



CHRIST CHURCH
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Mission Support Weekend

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BUSHFIRE

Link: Roger Wells



As a nation, Uganda has suffered much due to internal conflicts and wars in neighbouring countries in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, HIV/AIDS epidemic and dysfunctional families. As a consequence, it is estimated that there are about 2 million children who are without parents or a parent who cannot care for them.

Uganda Family Resource Link (UFRL) is a non-government organisation (NGO) registered in Uganda (Number S.5914/3698). This NGO was founded in 2002 by Samuel and Eva Kitalya to restore family dynamics and take care of children at risk, within a family setting. The organisation provides housing, food, clothing, health care and education to children in need. Bushfire is the name of the childcare project and the term used to refer to all work that has been developed around this core project.

There are currently almost 90 children living in foster homes at the Bushfire community in Bulange sub-county, Namutumba district of Eastern Uganda. The support we give to the children goes beyond the boundaries of the Bushfire community and extends to children living in the surrounding 37 villages of Bulange sub-county.

Our desire is to see individuals and families at Bushfire and surrounding areas turn their hearts to Jesus, grow strong in the Lord and walk in truth so that their lives are transformed in such a way that they impact future generations for the glory of God.

We are doing this through building the Community's capacity in farming and agriculture, business industry, setting up schools and tree planting. The children and leadership of Bushfire are grateful for all the prayer, practical & financial support, guidance and encouragement from local and overseas supporters.

What we do:

- A Children's Home with cottages separated into boys and girls as well as ages, each approximately housing 20 children. Dedicated House Mothers provide practical care and love for the children. A wonderful feature is the way older children also care for the younger ones.
- A Health Clinic which is staffed by a very busy Nurse who provides basic health and accident services, mainly to Home and School children. Resources are stretched when providing assistance to people in the local villages.
- A Kitchen which provides basic meals each day to the 400 children (day and boarders) and 100 staff. Typically the meals comprise maize, sweet potato, cassava, beans, rice (if good season) and fruit such as mango, banana and pineapple (in season). Typically a 100kg bag of rice will last 2-3 meals for the 400-500 people on site.



- A Primary School which has a classroom and teacher for each grade. The teachers focus on literacy, numeracy and science whilst allowing for the students to have fun. As with other Schools at Bushfire, children from local villages attend.
- A Secondary School which covers all years covering most subjects based on the Ugandan National curriculum up to matriculation level. A Library and Science Laboratory are recent additions.
- A Vocational School was established to provide older students with basic training in such areas as woodwork, metalwork, tailoring, hairdressing, hospitality, and motor mechanics with visiting instructors. It was accredited by the Government in 2012 and offers Certificate level qualifications. Secondary School students normally also participate in Vocational training.
- Farms are essential to provide food for the Bushfire Community. Crops such as maize, sweet potato, ground nuts, rice, pineapples, mangoes are grown as well as raising animals such as goats, chickens and cows. The Farms cannot provide all Bushfire needs hence supplementary food purchases are normally required. This is a substantial problem when crops fail.
- A Business Centre in nearby Bulange village has been established where there is grid power supply. Using donated machinery, local produce such as rice and maize from Bushfire farms is milled together with produce from other growers. Being in a predominately Muslim village, this activity is another means of Bushfire helping and strengthening the local people.
- Church is the centre for many Christian ministries with several Pastors serving in satellite Churches. Besides Sunday Services, there are many Bible Studies, Prayer meetings and House Groups each week as well as evangelism, education, counselling and emergency support.
- Bushfire graduates who have potential to undertake tertiary training in Jinja or Kampala and would have no other means may be sponsored and mentored through Bushfire.
- Support Functions such as administration, finance and maintenance are conducted from Bushfire by a small team of dedicated and capable people.



IcFEM

(Interchristian Fellowships Evangelical Mission)

Link: [Christian Strover](#)



The Mission was founded by Kenyans – Solomon and Ruth Nabie – is staffed and run by Kenyans, and serves Kenyans in the North-West corner of the country – an area about 70 x 40 km, centering on the town of Kimilili. It is a fertile area and most people have small-holdings where they can grow basic crops of maize and beans.

