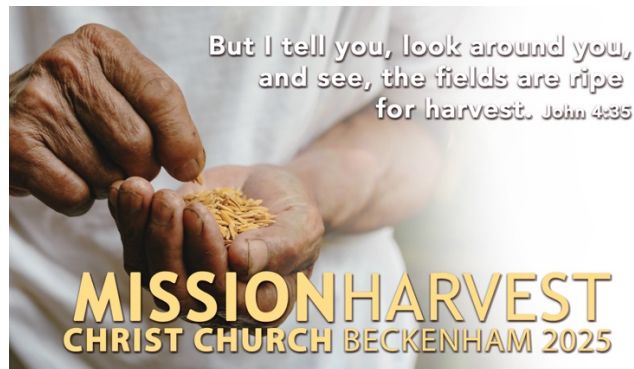




SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 11AM-3PM

DISPLAY OF HARVEST GIFTS IN CHURCH WITH TEA & CAKE
(FREE REFRESHMENTS BUT FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME)

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION

11:00AM MISSION HARVEST ALL-AGE

(BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR LIVING WELL)

SUNDAY 6:30PM

**EVENING SERVICE WITH LIVE LINK TO
SOPHIA IN UGANDA**



PLEASE SCAN LEFT TO DONATE
TO OUR MISSION PARTNERS
OR EMAIL ACCOUNTS@CCB.ORG.UK
OR CALL: 02086503847



At this time of year, we set aside time to celebrate our Mission Partnerships, to be reminded of the vital work of each of our Mission Partners, to hear updates from them and to commit to raising financial support for the coming year. We also take this opportunity to open our hearts afresh to being reminded of God's call to each of us to be involved in His mission in the world and we recommit to playing our part in this.

In this booklet you can read more about each of our Mission Partners as well as details of how to support their work financially.

We currently have four Mission Partners:

BUSHFIRE

- empowering and equipping children and families in Uganda -

DICK & CAROLINE SEED

- training Bible teachers in key theological institutions across Africa and beyond -

STARFISH ASIA

- bringing education and hope to children in Pakistan -

IcFEM (Interchristian Fellowships 'Evangelical Mission)

- community development, evangelism and holistic care in Western Kenya -

BUSHFIRE

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Bushfire



There are 400 to 500 on site in Bushfire Uganda.

150 in residence, living in cottages with a housemother, in groups of 20 or so.

There's a health clinic staffed by a very busy nurse, who is only able to provide basic house and accident care services, mainly to the home and school children.

How can we help Bushfire?

It's quite a challenge to find the money to feed everybody on a daily basis.

- It costs £32 a day to feed the 150 residents with a basic meal or £76 a day for a special meal. Meals are made up of maize, sweet potatoes, cassava beans and rice - supplemented by fruit such as mangoes, pineapples and bananas.
- 100kg bag of rice costs £56 / 100kg bag of beans cost £67. This will stretch for 2 to 3 meals for 400/500 people on site.
- To feed 150, they need 12 chickens per day at £4 per chicken - in practical terms, we could help by regularly buying a chicken.
- People have been known to donate a goat - what a gift to feed so many and breed so we manage the growing need for their education where schools have high fees.
- Bushfire consists of 200 acres of which 50 acres is put to farming. With more seeds and more animals/irrigation etc., they would be able to support themselves in the kitchen more and sell things grown on the farm.
- Planting season is usually in March and then again August and September - we could help them with buying and restocking their seedlings.
- Quality Maize seed is £2 per kilo, but other seeds cost 40p per kilo or as little as 13p per kilo.
- One of the big dreams is to set up a proper irrigation system on our farmland to grow crops even out of season to contain the huge demand in our large Bushfire family and the elderly flock in our community. This comes out at a challenge of raising £3,500 - small steps will gain their independence financially.



DICK & CAROLINE SEED (Church Mission Society)
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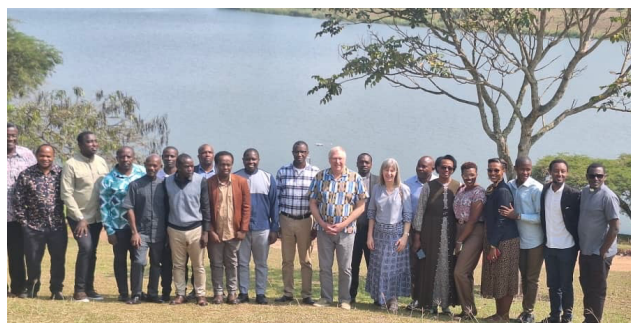


With CMS Manager for Africa, Joan Busolo

During 2025, TEDS has continued to train lecturers from theological institutions across Africa and other parts of the world. Our work fell into five categories:

1. Certificate in Teaching and Learning for Higher Theological Education (TALHITE)

The short course in basic teaching skills was run online for colleges across central Africa, and in-person for specific colleges in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Chile, Rwanda and Papua New Guinea. Our colleague, Karen, left at the end of 2024 and joined Local Leaders International, our partner organization in Australia. She is now focusing on developing TALHITE for Asian colleges.



2. Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Theological Education (online)

The new two-year professional diploma is ready to start in early 2026. GWC is currently admitting students from colleges in Africa and Latin America. Dick will be teaching two of the modules in 2026 and another two will be taught by lecturers from Local Leaders.



3. Keeping Universities Christian

Over the past two years, we have been working with Uganda Christian University to help lecturers design their curricula and teach in a way that maintains their Christian ethos across all the disciplines.

4. Keeping Research Biblical and Contextual

We work with students and lecturers in Africa and in Indonesia to help them construct research in a biblical and contextual way to avoid the dangers of abstract or secular research that has no relevance for the church.



5. Providing Contextual Resources for Church and Seminary

Over the past few months, GWC has been combining several of Dick's smaller books into one master book for publication as a resource for learning and teaching in theological institutions. As an international publication, it will have a wider reach than the current local publications.

In addition, Caroline's team from Kenya completed their commentary on 1,2 & 3 John in the Langham Bible Commentaries from Muslim Contexts series, to be released in January 2026. Here's part of one endorsement:

It brings the Johannine epistles to life in fresh and powerful ways ... the authors offer readers a model of faithful interpretation that is both locally grounded and globally relevant.

In 2026, Caroline will continue to offer assistance to other authors who are writing commentaries for the series.



We have been humbled over the past 7 years as we have seen God at work in many ways, expanding the scope of TEDS and enabling us to reach hundreds of lecturers through the training programmes. At times, we have hardly been able to keep up with the pace! We are so grateful to the Lord for all the lives he has enabled us to touch. Here's a message one of our TALHITE graduates sent to us recently, "I've been digging deeper into the lessons on the biblical basis for theological education and it's amazing! Thank you for this enormous work!"

Financial Considerations

GWC is becoming increasingly donor-dependent as most of its students are clergy-in-training from across the African continent who rely on the college to raise bursaries for them. This means it would be impossible for the college to find the money to pay two lecturers to run training as a mission service as we do. Through your giving to CMS, GWC has been able to offer training to other colleges through the donation of our time and skills. The CCB contribution was invaluable in helping us meet our mission partner budget last year. This year the budget is set at £37,000. Every pound you give will go directly to our mission partner account administered by CMS, to help meet stipend and administration costs. Without your help, TEDS would not be able to continue. Thank you, CCB!



STARFISH ASIA

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Children from minority backgrounds in Pakistan face challenges in accessing inclusive and equitable education. Systemic biases in curricula, teaching practices, and institutional attitudes perpetuate marginalisation...

Different studies reveal that 60% of non-Muslim student's report experiencing disrespect or prejudice in schools, while 72% of parents believe their children are discriminated against due to their faith.

(The State of Children in Pakistan 2024 – UNICEF report)



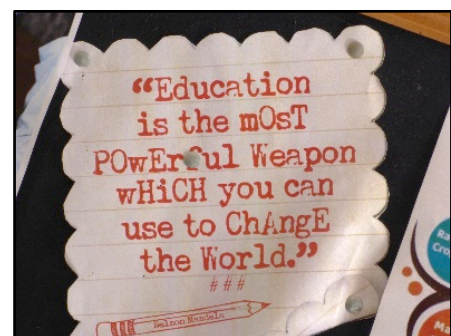
In a world of so much suffering and pain, one can often feel completely overwhelmed. Working for the Christian community in Pakistan can be equally overwhelming, there seems to be no end to the need. This is why I come back, time and again, to the story that gave us our name - Starfish Asia.

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The boy replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up, and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realise there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of thousands of starfish? You can't make a difference!" The boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said..." I made a difference for that one."

Mike and Kerstin Wakely founded the organisation over 20 years ago and we have been "Saving Starfish" ever since. Starfish like Anjleena, (pictured left) the eldest daughter in a family of 7, a family whose father's earnings selling vegetables barely cover their daily needs, let alone expensive school fees, textbooks, and uniforms. There was a Starfish-supported school in the village which enabled Anjleena and her siblings to get an education. In August this year Anjleena became the first female in her family (ever!) to pass her matriculation exams (GCSE equivalent). She's now continuing with higher education and hopes to become a nurse.



