caused a great many problems in this African nation, but MU members are doing their best to support the vulnerable - providing food, clothes and money, speaking up for widows and being actively involved in educating women and young people who have missed out on formal education.

“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.’” (John 11.25)

*We pray that the Awaken Process in DR Congo will have a growing impact in local communities. We ask too for our members’ advocacy work with victims of gender-based violence, as they seek to encourage spiritual and psychological recovery.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 12 April 2015**

*Tanzania*

By raising issues and campaigning, starting up micro-credit savings groups, focusing on health and the empowerment of women, plus diocese-specific activities, MU members in Tanzania are working hard to improve family life in their communities.

“Thomas said to Jesus ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’” (John 20.28-29)

*Lord, we thank you for the work of MU in Tanzania. We ask that they may be enabled to move forward together, putting their vision into action as they work to build your kingdom on earth.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 19 April 2015**

*Papua New Guinea*

Health, education and infrastructure continue to deteriorate in the cities and rural areas of PNG.

Unemployment rates continue to soar, particularly among the youth. MU has realised that there is a need to collaborate with the Church and government to share and provide services to the people.

“Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20.21-22)

*We thank God for the vital care that our members in PNG give to victims of gender-based violence. We pray for them as they move forward in their work of prevention and awareness-raising.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 26 April 2015**

*Guyana and Suriname*

Unemployment, domestic violence, poverty and corruption provide social and economic challenges in these two South American nations. MU members use the vehicles of education and empowerment to meet the challenges these present.

“Jesus commands: ‘Go and make disciples of all nations ... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” (Matthew 28.19-20)

*We pray for the AWAKEN Process in Guyana, that it would enable communities to discover God’s provision for them. We pray, too, for our members involved in the Parenting Programme.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 3 May 2015**

*Kenya*

MU members in Kenya offer training on many subjects, to empower and enable local communities to provide for themselves. These include seminars on relationships and marriage, the sharing of food and household items, the implementation of irrigation systems to enhance crops.

“Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” (Romans 6.4)

*We pray for our members in Kenya as they work amidst the instability of the country. May they be empowered to bring healing and light to those who suffer in bleak situations, and know the encouragement and protection of Christ in all they do.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 10 May 2015**

*Australia*

The gap between rich and poor in Australia is widening. Despite being a relatively wealthy nation, Australia still has areas of poverty, and it is here that MU members work hard to make a difference.

“God shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn’t come from us.”

*We give thanks for the many different aspects of care that our members in Australia give to their communities. We pray for their work with the homeless and the support they give to those involved with family court cases.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 17 May 2015**

*Argentina*

A well-established women’s movement in Argentina makes a good base for growing membership in this southern American nation. We pray for the development of A.M.A.R.E. (in Spanish “Anglican Women Renewed in the Spirit”) and the word ‘amaré’ means ‘I will love’.

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1.11)

*We give thanks for the growth of MU in Argentina, particularly through the Parenting Programme. We pray for their facilitators and trainers, and for all our members who work to defuse tension between different racial groups.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 24 May 2015**

*Angola*

Women in Angola are the most vulnerable group, affected by poverty and facing hunger. Many also face the problem of breast and uterus cancer and do not know how to access help. MU members are helping to raise the standard of health in their communities.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1.8)

*Lord, fill us with your Spirit. We pray for our members in Angola as they deal with maternal and child health issues. We ask for strength as they seek to improve mortality rates through good hygiene and community health schemes.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 31 May 2015**

*Canada*

Indigenous people in the Canadian North struggle to survive. Improving parenting and stopping violence against women and children are just two of the goals of MU in Canada.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13.14)

*We thank God for the dynamic fundraising of our members in Canada and their aim to be self-sufficient. We pray for the success of the Parenting Programme in the Arctic North, where communities struggle with many social problems.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 7 June 2015**

*Thailand*

It is not always easy for members to reach each other in remote villages, but fellowship is a priority for MU members in Thailand. The success of nursery schools run by members is continuing. Those who cannot attend worship are visited and members are also engaged in income-generating projects.

“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.” (Romans 1.8)

*Thank you, Lord, for the work of MU in Thailand in the border areas. We pray for our members as they provide nursery school opportunities in refugee camps.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 14 June 2015**

*Jamaica and the Cayman Islands*

Students and the elderly are two groups that benefit from the care and support provided by Jamaica's MU members. They provide scholarships and grants to needy students and operate feeding programmes and take care of the elderly and less fortunate in their villages.

“Under the control of Christ, each part of the body does its work. It supports the other parts. In that way, the body is joined and held together. (Ephesians 4.16)

*We give thanks for the success of the Parenting Programme in Jamaica over the last 11 years. We pray for our members as they continue to support the needy and vulnerable in their communities.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 21 June 2015**

*South Africa*

Last June the Archbishop of Cape Town blessed the opening of a new MU Skills Centre in Zululand Diocese - the fulfilment of a long-held dream. In Pretoria members mobilised the community to support a family of 5 siblings with no parents by providing groceries and ensuring the children could attend school. “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3.1)

*Lord, please guide our members in South Africa as they explore effective ways of helping their communities. We pray that their vocational training would bear much fruit. We thank you for their work with boys, and their feeding programmes.*



### **Thought for the Week from MU - Sunday 28 June 2015**

*Zambia*

Unemployment, poverty and illiteracy are very high in Zambia. HIV/AIDS has resulted in many orphaned and vulnerable children. MU has run rallies, seminars and workshops to teach Christian values. They speak out against gender-based violence, own land to grow crops and print and sell material.

“The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love others also.” (1 John 4.21)

*Lord, we thank you for our members in Zambia as they serve those in hard to reach places. Bless their partnerships with others as they enable communities to practically benefit from resources made available.*