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## Israel: challenges for mission

Israel is a fascinating, frustrating, friendly and sometimes plain mad place to live! The fascination comes from living within the pages of the Bible. The frustration arises from Middle Eastern attitudes to life. The madness stems from the clash of cultures between Arabs and Jews, and the rightward shift of Israeli politics since over 1.5 million Russians have immigrated following the fall of the Iron Curtain who are more influenced by Russian autocracy than by Israel's western democratic tradition. There are now more Russians than Arab Israelis and they generally do not love those neighbours, a worrying trend when we live under the constant threat of a new war with the surrounding Arab nations.

Israel presents some unique challenges for mission. The 6 million Jewish citizens generally regard Christianity as their historic enemy. The 1.5 million Arab citizens (another 3 million live in the Palestinian Territories without citizenship), are mainly Muslims who believe that Arab Christianity is a betrayal of Arab identity and should not exist. Consequently, Christian faith is no easy option, yet it exists in the remnants of the ancient Arab Christian community that dates from the Roman era, numbering today just 150,000 people. Of that number, only 5,000 are evangelicals. Most of them are Baptists, whose witness began a hundred years ago through a Palestinian who was converted while visiting America. A century on, there are still only sixteen Arab Baptist churches and four that cater for other people groups. Their 'Association of Baptist Churches' is exclusively evangelical with a confession of faith similar to that of the FIEC.

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Evangelical work in Israel is hard. To begin with, it is widely distrusted as 'an American import'. Second, evangelicals are often accused by the traditional churches of being closer to Jehovah Witnesses than to the historic Christian faith. Third, family solidarity works against people from the traditional churches changing their allegiance. Within the evangelical churches there are other problems. American missionaries have generally taught dispensationalism but its authenticity is now debated with amillennialism growing in popularity. It is not simply a doctrinal debate because it goes to the heart of national as much as evangelical identity. A further issue concerns the poor understanding of doctrine and church practice. Pastors are often inadequately trained, so that church life can be shallow and easily disrupted. In fact, the Baptists are as well known for splits as for their belief in the authority of the Bible.

You might be forgiven for thinking, after all this, that a British couple don't have much scope for effective ministry, but you would be wrong! Angela and I serve on the staff of Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary, founded in 2007 by the Baptists to serve the whole evangelical community in order to provide a solid evangelical theological education through internationally accredited first and second degrees, and spiritual leadership training. Angela works in administration while I teach church history, church principles, leadership skills and preaching. As a faith mission, the college works on a limited budget so that I also supervise the library. I doubled its size by donating my own collection of 2000 books, but we need at least 10,000 volumes to support our courses effectively.

Alongside all this work, I am now on the executive committee of the Baptist denomination with special responsibility for training. I also care for the non-Arab churches, an area likely to expand as expatriate congregations are multiplying. In addition, a year ago I became the pastor of 'The Local Baptist Church' in Nazareth. In my 'spare time' I have just completed an MPhil about modern Baptist evangelicalism in Britain. Funds permitting, I shall continue to a doctorate to be fully qualified as a degree level teacher. As the saying goes, 'It is better to burn out than to rust out!'

We work with a vision: to produce able and evangelical leaders who will place evangelism and church-planting at the heart of their calling. To achieve this, I not only teach these things but model them in a pastorate. The college also seeks to model to the whole believing community in Israel the New Testament teaching that there is 'one new man in Christ'. Our (largely unpaid) staff includes Messianics, Arabs and expatriates who see each other as brothers and sisters in one Christ, whether we call him Yeshua, Jesus, or Jesus.

Alongside the 8,000 Arab evangelicals there are estimated to be 10-15,000 Messianic Jews among the 7 million citizens of Israel. These miniscule numbers mean that outside help is urgently needed and utterly vital, to empower local believers without colonising them. Yet the sad truth is that each year, while millions of evangelical dollars are sent to



'bless Israel', little practical help is given to *bless them with the gospel* through indigenous believers. Messianic groups attract some attention, but virtually no interest is shown in the Arab evangelicals. Our presence here is one small act of redress in the name of western evangelicalism. We hope it will also be a spur to others, whose almost total neglect is made more shameful by the multitudes of Bible-believing Christians who visit Israel without even meeting, let alone supporting, their beleaguered brothers and sisters in Christ. I think God will pardon my misuse of a biblical text I always recall when I watch the tourist buses drive through Nazareth: 'Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?'