"If you really want to help our community, help provide education for our children." This was the challenge laid down by a Christian businessman to Mike which set the ball rolling back in 2000. The Christian minority in Pakistan faces a huge uphill struggle against generational poverty, being regarded as second class citizens, often only given the opportunity of low paid, menial work and facing prejudice, discrimination and even persecution at every level.





We currently support 47 schools in Pakistan, educating about 9,000 children from low-income families, the majority of whom are from Christian backgrounds. We also support a residential home for visually impaired girls as well as two centres for disabled and disadvantaged children. Starfish Asia provides help in the form of teachers' salaries, free textbooks, teacher training and development, material infrastructure (desks, chairs, science equipment, solar panels, fans, etc.). Alongside the educational support, Starfish Asia seeks to develop the faith of students using Bible curriculum books,

including a history of Christians in Pakistan, as well as building up the teachers understanding and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ through weekly discipleship training. In addition, we award scholarships for about 200 young Christian Pakistanis with ambition for further study or training.

- **£10** provides schoolbooks for 2 pupils
- **£25** covers discipleship training in one school a month
- **£50** provides a teacher's salary for a month
- **£100** pays for a college level scholarship for a year
- **£500** supports an average size school of a month



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Prayer for Pakistan:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that your word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, has been active in the region of Pakistan for many centuries. We praise you that despite difficult circumstances your Kingdom is established in Pakistan. We give you thanks, oh Lord, for all the work that your people - individuals and organisations - have done through the years to plant, nurture and see fruit grow. Sovereign Lord, be with your church leaders, community leaders, schoolteachers and all who work to bless and build up your people. Protect them, guide them and give them energy to face each new challenge for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



IcFEM Mission, Kimilili, Kenya

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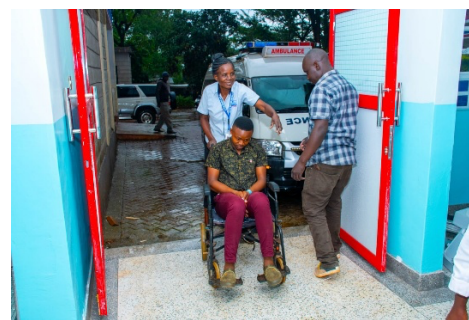
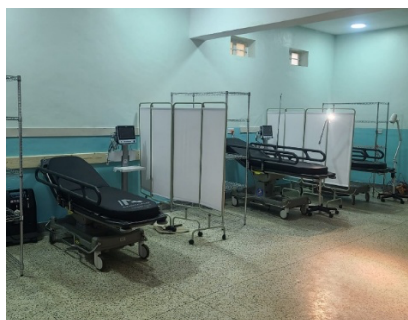


About IcFEM Mission

As disciples of Jesus, we work to accelerate positive community transformation with the people of the villages we serve. As Kingdom citizens, we embrace our responsibility to live out faithful service to God - caring for ourselves, loving our neighbours and stewarding the environment entrusted to us.

Dreamland Mission Hospital (DMH)

Healthcare is one of the key elements of our mission. We give thanks to God for the successful completion in July of the new Accident & Emergency Department. This will truly be a life-saving facility for the community of Kimilili and further afield.



Elsewhere in the hospital, babies, children and adults continue to receive life-changing surgery, treatment and counselling. The following is a story we received recently.

Esther Akiru gave birth to her twins prematurely at 34 weeks. The babies were underweight, fragile and struggling to breathe, and they were immediately rushed to the Special Baby Unit at DMH where the medical team leapt into action.

The first few days were critical, with each baby being supported with oxygen on CPAP. Gradually, they began to gain weight, were weaned off oxygen therapy and started to respond more actively to their mother's touch. After two months in the Unit, the babies were finally ready to be discharged. "These babies are alive because of the care they received at Dreamland - I am forever grateful," she said.

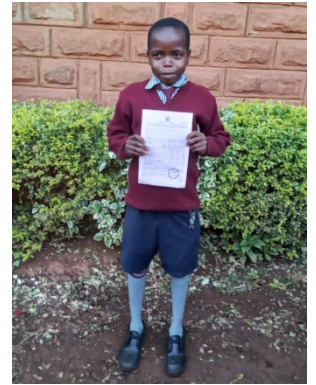


<https://dreamlandmission.org/special-baby-unit/>

Dreamland Education Centre

We've been able to do some minor refurbishments in our primary school this year with classrooms being repainted and new terrazzo floors laid. Additionally, we're planning to do more major works soon, specifically to replace the dilapidated, wooden dining hall with a brick structure that is more suitable and weather-proof. We're also planning to repair an underground water tank and pave the playground to make it more durable and less muddy!





