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Hello Everyone

Its been a strange week here in Spain. Many of you will have heard me mention my friend who lives near to Lewes East Sussex, who is a wonderful supporter of Mothers' Union here. She is the person who collects for the Woman's Refuge and GFFG and has knitted dozens of hats. She and her husband Mike arrived here last Thursday... as they usually do, but on Sunday morning Mike fell in the kitchen banging the back of his head with a horrendous crack. There result of this is that he has a brain bleed and is in Hospital in Almeria. Here they specialise in neurological conditions and for 2 days Mike was "asleep". We were all very worried however he is now awake and the doctors say that they are very pleased with his progress. You can imagine that we have not done a lot of relaxing this week but feel that the worst is over now and we are hoping that he will be discharged soon.

Meanwhile this week has seen Margaret chair her first Deanery Meeting at St Georges House at The Minster. She was ably supported by Chris. I am reliably told that all went well!! More about it next week when I get some details.

Our February Meeting on Tuesday launched the "Joy Bags" project. There were many suggestions put forward and contributions for the actual bags were collected. This will be an evolving project as we want to pack bags suitable for different situations and so are open to all suggestions for contents and format ie of the prayers to include. We will liaise with The Church Pastoral Committee about recipients.

I have had an update from Margaret Jackson, about the CART collection.

"I still have not got a date for CART to come and collect items from me. However if anyone would like to contact me about items suitable for Africa we can come to some arrangement. I already have 5 sewing machines a knitting machines a wood turning lathe a bike and a garage full of tools and bags of blankets."

This is a great result and if anyone has anything to donate, please contact Margaret Culloden.

The world situation doesn't appear to be getting any better. It is heartbreaking to hear of the problems so many folk are enduring. The shootings in the USA and

knife crime in the UK do not make good news as well as the continuing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, so the prayers for this week are once again relevant.

Pray that we can readily show love to those who feel unloved or for whom love has been painful in the past. May we, through acts of kindness, restore their faith in what humanity can do and touch their lives with the love of God.

Pray for those who are spreading the word of the Lord in hostile environments abroad. May the Lord protect them from danger, as they share the Gospel and God's love in the most difficult areas of the world.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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