Working with and among Christian fellowships, the Mission recognizes that discipleship involves the transformation of the whole of life, individually and in the community. Therefore, as well as seeking first a commitment, it studies how being a disciple of Christ affects the whole of life.

John wrote “we love because He first loved us” and this is the basis of the work of transformation.

It all starts with the Village Fellowship – a conversation group where people can discover and discuss what it means to be a Christian. The Village Discipleship School is offered for those who seek a full understanding – this is a six month course of Bible study and is particularly valuable for anyone who will be taking a position of leadership in the Fellowship, but leads everyone into mutual care and support, especially of families.

Then there is the awareness of hidden need in the community, especially those who think they have been cursed by God – the sick, the elderly, orphans, people who have cataracts and don’t realize that they can be treated, people still ashamed of having disabled children – to be sought out and introduced to the Dreamland Mission Hospital – “the best hospital in Western Kenya” – to be healed and their lives transformed.

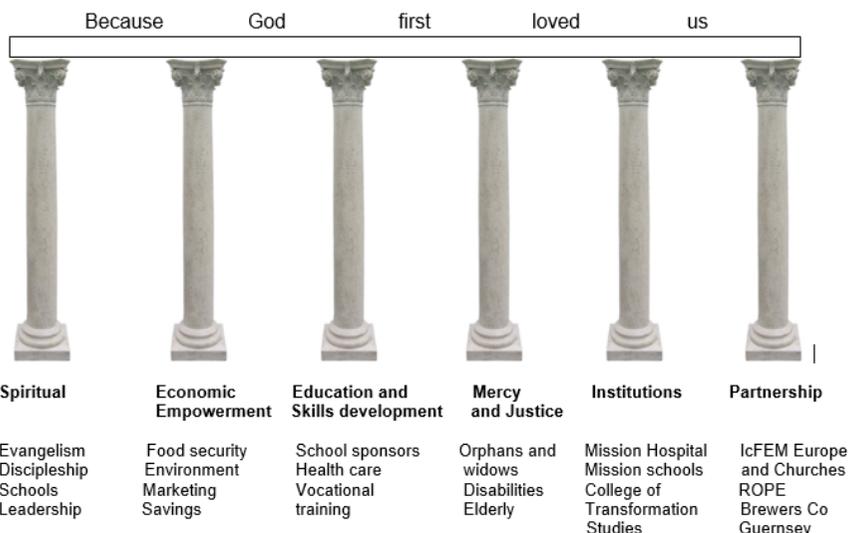
Then there is the realisation that God's gifts can be developed, whether by better use of land, or care of health – cooking stoves, protected springs, sanitation – or the development of skills and the opportunity to earn enough to pay for further education etc.

The Village Fellowships combine into Local Transformation Units – there are over 25 LTUs, each combining between 40 and 80 Fellowships – over 1,200 groups. All these need leaders – they are spread over too wide an area for those at the headquarters to be with them all the time – and the leaders are offered training at the new Institute of Accelerating Community Transformation.

It is one thing to speak of Projects – to which people respond generously. When those projects have been put in place, they need financial support to run them, and this is what we are asking you to do.

There are lots of personal stories and details of the Hospital and School which give a more complete picture, and a monthly report which you can receive by email or in hard copy.

The Six Pillars of Transformation



HOWARD AND NORA NORRISH

Middle East and North Africa

Link: Bill Armstrong



*Transforming lives
and communities*

What a joy that in the midst of the pain and suffering in the Middle East and other parts of the Muslim World, reports continue to come in of people from many ethnic backgrounds, understanding the truth about Jesus and receiving Him as Saviour and Lord. Many learn the truth through dreams and visions followed up by contact with a believer in their area.

Media continues to be very important. We are thrilled that **The Jesus Film is now available in Arabic sign language**. Please pray for this to be widely used.

In summer, Scriptures were distributed in many languages and people are now approaching our teams to ask about the Jesus they are reading about in the Bible.



Somali Bible

Our Personal Mandate:

To help God's Kingdom come in the Arab/Muslim World

In 1966 we received this mandate from God. In various stages of our lives our ministry has taken many different forms but all with this one aim.

We belong to a **Mahabba Group** praying for Muslims in Cambridge. We love to invite international friends to our home. It is our prayer that some will come to faith in Jesus and become His ambassadors when they return home.

