

Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

We continue to support Pastor George and Jackline who thank God for the life and health of the children in their Family Home which they are repainting at the moment. They have also just built a greenhouse at the school from which they hope to harvest tomatoes and vegetables to feed the children in the near future. They are delighted with the Year 6 classroom (picture opposite) which was built in December/January with donations from Cambourne Church.



Specific financial needs at the moment include a project to build a wall around the Community Church in order to improve security, owing to break-in problems recently. The fund-raising project is called "Nehemiah Mission", a very appropriate reference to rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem!

Visit www.uzimatelekenya.org for more information and download their newsletter

WCCYM – West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries

Young people from Cambourne and other local villages continue to meet monthly on Sundays for "Thirst", to share a meal together, worship, pray and share something from the Bible. A punting trip and BBQ was organised in late June and a good number will be heading off to Soul Survivor again in August, held in Peterborough this year.

Visit www.wccym.org for more details.

Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Bishop Desire has recently confirmed 68 new Christians in 3 urban Goma parishes and outreach by the Anglican Church is focusing on marginalised people such as pygmies, prostitutes and returning refugees. An agropastoral project funded by Tearfund has enabled 50 household to receive a goat each and bean seeds. In addition, two projects have provided guttering and cisterns so that people can collect water from tanks rather than from puddles in the road! 500 young people are expected to attend a big one week youth conference in Goma in July, which will include evangelism, musical concerts and a football match for peace. The theme of the conference will be "UNITY".



Visit www.asdigcharity.com for more information about our mission partners in Goma.

Through the ASDIG charity, Claudaline has issued certificates to 50 women and girls in industrial tailoring courses after one year of training. In the rural area in Kalehe Territory, Claudaline is also seeking to uplift the social and economic programme for vulnerable women and survivors of sexual violence. About 300 beneficiaries have started some commercial business on a small scale. ASDIG will also be looking after orphan children for two weeks during the July school holidays at a day care centre, organising games, food and medical provision.

At the local primary school, children are awaiting the results of exams to see if they can progress to secondary school. Under a water, hygiene and sanitation programme, flushing toilets are about to be completed. Desire and Claudaline are very grateful for our prayers for their whole ministry.....please continue to pray!

BMS (Baptist) World Mission

In 2016 we were very pleased to support Ben Francis, based in Kolkata, India, and heading up the work of 'Big Life Ministries' in West Bengal. We were grateful to learn more of his work through Simon Goddard, our Regional Baptist Minister, who visited Ben in early 2017.

Ben works with some of the most marginalised people of the region, using the BMS boat “Peace 3” to reach isolated villages. This enables much needed medical support (both doctors and medicines) to reach these communities as well as allowing Ben and his team to play games and develop activities with the local children. Alongside this, Ben coordinates a church-planting project in these primarily Muslim communities, establishing small church groups of 10-15 individuals and encouraging their growth. Through this ministry, many individuals, including some as young as 18, have been trained in church-planting and homeleading, meaning that the gospel has been heard in thousands of villages! In addition, BMS have launched “Streetservants”, organising over 20 medical camps on the streets of Kolkata helping over 1800 people with good medical care. Visit www.bmsworldmission.org (*people and projects tab*) for more information.



Mission links at Cambourne Church *(Annual Report 2017)*.

As a church, we have committed to donating 10% of our regular giving to charity (**figures in bold**), in addition to any extra fund-raising indicated below by a ‘plus’ (+) sign. In 2016, the Church Council agreed to support the following charities and mission activities locally and abroad.

- Pastor George & Jackline at **Uzimatele, Nairobi, Kenya**
(**£1500** + £3566 raised at Christmas for the classroom appeal)
- Rev Desire Mukanirwa & Claudaline in **Goma, DR Congo**
(**£1500** + £300 from an extra gift)
- WCCYM** – West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries (**£750**)
- Railway Mission (£500)** – details in October 2016 update 4
- “A Rocha”** Christian charity working to care for God’s earth (**£250**)
- Salvation Army** – whose band supports Carols on the Green (**£500**)
- BMS (Baptist) World Mission (£500)**
- Christian Aid** (+£668.67 raised in Christian Aid Week 2016)
- Children’s Society** (+£87.24 raised at Christingle service 2016)

Dates for your diary ...and other updates

Friday 14th July 7.30pm: The Thursday evening Life Group is hosting a Gourmet summer BBQ with live music. Funds raised will support a mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tickets available from the church office. Contact Jeanine Kennedy: signandcuddles@gmail.com for more information.

A Rocha: This Christian environmental and conservation charity which we support is now managing Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve in Essex, only 42 miles from Cambourne; it is the country’s only nature reserve managed specifically for dragonflies and featured on *BBC’s Countryfile* on June 4th. Visit www.arocha.org.uk for more information.

Christian Aid Week 2017: We raised £365 in May – thank you.

What is the Mission and Giving Group?

The Mission & Giving group coordinates and promote our mission links by providing information and encouraging prayer, practical involvement and financial provision. Current group members are Nigel Taylor, Jeanine Kennedy, Lee Packham-Brown & Tony Williams. We would be happy to welcome extra members committed to this area of the church’s ministry.

How do we plan our giving?

We use the **five ‘marks of mission’** to offer advice to the Church Council 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**)

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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