

Mission links update May 2022

St Philip and St James' church supports the following five organizations in prayer; from the church tithe; and, when appropriate, in practical action.

1. Gloucester Foodbank
2. Gloucester City Mission
3. Scripture Union, UK
4. OMF International
5. The Diocese of Western Tanganyika, Tanzania



Scripture Union UK: The 95 Campaign

The future of the church in the UK is at stake! The SU website reports:

'It's estimated **that 95% of children and young people in England and Wales aren't in church.** The 95 Campaign is all about inspiring, encouraging and equipping those with a heart for the 95%. Together, we can give children who don't go to church the chance to discover Jesus for themselves.'



This link involves both support of the work of OMF in general and of David and Manuela Pawson with Esther (3) and Gideon (1). After two years of language study, the Pawsons are now working with a church plant in Hanamaki in north east Japan.

Did you know?

*Tokyo (population of 38 mil) is the largest unreached metropolis in the world. And as a whole, **Japan** is the 2nd largest unreached people group in the world.*

(Bangladesh is the first)

DWT - The Diocese of Western Tanganyika

(Bishop Emmanuel)

linked with Gloucester Diocese

This year, our tithe is supporting:

1. The studies of four male students at the Lake Tanganyika Theological College, in Kasulu, near the Burundi border. Our students from Aug 2021 are Edbil (Edi) Bwenda, Yekonia John, Patrick Likila, and Adam Ashery (photos on notice board.)
2. Our link parish of Mwilanvya (Revd Mageje)

Did you know?

It is thought that 95% of pastors around the world have had no formal theological education. That equates to 2.3 million pastors! Cost is a major reason for this situation.

(statistics from Crosslinks)

- ❖ Pray for a new head for the theological college, for Bishop Emmanuel's visit to Gloucester in July, followed by his attending of the Lambeth conference.

'Mission may not always begin with evangelism.

But mission that does not ultimately include declaring the Word and the name of Christ, the call to repentance and faith and obedience has not completed the task.

It is defective mission, not holistic mission.'

Chris Wright