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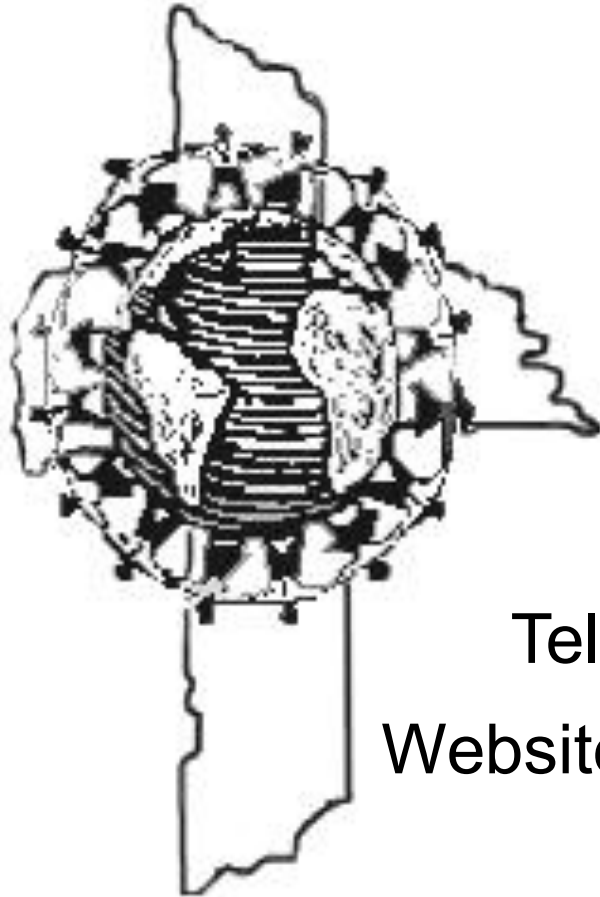
IDLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH



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# Idle Baptist Church



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## **FEEDING PEOPLE**

When Jesus was teaching the people and healing the sick, it became apparent that it was getting late and everyone needed to eat. He then revealed His power by taking only five loaves and two fish, blessed them and gave thanks for them and fed more than five thousand people, with more food remaining.

Some people have asked how we manage to feed all those who come to our Coffee Mornings and Lunches for the small amount of only £3 per person. I am not comparing that with Jesus' miracle, but it is by faith that we feed everyone who comes through our doors.

We manage to convert that small amount of money into more meals for the next time by hunting down bargains, being creative with recipes and buying some ingredients in bulk. Of course, it helps that our Church pays for overheads as an outreach to the Community and the labour of volunteers puts it into practise.

We never know who will come and sometimes we only just manage to scrape together the last few bits for the volunteers, but more often there is an abundance as Jesus blesses our efforts.

So the answer to the question about how we manage is that it is self sustaining through trusting in the Lord.

**Denise**

## **“Lest We Forget”**

During our travels, on holiday, or when we are out and about, I enjoy visiting other Churches. I look at the windows, the displays, and the gifts which people have used to praise God and make the Church more welcoming.

Woodwork and embroidery, banners and flower arranging, all are God's gifts which we can all appreciate, in recent years I have seen the wonderful “Poppy drapes and hangings” which have been made to hang inside and outside Churches during November.

When I asked at Church if people were interested creating one to hang outside our church, I received a very positive “Yes”, so, we have a Project to create a hanging to go down the wall, near our out door Cross.

We have both Knitting and Crochet patterns (they are also available on the Internet) some red wool, and a length of black netting to sew your Poppies onto, so if you can help us, please pick up your supplies at church.

If you have your own wool, red, green, and black Double Knitting, that would be great. The box of supplies will be brought out at the Tuesday Coffee Morning and if requested on Sunday mornings.

Please leave a “Tail” of wool on the back of your poppies so they can be sewn onto the netting.

I hope we can have a “Sewing on Session” on Tuesday Coffee Mornings in October!

Ladies, and Gentlemen, please have a go.

The Women's Institute are hoping to produce Poppies for us, everyone is welcome so please “Have a Go” and help us to provide a Focal Point of Remembrance in our village, this year and perhaps for many years to come.

War is a terrible act of violence, let us show our Love of Others by creating something beautiful.

**Pat W.**

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## **Wishes For You**

A pocketful of mindfulness,

A special box of joy,

A pocketful of hopefulness

That nothing can destroy.

These are the gifts of life we need

To help us on our way,

To bring a little sunshine in

And brighten every day.

A basketful of hopes and dreams

That one day will come true,

And many days of happiness

All these I wish for you.