The Arabic Translation of **Biblical Principles of Servant Leadership** is out for distribution in digital form and a decision will be made by those on the Field as to whether it also needs to be in print. We are really grateful for your part in funding this. Pray that it will be a resource and a blessing to new leaders from a Muslim background in some of the most restricted countries.



God's Word and modern media



Has anyone told him who Jesus is?

“And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come. (Mt. 24:14)

This is God’s promise. We have the privilege of being His co-workers. Each of us has a part to play. God will place us where the gifts He has given us can best be used. Here is a report from someone serving in management/administration as well as building devices from local materials to help disabled people:

“I work most the time on my own in the office or in the work shed, I don’t see directly how my work contributes to the Kingdom work. This can be discouraging! It is hard to see the impact of filling a payment voucher, writing proposals & reports or building a walker in the day-to-day life of the people. When a guy approached me to build a walker for his elderly mother, I said we would need to see her to take measurements. I went with a co-worker who is an occupational therapist to meet this lady. During the home visit we were able to give advice, but more important, we were able to share some truths about Jesus and heaven and sin and to pray for her. She was really touched and was open to talk about Jesus. For me this was really encouraging because it reminded me that I do the background work so others can do the ‘frontline’ work.”



There is a sense in which we are doing the ‘background’ work. There is no ‘retirement’ on God’s team!

We are facing some health challenges. Howard is waiting for scan results to diagnose abdominal problems and Nora is coping with problems from a cataract operation in July that had complications.

Prayer points:

- **The ongoing impact of Summer Outreaches**
- **Media projects and Scripture distribution**
- **Those using **Biblical Principles of Servant Leadership****
- **More recruits to take up the opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa**
- **New believers witnessing in their communities**
- **Healing and strength for us both as we cope with health challenges**



The Lord’s prayer in Arabic

*Thank you so much for your partnership in prayer and giving.
May God richly bless you locally as you touch the world.*

DICK AND CAROLINE SEED
Church Mission Society in Africa
Link: Wendy Richardson



Theological Education Development Services
TEDS-Africa *Transforming theological education:
Transforming mission*

The TEDS office is based at George Whitefield College in Cape Town, South Africa.



From there we plan and prepare training workshops for lecturers in theological colleges and universities across Africa. The vision is to train the next generation of theology lecturers so that the quality of teaching and learning is transformed and the mission of the Anglican Church enhanced.

We are working with Overseas Council Australia (OCA) on their Africa Mile Deep programme to deliver training in Pedagogy (teaching skills) to 6 key hubs across the continent, from Cape Town to Cairo, Lagos to Dodoma, Nairobi to Kampala. Each university hub has up to 10 colleges associated with it.

TEDS provides training for distance learning projects, such as the Explore course that runs from GWC in several African countries. In addition, we offer post-graduate consultation and supervision for PhD students from the African hubs who come to study at GWC. The aim is to assist them to direct their studies in areas that are relevant to the mission of the church and to train them to return to their colleges as competent theological educators.

Building capacity for theological training in the Anglican dioceses across the continent is key for the development of theological education as a whole. To this end, we run sessions on theological education for newly consecrated bishops to enable them to think through theological education on all levels in the diocese. This includes lay and pastoral training, running a theological college and developing people for leadership in theological education. The goal is to build a network of dioceses and theological institutions that are both interconnected and working together.



Please pray for good communications with the hubs, safety in travel and wisdom in preparation. Also remember the students preparing to become future theological educators at George Whitefield College.



STARFISH ASIA

Link: Mike and Kerstin Wakely



“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

(Luke 12:48)

We look at the world and see endless needs. We watch the news and see multiple problems. Jesus looked at the poor, the lost, the sinners, the beggars, the disabled, even the dead – and He saw opportunities.

Every need around us is an opportunity to make a difference. That is what motivates us to do what we can for our under-privileged brothers and sisters in Pakistan.

