

# Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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### **WCCYM - West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries**

WCCYM was established to support Christian youth work in the villages of West Cambridge; building relationships, communicating the Gospel message and mentoring young people.

Youth workers from local churches work together to support students in local secondary school and organise regular events like 'Thirst' youth service, Girls' and Guys' Nights In, and special musical events such as 'Live & Amped' in November, combining local talent with headlining acts. Young people from Cambourne benefit from the opportunity to join a larger group, and some individuals are also following a nine month leadership programme being organised in conjunction with Youth for Christ.



### **Outstretched Hands of Romania**

This Christian charity was founded in 2003 and is based in the southern city of Calarasi. Their vision is to "raise an army of children and poor to bring the gospel to the unreached parts of Romania". They work with local churches in discipleship and in bringing the gospel to small outlying villages in the area. They also work to meet physical needs, distributing aid and caring for the poor, as well as running children's camps and outreach projects.

They host visiting mission teams, such as the group of young people from West Cambridge, including Jonathan Buwert, Dan Davey and Joel Hunt from Cambourne who visited in Easter 2015 to support a building project, children's activities, youth services and outreach work.



## Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

We support the ministry of Rev'd Desire Mukanirwa Kadohro – an Anglican minister – and his wife Claudaline, introduced to us by Peter and Emma Wood who worked with them. At the Centre for Women and Children over 60 women victims of violence are being trained in tailoring skills and dyeing fabrics, in Desire's words *"promoting dignity, respect and self-reliance to earn a living and not be dependent."* The women are also provided with a forum to support one another, work and pray together and study the Bible, *"bringing about hope"*. The photo shows the third group of women graduating from the programme. Claudaline also continues to run a school providing free education for orphaned children, who live with host families in Goma.



## Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

Started in 2004 as a children's home by Pastor George and his wife Jackline, the main objective is to rescue and care for destitute, orphaned children. The Uzimatele Community School in the slums of Gituamba helps needy children whose parents are languishing in poverty and who do not achieve the marks to get them into a state school. The children are educated free and fed where possible. There are five students in both high school and primary school. Two girls have finished high school; one joining Law school this year, and another joining a college to study Education. The Community Church in Uzimatele has the vision statement: *"Transform to influence... making the community of believers"*. Activities in church include home fellowship, youth programs, children's ministries, ladies' ministries.



## **A Rocha – Caring for God’s Earth - Conservation and Hope**

A Rocha UK is part of a worldwide family of A Rocha organisations committed to conservation action as an expression of Christian mission. It works for the protection and restoration of the natural world, both as a response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and as a demonstration of the Christian hope for God’s world.

This is achieved through practical involvement in nature conservation projects and ecological research, by campaigning on biodiversity issues, and by engaging with schools, communities and individuals – educating, equipping and inspiring them to delight responsibly in, and to participate in caring for, the earth and its resources. For further information, visit the [arocha.org](http://arocha.org) website or [arocha.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action](http://arocha.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action) for suggestions about our practical involvement in creation care.

### **Mission links at Cambourne Church**

As a church, we have committed to donating 10% of our regular giving to charity, in addition to any extra fund-raising indicated below. In 2015, the Church Council have agreed that we support the following charities and mission activities both locally and abroad. Asterisks\*\* indicate more details elsewhere in this leaflet.

Rev Desire Mukanirwa & Claudaline in **Goma, DR Congo\*\***

*(£1010 + £990 raised by Gazebo sponsored bike ride + Lent coins)*

Pastor George & Jackline at **Uzimatele, Nairobi, Kenya\*\***

*(£1000 + £130 raised through football and other sponsorship)*

**WCCYM** – West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries\*\* (£750)

**“Outstretched Hands of Romania” \*\*** (£500)

**“A Rocha”** Christian charity working to care for God’s earth\*\* (£500)

**Salvation Army** – whose band supports Carols on the Green (£500)

**Methodist Homes for the Aged** (£500)

**Christian Aid** (£222 raised in Christian Aid Week)

**Children’s Society** (*Christingle and some other Christmas services*)

## Dates for your diary

*Samaritan's Purse: shoeboxes for Christmas – hand in by mid-November....look out for information in church notices*  
*Christingle Service (collection for Children's Society) – Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm*

## What is the Mission and Giving Group?

The Mission & Giving group was formed in autumn 2014 at the request of the Cambourne Church Council to coordinate and promote our mission links by providing information and encouraging prayer, practical involvement and financial provision.

Current group members are Nigel Taylor, Jeanine Kennedy, Christine Mucheru & Lee Packham-Brown. We would be happy to welcome one or two extra members who felt committed to this area of the church's wider ministry.

## How do we plan our giving?

We use the **five 'marks of mission'** to guide our decisions about priorities for giving and to ensure a balance in our commitment to various aspects of mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (**tell**)
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers (**teach/train**)
3. To respond to human need by loving service (**tend**)
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society (**transform**)
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth (**treasure**)

We will also consider the sustainability of any commitments we make, so that, where possible, mission organisations and projects can count on regular giving over the medium to long term.

Please take this leaflet away as a reminder of Cambourne Church's involvement in mission at home and abroad. You can use it as a basis for prayer, and you may even like to explore further personal involvement in some of the projects. Thank you for your support.

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