Our student sponsorship programme continues to enable children to be enrolled in school and supported through their academic journey. There are currently 110 students on the sponsorship programme, some of whom are supported by mission funds - please pray with us for new sponsors to come on board. In the picture above right is Samwel Wafula, a little boy who is still waiting for a sponsor - the mission is currently paying his school fees.

Dreamland in the Community

Our Village Discipleship Schools continue to train people in 17 village schools across the county, reaching over 220 learners. The purpose of the course is to give learners a deeper understanding of God's Word, leading to personal transformation and practical application in their lives and communities. Please pray for each student and the 13 mentors who are faithfully facilitating the trainings.



Our tree-planting programme has been doing well and to date we've planted over 32,000 trees in our local transformation units. Kelvin, the project coordinator in Kenya, is this month beginning a programme of follow up with each householder who received trees, to check on the progress and survival rate of the saplings. Please pray for safety in all his travels, and that the trees will continue to grow well. The aims of the project are two-fold - to provide the householders with an income through sale of the timber and fruit, and care of the environment. For those in the UK wishing to offset their carbon impact, we have certified carbon credits from the first phase of planting for sale on our website at £20 per tonne: <https://dreamlandmission.org/carbon-credits/>. All proceeds will be invested back into the project.

Samaritan Basket Programme: elsewhere in our community, we have successfully completed and handed over five new homes to some of the most vulnerable families in Bungoma County. This initiative, inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, is more than just construction - it is a practical expression of God's love. The project's objectives were:

- To offer safe and weather-resistant housing to marginalized families.
- To promote community responsibility and care for vulnerable members.
- To demonstrate Christian love in action.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

- £25 will fund one place on the 8-month Village Discipleship School course.
- £28 per month will cover a student's primary school fees, £35 per month will cover secondary school fees, and £50 per month will contribute to university fees.
- £30 will provide critical care in the Special Baby Unit for one night.
- £250 will enable us to build a simple home for a needy family.

Christmas cards and Gifts For Life are now available in our online shop: dreamlandmission.org/gift-shop

EXTRA HELP WHEN WE CAN

As in past years, we hope to be able to support and encourage younger members of our church to engage in missionary work in the UK and abroad. To do this, we have a Short-Term Mission Fund from which we can make one-off contributions to the cost of placements, expeditions and mission/evangelism training that is not otherwise fully funded by another agency. The Short-Term Mission Fund is supported by legacies and specific donations.

HOW TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY

We have set a challenging fundraising target of £30,000 for 2025. This is a significant figure which will require some sacrificial giving in this current financial climate, but it is based on our understanding of the needs of those the Lord has laid on the heart of CCB.

The good news is that we have continued to receive regular donations to the Missionary Support Fund throughout the year with the hope that the remainder can be raised on Mission Harvest Sunday and over the following weeks up to and including 9th November (all regular donations made up to the end of 2025 will also be added).

We hope that all who are able will attend one of our services on the 12th October. You will be able to give cash donations via the blue envelopes; the QR code below; or use our contactless donation pad. There are other ways in which financial contributions can be made to our Mission Partners, particularly for standing orders or larger amounts:

Directly into Christ Church's Missionary Bank account:

- Account Name: Christ Church (Beckenham) Parochial Church Council Missionary Account
- Sort Code: 60-02-12
- Account number: 14216930

If you would prefer to give regularly, a little at a time, please set up a standing order with your bank or via online banking using the above bank details. Please also email our Treasurer, Sarah Martin, to advise how you would like your donations to be allocated. If no email/ reference is provided, the donations will be allocated to 'pool'.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please add the letters 'GA' in the reference of a direct bank transfer so that we know to claim Gift Aid on your donation (by using gift aid we can increase a gift by 25% effectively meaning that £100 donated becomes £125 for our Mission Partners).

Our preference is for all donations to be allocated for the general Missionary Support Pool, however, should you desire to donate to a specific Mission Partner, then please let us know by emailing Sarah (email above), selecting or adding the name of the Mission Partner to the reference of the direct bank transfer. Each mission partner receives the full amount of all specifically directed donations, and the Pool is used to ensure that everyone receives at least the equal minimum gift. For example: if our aim is for each partner to receive £7,500 and £5,000 is donated specifically to a particular partner, then £2,500 will be topped up from the Pool. Or, if £10,000 is donated to a partner they will receive the whole £10,000 and the Pool will be used to support the other partners, as needed, up to £7,500. Once all partners have reached the target set, any remaining Pool money will be distributed evenly across the mission partners, with a small amount being held back for any unexpected/emergency requests which might come in during the year.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read through this booklet and for your commitment to supporting our Mission Partners. If you have any questions about financial support please do email Sarah (treasurer@ccb.org.uk) or for general questions about Mission Support please email office@ccb.org.uk

