

Missions Gift Day 2020

Missions Gift Day donations can be paid by electronic transfer directly to the church's bank account:

CAF Bank

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account Number: 00028724

with reference "Missions Gift Day 2020"

or using the card reader in church - write "Missions Gift Day" on the donations list, or by cheque or cash in a donation envelope - marked "Missions Gift Day" if not in a special donation envelope.

Statements about our societies:

Please prayerfully consider your donation to the work of our Missions Partners. Our target for this year is £4,500 (including tax relief where applicable). This reflects the sum collected last year, and the prevailing financial climate in our church family. This will be divided equally among the six societies listed. Any sum over £4,500 will support mission activity by members of our congregation.

Tearfund

Following Jesus where the need is greatest, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. When disasters strike, Tearfund responds quickly. We won't stop until poverty stops.

PLEASE PRAY

Take a moment to consider what the 'firstfruits' of your own life may be – the things that God has provided for you. Maybe write them down on a piece of paper. Consider how you might use these things to bless the people around you.

Church Mission among the Jews

Our link missionaries, Pedro and Annu Santos, continue to work at Beit Immanuel (BI) in Tel-Aviv-Jaffa. Our allocation to CMJ will support the work of Pedro Santos and his family. CMJ seeks to help Jewish people to recognize their Messiah. In Israel CMJ supports several congregations of Jewish believers, and through its heritage ministry brings some understanding of faith in Jesus to many thousands of Jewish visitors to its historic sites. In the UK the society is seeking to support churches in areas with a large Jewish community, and is training evangelists to engage with Jewish believers.

Bible Society

In some parts of the world, the Scriptures are difficult to access or are simply unavailable. In this country, the Bible is readily available but has lost its significance and its value is unrecognised by millions. Bible Society is working hard here at home and in key areas across the world to change this. They take the Bible and find ways to translate and distribute it, create digital formats, advocate for its place in society and help people relate to and make sense of it in their everyday lives.

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All their efforts are driven by one conviction: they believe that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change – for good.

Six out of ten Bible Societies around the world are facing serious financial challenges due to the pandemic. When it comes to Bible mission, this is a serious, global concern. Bible Society bookshops and ministries are at risk of closure in 88 nations, jeopardising almost 500 projects to translate, distribute and share the Bible which had the potential to benefit millions of people.

Church Mission Society CMS

We are a **community of people who have been set free to follow God's call** in mission. Thousands of people from all walks of life are part of Church Mission Society – praying, learning and acting together in pursuit of that call.

We believe every Christian – and ultimately every person – is called to join in God's mission and has the potential to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world.

We all have a part to play.

Church Army

We put our vision in place through following our DARE strategy. DARE has four objectives that underpin our work.

- **D**oing evangelism
- **A**dvocating evangelism
- **R**esourcing evangelism
- **E**nabling evangelism

Church Army evangelists work as part of the Anglican communion in areas of great need in the UK, Ireland and elsewhere. Typically they work among drug and alcohol addicts, sex workers, and single mothers. They often work in socially deprived communities such as at Kidbrooke and Eltham where our link partners, Nick and Helen Russell, are based.

Open Doors – serves persecuted Christians internationally.

In Nigeria, India and across the world, the spread of coronavirus is having a devastating effect. Coronavirus restrictions mean that many persecuted Christians no longer have income and can't buy food. On top of this, Christians are often ignored when official aid is distributed. They desperately need your help today.

Believers from Muslim Backgrounds in Sudan continue to face pressure from the government, despite the recent changes. Pray for their protection and for Open Doors partners discipling them