

World Mission Support at St Thomas' 2007

The recent review of world mission giving at St. Thomas' has resulted in changes in the agencies which we support through our church tithe. Our main commitment will be to nine agencies. The church tithe will be divided equally between the nine agencies listed below for the next three years. These changes were accepted by the PCC at the November 2006 meeting.

We will also continue to give Harvest and Christmas collections to Christian charitable work, in all probability to organisations other than the designated nine which receive money from the church tithe.

Find below a brief paragraph about the work of the nine agencies with the name of our St. Thomas' representative and overleaf the names of World Mission Link people where we have them.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide is a human rights charity working on behalf of those persecuted for their Christian beliefs. They also promote religious liberty for all. The agency has a wide scope of operation from discovering accurate information about those persecuted to lobbying politicians. **(Glyn Botham)**.

Church on the Bus is 'a fresh expression of church' for the homeless and the needy in Chesterfield. The project is led by Captain Alan Park (Church Army). He is supported by Holy Trinity Chesterfield and a team of volunteers, some from St Thomas'. The team meets with the homeless on a double decker bus outside Chesterfield Town Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings. The love of Jesus is shared in practical ways. A short time of worship on Thursdays is the focal point of the 'Church on the Bus' **(Denise Glover)**.

Serving the Lord in Marburg, Germany **Andy and Liz Goodacre**, two of our link missionaries, are involved in leadership with Christus Treff, a part Lutheran and part free evangelical church. Their work is among students in the town. Andy is also involved with the Lausanne Young Leaders Gathering, a group which has an international brief. **(John Goodacre)**.

Novi Most International is a Christian charitable organisation working with young people in Bosnia Herzegovina. It aims to help young people to overcome the effects of the past, to equip them to enter their futures with hope and confidence and to empower them to become instruments of transformation in their own communities. **(Barbara Goodacre)**.

OMF (Overseas Mission Fellowship), formerly the China Inland Mission, serves the church and brings the gospel to some 12 countries in East Asia and has a pioneering ministry in others. It seeks to place people with professional skills in China and other Asian countries, and shares the love of God with East Asians world-wide. **(Rosie Welch)**.

Christmas joy had been brought to more than 47 million boys and girls through **Operation Christmas Child**, a project which is part of Samaritans Purse. Last year in the UK *over 1.18 million gifts* were sent out to children across Eastern Europe and Africa. The gifts are given to children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. **(Gareth Simmonds)**

Scripture Union is a non-denominational, Christ-centred international movement, working in partnership with individuals and churches across the world. Its aim is to use the Bible to inspire children, young people and adults to know God. Among other things they produce Bible Study notes and run summer camps. **(Robert Batten)**.

South American Mission Society serves the Anglican Church by sending people to Latin America. The missionaries share the good news of Jesus Christ through words and actions in partnership with the Anglican Church in South America. **(Peter Rolfe)**.

TEAR Fund is one of the UK's leading relief and development charities - a movement of Christians standing with people in poverty. It is committed to offering hope, providing a meaningful future and speaking out against injustice. It works with local partners in 70 countries (Info from John Goodacre - chair WMC).

World Mission Link People

As well as **Andy and Liz Goodacre** we have three other world mission links.

Ruth and Paul Lapworth (Tear Fund). Paul is leading Tear Fund's disaster team in South Sudan. They are currently based in Nairobi (Kenya) and planning to move to Juba (South Sudan).

Johnny and Ann McClean (OMF - Overseas Mission Fellowship). They are working with students at the Rajabhat University in Nakhon Sawan (Central Thailand). They are leading and training teams of workers in three universities.

Paul and Sarah Tester (South American Mission Society), who will be introduced to people at St. Thomas later this year. They are a young couple who expect to go to Lima, Peru next year. They are currently studying at Redcliffe Mission Training College.

Further information about these different agencies can be found on the World Mission Notice board at the back of the church or by contacting our various world mission representatives.

Please contact the appropriate representative if you would like to receive regular mailings or prayer updates.

St Thomas' Brampton

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