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This year, our prayers, are again needed for people, wherever they live in the world, whether they are experiencing the tragedy and trauma from conflict, violence or natural disasters or struggling with the everyday stresses of modern day life.

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Mothers' Union is providing support so people can overcome inequality and together we continue to build communities where everyone thrives all around the world.

This summer, our focus is turning Hope into Action, giving us the chance to pray together with hopeful hearts and bring healing to those in need. When someone finds themselves unexpectedly in hospital, when a parent goes to prison, when a baby is born premature, you can help Mothers' Union be there to support them. From hygiene kits to warm hats, a safe place to talk and parenting guidance, with your support this summer, we can strengthen our communities worldwide, and transform lives.

Here in the UK, the cost of living crisis is adding tremendous strain for families already going through incredibly difficult times. Mothers' Union helps parents and children facing adversity have a much needed break away together. A time where they can enjoy being with one another and put aside the stresses and strains of everyday life.

Parents Claire and Andy have two sons. Claire told us: "Alex (15 years old) had brain surgery in 2020, which left him with epilepsy, and Toby (14) was donated a kidney just before Christmas by my husband." The family's life revolves around hospital appointments, blood tests, ordering catheters, queuing in pharmacies, and "anything not related to health had taken a back seat."

Mothers' Union members arranged a week's break away from it all for the family on the beautiful Welsh coast. "I cannot articulate the benefit we have gained from this trip," says Claire. "We were broken and felt repaired. Your kindness and generosity reminded us that we are not alone, but that we are blessed. Sometimes it is hard to stay positive and my faith has been truly tested but we are galvanised again."



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"This holiday has allowed us to reconnect as a family. Your kindness will never be forgotten."

A thank you message from a Away From It All break



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This Summer of Hope, you can help more families have the support they need to take a break, have adventures and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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For someone in the confinement of prison, your prayers can also spark hope, which can turn into positive action and create transformational change. Many young male offenders who have children want to be better dads but lack confidence, skills or encouragement. That's where your support to help us train Mothers' Union members like Jackie Brocklebank can make a life-changing difference.

"I have applied some of the parenting strategies to my day-to-day relationships."

"I trained as a Mothers' Union parenting facilitator in 2007," says Jackie, "and I was inspired by one of the tutors who worked in prison." Today, Jackie runs 'Being Dad' course in West Midlands' prisons. Here, each young man learns not only how to be a better dad in the future, but also in the present while they're serving their sentence.

"It helps me being around other people who are learning what it means to be a dad." "I firmly believe we do this work not expecting any rewards. Our actions may bear fruit but God is in charge," says Jackie. You can hear the difference in one young man's words as he reflects, "I felt anxious at first about being honest, but that changed when I did."

This Summer of Hope, may you and your loved ones feel God's blessing as you support each other and those in your community to make positive change and bring hope and healing where it's so desperately needed.

Can you support our life-changing work with a donation today?

Make your gift online at **mothersunion.org/donate** or by completing and returning the donation form below in the Freepost envelope enclosed.

You can also help raise much-needed funds by organising a Summer of Hope event, and inviting your friends, family and neighbours along. There are prayers, ideas and resources available to help you turn Hope into Action at **mothersunion.org/summer-hope-23**.

May God bless you and grant you and your loved ones a Summer full of Hope,

Sheran Happel,

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Sheran Harper Worldwide President, Mothers' Union



PS. Families everywhere need our support and prayers during this Summer of Hope. Join in your local branch's fundraising events, or create your own with the resources at mothersunion.org/summer-hope-23 to raise money to help transform communities. You can use the postcard enclosed to write a prayer or message of support for someone who needs it, or keep it for yourself. Put it somewhere visible to remind you of God's love for you.



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