

Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

Started in 2004 as a children's home by Pastor George and his wife Jackline, the main objective was to rescue and care for destitute, orphaned children from Gituamba slums, offering them a home and an education. There are now four strands to the Uzimatele ministry, including the church in the community of Mwiki, led by Pastor George & Jackline.



Children's home: 12 children (aged 9-18) at present living in the home, 5 at primary and 5 at secondary school, with George and Jackline living upstairs. Expansion planned to add 4 more children and 2 more female staff. 10,000 Kenyan shillings (approx. £75) per month needed to sponsor a child in the home and through primary school. Older children are boarders at a secondary school.

Educational Centre (Gituamba): 185 primary school pupils on register in March 2015. Extra classroom needed for standard 5 pupils; finances needed to provide regular salaries for teachers (8 teachers at 7000 shillings per month) and for feeding programme.

Empowerment Centre: widows and single mothers are being trained in dressmaking and hairdressing, to enable them to find employment or start their own businesses (could train up to 20 ladies at 2000 shillings per month each).

A **computer training centre** has also just been opened with 2 computers! 10 more are required and donations of second-hand laptops or computers would be welcomed.

Christine Mucheru visited Uzimatele in March 2015 – please talk to her for more details of this vital ministry.



Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

We support the ministry of Rev'd Desire Mukanirwa Kadohro – an Anglican minister – and his wife Claudeline, introduced to us by Peter and Emma Wood who worked with them. DRC is the poorest country in the world with 80% of the population living on less than US\$1 a day and only 22% having access to clean drinking water.



In a visit to Cambourne last summer, Desire described two projects.
Orphan's or fatherless feeding programme: seeking to provide daily porridge for 200 children.

Women's Empowerment Programme: this trains 100 women per year to become fully trained tailors, enabling them to return to their villages and find employment. Claudeline also runs a tailors shop using some of the graduates from the course. Funding for sewing machines needed.

Desire also recently reported on his participation in a very encouraging **mission and evangelism trip** in January jointly organised by the Anglican Church and UK Flame International, "reaching over 2000 men, women & children, including soldiers, and resulting in family reconciliation & restoration, forgiveness, healing and acceptance of Jesus as Lord & Saviour."



Mission links at Cambourne Church

In recent years we have developed links with mission activities, both locally and throughout the world.

In **2014**, Cambourne Church supported the following projects and mission activities both financially and in prayer. In total we gave approximately £4000 from our regular church giving and raised a further £2000 from other fundraising activities.

(nb. the church's financial policy states that 10% of the undesignated income to the church shall be distributed to charity, selected by the church council on an annual basis.)

- Rev Desire Mukanirwa & Claudeline in Goma, DR Congo
- Pastor George & Jackline at Uzimatele in Nairobi, Kenya
- WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries), providing support for Jonathan Buwert and our youthwork
- Children's Society (through Christingle and Christmas services)
- Christian Aid (promotion in National Christian Aid week in May)
- Salvation Army (also provide band for Carols on the Green)
- Vellore, South India (project visited by Jonathan Buwert)
- Women's Refuge (Cambridge centre supporting women suffering from domestic abuse)

We are currently considering how to focus our support in 2015, likely to include a mission focus on a Christian environmental charity as well as developing links with projects we are already supporting.

Dates for your diary ...

Sunday 26th April 2015: 2.30 pm

10 mile Sponsored Bicycle Ride at Graffham Water, organised by Gazebo children to raise funds for our mission partners in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Contact Jane Brooks or Jeanine Kennedy for more details.

May 10-16 2015 – Christian Aid week

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.

Where can you find more information?

As well as this leaflet, it is our intention to display updates about our mission links on the church noticeboard and on the website. We aim to find a link 'champion' for each project, committed to maintaining contact and ensuring a regular flow of information.

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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