Pray for:

- Peace and stability in often tumultuous times in Pakistan.
- Pakistan’s new Government and Prime Minister Imran Khan.
- Pakistan’s Christians to see their world as an opportunity for witness and service.
- Anser and Kashi who lead the work of Starfish Asia in Pakistan.
- Many thousands of Christian children who still have no school to go to.
- Mike and Kerstin’s health and strength to continue to serve Pakistan’s Christians.
- Someone to join us to help Mike in raising funds for Starfish Asia



Please see our website: <http://starfishasia.com>
or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StarfishAsia/>
or pick up a newsletter from the back of the church

**Mike and Kerstin Wakely
with Starfish Asia**

We met on an OM evangelism team in France in 1967. We married after Mike returned from four years with OM in India. Mike was born in Jamaica, studied and came to Christ as a student in Trinity College, Dublin. Kerstin is from Sweden, came to Christ on a walking tour in north Sweden and worked as a nurse before joining OM where she met Mike.

After about 40 years with Operation Mobilisation, 21 of them overseas, mostly in India, Nepal and Pakistan, we felt strongly drawn to provide help to Pakistan's Christians. A Christian leader said to us: "If you really want to help us, help provide education for our children." Another said: "Only education, education and education can save and secure the future of our community." Being a predominantly Muslim country, Pakistan's Christians are regarded as second-class, often treated as a servant community, largely illiterate and despised.

So, to cut a long story short, we launched Starfish Asia in 2003, a charity that now supports 40 schools for more than 8,000 poor Christian children in Pakistan – together with several homes for orphaned, disabled and disadvantaged children. We conducted a Survey in 2016 to discover the state of low-cost education for poor Christians. It gave us a database of 600 schools that we are now following up. In 2018 we have helped about 100 schools with some form of assistance – training teachers, providing school books, classroom furniture or other supplies. We have prepared a Bible Curriculum for Primary classes, with guides for teachers, in Urdu and English and have given it free to more than 10,000 children. We are still working on the project.

Without Anser and his wife Kashi, dedicated leaders of a small office staff in Pakistan, this would all be impossible. In 2018 they provided scholarships for 180 young people for higher studies, ran training workshops for teachers and supplied furniture, washrooms, toilets, clean water, school books and the Bible curriculum. They oversee an Association of Christian Teachers and a quarterly magazine for Christian teachers. Our



job, based in the UK, is to find the funds to enable them to continue their amazing work of support, encouragement and inspiration for an army of local believers who are preparing the next generation of Christians for the Pakistani Church.

Giving

After prayerful and careful consideration, the Missionary Committee have this year set a budget of £30,000 which, once achieved, will enable the budgetary needs of our mission partners to be met in full along with contributing to the three projects CCB supports. Financial gifts for missionary work are welcome at any time during the year, although donations for the Missionary Support Weekend will be limited to the period up to Sunday 11th November.

Gifts may be placed directly into the globe at the back of church, or in the collection bag using a marked envelope or blue missionary giving envelope. Cheques should be made payable to 'Christ Church Beckenham PCC Missionary Account'. Alternatively, a donation can be made directly into Christ Church's Missionary Bank account (Sort Code: 60-02-12; Account number 14216930).

If you are a UK tax payer the use of blue missionary giving envelopes is encouraged, as this will enable CCB to make a gift aid claim to HMRC. By using gift aid CCB is effectively able to increase a gift by 25%, (£100 donated becomes, after gift aid is claimed, £125 for our mission partners).

Our preference is for all donations to be allocated to the mission pool, however, should you wish your donation to be for a specific mission partner, mission agency or project, then it is acceptable for their name (or that of the agency/project) to be penned onto the blue missionary giving envelope enabling your donation to be allocated according to your wishes.

Should you make your donation directly to the Missionary bank account please quote 'the mission partner (mission agency) / project' in the reference box. Should you be a UK tax payer please add 'GA'. If we do not hold a current Gift Aid declaration from you our Gift Aid Secretary will be in contact with you shortly.

This year's budget for our mission partners is broken down below. The unallocated portion will be divided between the three mission projects once all this year's donations have been received:

Mission Partner	Mission agency	Amount
Dick & Caroline	CMS	8,500.00
Seed		
Howard & Nora	OM	2,750.00
Norrish		
Mission Project		
Bush Fire		5,000.00
IcFEM		5,500.00
Starfish Asia		5,000.00
As yet unallocated		3,250.00
		30,000.00