

# Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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## Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Rev. Desire (*about to become a bishop in Goma – congratulations!*) and his wife Claudaline have recently reported that they have purchased 20 sewing machines, enabling 42 women and girls to be in training this term; some girls are orphans or school dropouts owing to poverty; many women have lost husbands who were killed in the war or fled the town for safety. In addition, the money we sent earlier this year has helped in the construction of school latrines and one classroom for orphans.



Visit [www.asdigcharity.com](http://www.asdigcharity.com) for more information about our mission partners in Goma.



## WCCYM – West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries

We continue to offer financial support to WCCYM, whose youth workers, including our own Jonathan Buwert, run Christian groups and offer pastoral support in local secondary schools. Opportunities for young people from churches in the area to meet up include the monthly 'Thirst' get-together for a meal and worship, and the 'Live & Amped' music evening on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Some of our young people are also following a leadership course to develop their gifts, being run jointly with Youth for Christ. Visit [www.wccym.org](http://www.wccym.org) to follow and pray about this vital ministry.

## Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

We continue to support Pastor George and Jackline as they increase the number of children in the Children's Home and seek registration with the Kenyan government as a charitable organisation. The first child who entered the Home in 2004 has just started a university law degree; of the other resident children, one is in technical training, 6 are at secondary school and 7 at primary school.



Specific financial needs include funds for a new classroom at the Educational Centre in Gituamba slums, expansion of the training centre for widows and young people and sound equipment and Sunday School repairs for the Community Church.

Visit [www.uzimatelekenya.org](http://www.uzimatelekenya.org) for more information and download their newsletter

## The Railway Mission



Following a visit from Liam Johnston, Executive Director, to the Men's Breakfast this year, Cambourne Church decided to support the Railway Mission in 2016. Trained chaplains offer a listening ear to anyone connected with our nation's railways, railway staff in all sectors and at all levels, including the British Transport Police. Offering face-to-face friendship and the opportunity to talk about problems complements the welfare services provided by rail employers and is much appreciated, particularly when dealing with the aftermath of accidents or suicides. When you're next on the train, please pray for these chaplains!

Visit [www.railwaymission.org](http://www.railwaymission.org) for more information.

In September 2016, The Link, one of the worshipping communities that makes up Cambourne Church, “twinned” a block of toilets at The Vine School with toilets in an African community through the charity Toilet Twinning ([www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)).



For the communities in Africa, the money raised through Toilet Twinning enables them to have access to clean water, a proper toilet and information about basic hygiene and how to stay healthy. For some - especially women – it takes away the risk of attack when having to use bushes and secluded spots away from their villages. Such safety is something that we all take for granted, especially in a place where many of our homes have more than one toilet!

This has strengthened church links with the school, engaging the pupils in assembly, and working with them to raise more money to twin more of the toilet blocks in the school.



*The Link meet for Sunday tea in the Vine School*

*Family Centre, discussing issues that are relevant to us as a community – like toilets and how we can help change the world! – as well as wider aspects of faith and life. The Link emerged from conversations through the Deckchair Listening Project: these early conversations have grown into a committed community who meet regularly, give regularly to support the running of the community and to give back to the wider community.*



[bit.ly/TheLinkOnFacebook](https://bit.ly/TheLinkOnFacebook)

## Dates for your diary ...

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** *deadline for dropping off your Christmas shoebox gift at the church office for the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal**. See leaflets on the church trolley for details.*

## 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 & Tony Williams. 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 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 (and also read previous Mission & Giving updates on the church website (under the "Church Life" tab), as well as visiting the websites of our mission partners). 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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