Iris Hesselden

*I saw this Poem in a July copy of the Peoples Friend and thought it should be shared.*

**Pat W.**

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**BMS Birthday Scheme**  
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We wish the following friends a very happy birthday.

Happy  
Birthday

**August**

24th John

**September**

28th Christine

**October**

4th Audrey



**Christine**

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**PASTORAL**  
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Several members of our congregation have been unwell during the last few weeks. We are pleased that most are now feeling better. However we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Christine**



Thank you for the calls, mails and especially prayers that have been given to me over the past difficult months. I do appreciate all your thoughts. Not better but improving!!

Love to you all.

**Shirley.**



Our thanks and appreciation for all the good wishes, prayers and cards during the last few weeks. We are waiting for results of Milton's X-rays and 48 hour monitoring which have been carried out but, to date, no information about what caused the problem, so still not driving!

Audrey is having to drive and is still visiting the doctor for regular check-ups and reviews of her medication,

*"You could n't make one good one out of the pair of us!"*

Thanks again.

**Audrey and Milton**

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## **HE GIVETH MORE GRACE**

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase;  
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed 'ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,  
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;  
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing,  
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For, out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

*A.J.Flint*

**Shirley**

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# NOTICE BOARD

DATE		PREACHERS	STEWARDS	TEA & COFFEE
August	6	Gaynor <i>Communion</i>	Eileen	Audrey
	13	Pat and Alan	Elizabeth	Helen
	20	Paul Allen	Helen	Lesley
	27	Denise	Rosemary	Christine
September	3	Paul Allen <i>Communion</i>	Audrey	Rosemary
	10	Chris Edmondson <i>Church Anniversary</i>	Christine	Eileen
	17	Gaynor	Doug	Lesley
	24	Allen Holmes	Elizabeth	Denise
October	1	Cath Mawson <i>Communion</i>	Eileen	Helen
	8	Geoff Forder <i>Harvest</i>	Helen	Rosemary

DATE		COMMUNION	FLOWERS
August	6	Helen	Rosemary
September	3	Denise	<b>**Volunteer please**</b>
October	1	Christine	Audrey

**IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE COVER**

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# QUIET ROOM

In this busy life it is often helpful to

## “Take Time Out”

be quiet for a few minutes and have time to think.

Please feel free to use our Quiet Room.

It is open whenever the building is in use.

**Use this quiet space  
and seek God’s presence.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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The next edition of the Messenger will be available on

**Sunday, 1st October, 2023**

Please let me have anything you would like to see in that edition by

**Sunday, 24th September, 2023**



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## Rock of Ages, cleft for me.

“Rock of Ages, cleft for me,” is not a hymn we sing very often but it does have an interesting story behind it.

Augustus Toplady, the writer, was a curate at a church in Blagdon near the Mendip Hills in Somerset. There was an occasion when he was travelling along the gorge of Burrington Combe in the Hills when he was caught in a storm. The title came to Toplady when he found shelter in a gap in the gorge.

Augustus Toplady was born in Farnham in Surrey in 1740. He was ordained to the ministry of the Church of England in 1762 and was the vicar of Broadhembury, a small parish in Devon, from 1768. The last few years of his life were spent in London where he was a preacher at an independent chapel. He died of consumption in 1778.

The theme of the hymn is that the only way we can know God fully is to trust in Jesus. The power of our sin separates us from God. Jesus has paid the price necessary to free us from this power through his death and resurrection.

Verse 1.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.

A request to hide ourselves in Jesus to save us from the guilt and power of our sin.

Psalm 18 v 2

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield and the horn (strength) of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Romans 3 v 23 - 25

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement.*

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Verse 2.

Not the labour of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All could never sin erase,  
Thou must save, and save by grace.

No matter how hard we try, no matter how what we do, nothing we do will free us from the effect of our sin.

Galatians 2 v 16

*Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.*

Ephesians 2 v 8 & 9

*<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Verse 3.

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

We come to Jesus to be freed from the power of sin.

Zechariah 13 v 1

*On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.*

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## Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

The Lord will take care of us both in this life and eternity.

A good summary of this is found in the last 3 verses of Psalm 23.

*Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,*

*I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

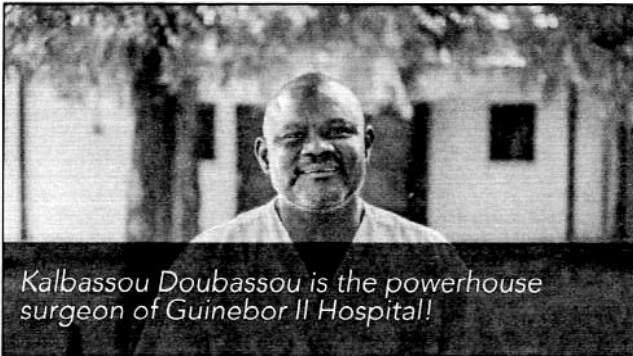
*Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.*

**Peter**



# WORLDNEWS

## THE DIARY OF A BMS SURGEON



*Kalbassou Doubassou is the powerhouse surgeon of Guinebor II Hospital!*

**Welcome to the diary of Kalbassou Doubassou, a BMS World Mission surgeon.**

Kalbassou often starts his days by performing surgery. In one month, Guinebor II Hospital (G2) in Chad can receive over 570 patients in its emergency department. Without the hospital, they might turn to traditional healers or to buying medicines from unregulated street vendors, many of whom can unintentionally make their patients catastrophically ill.

All these operations are carried out despite the challenges that come from working in Chad. May is a notoriously hot month, the peak of Chad's dry season. Temperatures inside can hit 40 degrees, a difficult climate for anyone to work in, let alone perform surgery in. Then, there's political instability. Recently G2 Hospital shared that the country has fallen even further down the UN's Human Development Index, now ranking 190 out of 191 countries.

Along with all this, there are problems of accessing hardware and medicine for the hospital, such as screws to fix fractured limbs.

Kalbassou works through all this, despite a recent bout of flu and experiencing personal struggle, and rejoices that "the Good Shepherd is always in control". There are huge encouragements even in hardship. Two little girls, Halimé and Khadija, suffered a terrible accident when a wall fell on them as they were playing. Fortunately Kalbassou was there. "They received treatment and today a relationship has been created between the two families and me because of the good results," Kalbassou writes.

It's been a busy month, and Kalbassou's work isn't ending, but he is praising God for everything he's doing. The Chadian Minister of Health has granted more land for the hospital. Kalbassou has passed an orthopaedic course. And he's learning new ways of working interculturally. Fortunately, Kalbassou knows exactly where his strength comes from: "The Lord is gracious," he says, "to those who hope in him."

Read more about the amazing work Kalbassou does every day here:  
[www.bmsworldmission.org/surgeondiary](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/surgeondiary)

## BA NUAN'S STORY



Your support is bringing people to faith in Thailand.

**Ba Nuan went from not being able to see a way forward to living every day for Jesus. Her incredible story was made possible through your gifts to the Thailand Spring appeal.**

As a child, Ba Nuan was sent to care for her grandmother when she became too elderly to look after herself. Though young, Ba Nuan grew up far from home, becoming both caregiver and breadwinner.

When Ba Nuan wasn't at school, she spent her free time labouring and collecting sticks to be sold for thatched roofs – with no time to dream about her future.

But as Ba Nuan grew, so did her work ethic. She opened a restaurant and worked as a medium to cure people believed to be cursed by black magic. Married with two children and a stable career, poverty gradually lost its grip.

But one day, Ba Nuan's world crumbled. She was heartbroken to discover her husband had been unfaithful and her business began to collapse. Then, tragically, Ba Nuan's husband took his own life. Alone and in despair, Ba Nuan couldn't

see a way forward. Until she was introduced to Jesus.

