

World Mission Committee report to DCC Wed 21st April 2010

Changes.

First, an expression of our thanks to God for the life and work of Glyn Botham and in particular his contribution to the work of the WMC as CSW representative. Glyn died last year, but we wish to record our thanks for his ministry on the committee.

We are delighted to say that Ann Small, with the support of husband John, responded immediately to fill the gap left by Glyn. A further strengthening of the group has taken place with Dianna Willis and Warren Cassling offering to represent Samaritan's Purse and Church on the Bus respectively.

Focus of the work over the past 12 months.

Over the last twelve months we have had visits from three of our mission agencies: SAMS, soon to become part of the Church Missionary Society (CMS), Novimost and Church on the Bus. It is good to be able to record that a number of people from St Thomas are directly involved with the work of Church on the Bus in a variety of ways.

We also had a report back from Josh Wheeler on his year in Northern Ireland. Harvest and Christmas collections were given to Tear Fund and CARE international.

Prayer

Stimulating prayer support for mission continues to be important. We continue to include our mission agencies in the regular Sunday services and mission intercessions are included on the prayer card for the 1,000 days of prayer.

However a special note needs to be made of the prayer breakfast in March when about 50 people turned out to pray and engage with our mission projects.

Future

We hope to build on past efforts as we look forward to further imaginative mission encounters, not least the visit of our mission partners from Peru and the proposed visit of a team from St Thomas to Lima in 2011 as well as a visit from our Thailand mission partners later this year.

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