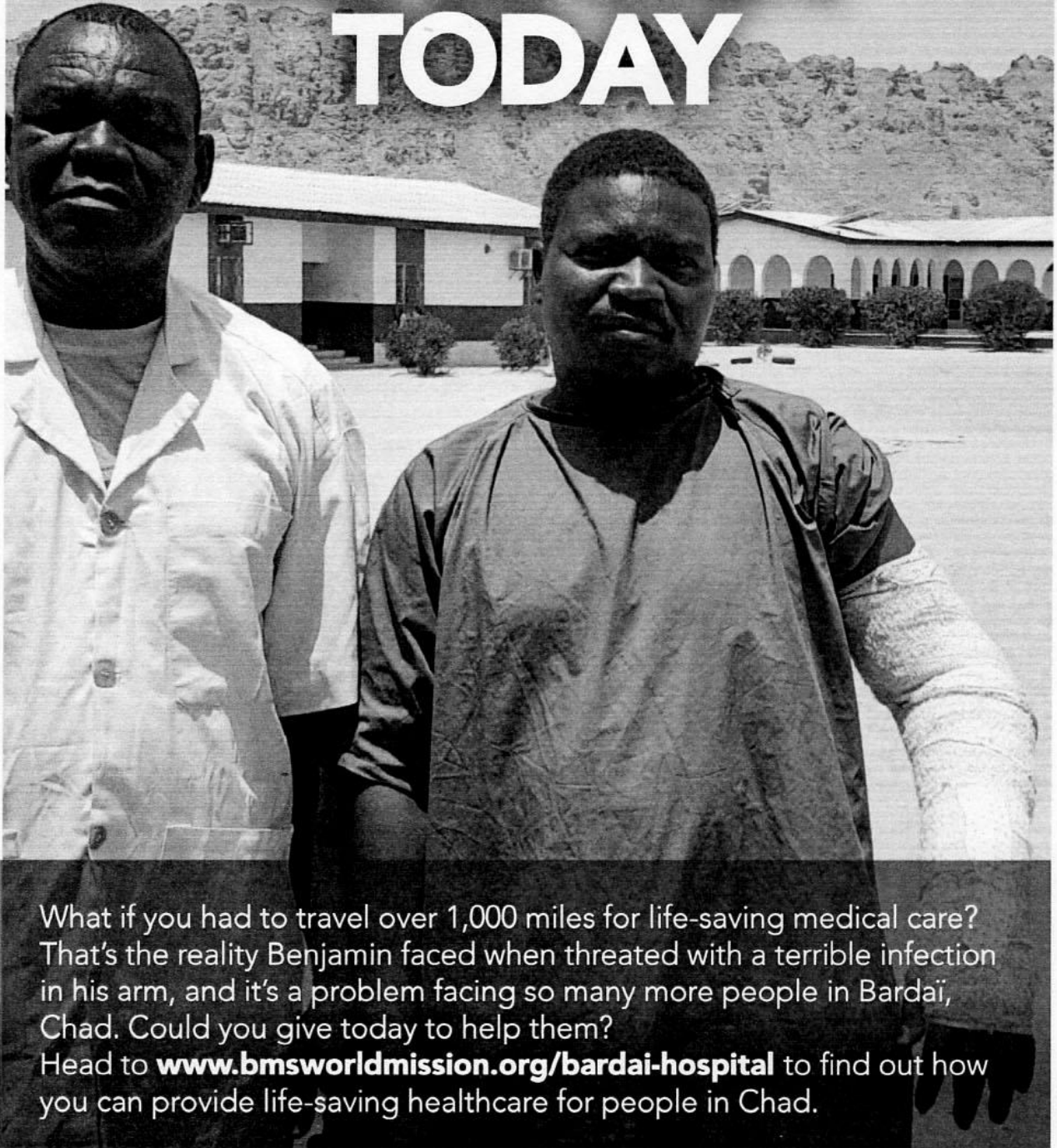
Ba Nuan was invited to the church run by BMS World Mission workers Helen and Wit Boondeekhun in Wang Daeng. There, she encountered unconditional love, from God and from her new community. "I didn't have any hope, my life was in despair," says Ba Nuan. "But now I have found a new life."

Amazingly, the village has gone from not knowing Jesus, to a community where eight new believers were baptised just last year. Excitingly, Ba Nuan was one of them. And she has this message for supporters: "Love God with all your mind, soul and strength, because God is powerful, and he can help you, and he loves you so much."

Read more about Ba Nuan's story and her life in Wang Daeng here:  
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# YOU CAN HELP BENJAMIN TODAY



What if you had to travel over 1,000 miles for life-saving medical care? That's the reality Benjamin faced when threatened with a terrible infection in his arm, and it's a problem facing so many more people in Bardai, Chad. Could you give today to help them?

Head to **[www.bmsworldmission.org/bardai-hospital](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/bardai-hospital)** to find out how you can provide life-saving healthcare for people in Chad.



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# WEEKLY DIARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Service of Christian worship</b> <i>Includes Communion on the First Sunday in the month</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Well Connected Café</b> <i>Second Monday of the month</i>
	<b>7.30pm - 9.30pm</b>	<b>W.I.</b> <i>Third Monday of the month</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30am to 1.00pm</b>	<b>Coffee drop in &amp; snack lunches</b> <i>First &amp; third (&amp; fifth) Tuesdays</i>
	<b>10.30am to 2.00pm</b>	<b>Memory Club</b> <i>Second and fourth Tuesdays</i>
	<b>5.30pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b>
	<b>6.30pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Brownies and Rainbows</b> <i>School Term Times only</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3.00pm &amp; 8.00pm</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am &amp; 11.00am</b>	<b>Slimming World</b>
	<b>1.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	<b>Guitar Class</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Bradford Arts Club</b>

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