**Phil Hill**

# Director's desk

**The work of world mission is central to the calling of the church. This task demands a twin focus which is both on God and the message of the Gospel.**

As Christians we respond to the Great Commandments; to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We also respond to the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Sometimes, however, the task seems so great we don't know where to begin.

As he set out on his second missionary journey Paul must have had an increasing awareness of the greatness of the challenge he and his team faced. He knew that after he and Silas had visited the churches established on his first journey they would move on into new areas. The great need was for more workers. When he was at Lystra he met a young man, Timothy, who was warmly commended by the churches at both Lystra and Iconium. Timothy had been taught the Gospel by his mother and grandmother and had a real heart to serve the Lord. Timothy was just the kind of man Paul needed to join his team.

One of the key roles more mature Christians have in the church is to encourage younger Christians in their faith and in serving the Lord. The church leaders at Lystra were busy with the work of the church, but not too busy to recognise Timothy's gifts and calling. They had encouraged him in his desire to serve the Lord. Probably neither they, nor Timothy, realised where this would take him when he joined the apostolic team. This young man who had faithfully served the Lord in his home town and home church was now on the front line of Gospel advance.

Timothy accompanied Paul and Silas and was trained on the job. At first he worked alongside them as an apprentice, learning the skills required to be an evangelist. Paul became a spiritual father to him and taught him by word and example. Timothy saw Paul's dependence on the guidance of the Lord and his readiness to go where the Lord directed. He witnessed the vulnerability of the apostle and the physical suffering he endured for the cause of Christ. He saw the triumphs of the Gospel as well as the disappointments and pain as those who had promised much turned away. Through all these

things Timothy grew as a Christian and his love for the Lord Jesus deepened.

Christian leaders must never be remote and withdrawn. Paul was open and accessible to Timothy. He shared his joys and sorrows with this young man. He gave Timothy the opportunity to engage in active ministry of the most demanding kind. Timothy experienced the hostility of the world and so came to a deep conviction of people's desperate need to know the Saviour. Paul knew that, with God's help, Timothy could overcome his natural timidity and proneness to illness and become a really effective servant of the Lord. He learned from Paul that when he was weak, then he was strong. It was through being with Paul that Timothy grew to his full potential.

Christian leaders can learn from Paul's example. We need to identify and encourage other Christians who have a real desire to serve the Lord. We must never be so busy with "our" ministry that we have no time to encourage and train others alongside us. They need to experience real ministry with us and to see how we face the challenges of ministry, which reveal both our strengths and weaknesses. They need to be with us when we don't know what to do

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and pray to the Lord for guidance. They need to be with us when we are weary and discouraged and to see the Lord renewing our strength and our vision. They need to be with us when the Lord opens someone's heart to respond to the message we have preached. They need to see all that it means to be a willing slave of Jesus Christ and of the Gospel. What a privilege it is to be able to invest in the lives of others and to share with them not only the Gospel but our lives as well!

During the years he spent with Paul, Timothy grew in godliness and Christ-like character. He brought great joy and encouragement to Paul because as a son with his father he served with him in the Gospel. He had a big heart for people and took a genuine interest in their welfare. When Paul came to the end of his life and ministry he knew that Timothy, and others like him, were ready to take the work forward.

We need to pray for people like Timothy to be raised up today for the ongoing task of world mission. We need to see the potential in others and to do all we can to encourage them on to greater maturity. We need to share our lives with them so that we will all grow in godliness and Christ-like character as we serve together in the work of the Gospel.

**Peter Milsom**



# New strategies in Turkey

**“The mission of the BCC is to Courageously and Creatively Evangelise the Nation, and to Follow-up and Disciple Respondents, through Networking with others in Building up and Planting Churches”**

The Bible Correspondence Course began in 1962 at a time when there was no or little outreach. In the early days the BCC was a small covert operation which started in someone's house. This grew in the 1980s when there was a level of openness and fruit through our adverts in local magazines and newspapers. The adverts were simple, “Have you ever read the Incil (New Testament)?” In 1991 church planting teams and tiny local fellowships were brought on board for follow-up in different regions in Turkey and did some course grading. The BCC became the key tool in church planting around the country. In 2005 we started advertising on the internet which is resulting in the highest numbers ever of new students writing in. What was a covert operation is now a company with legal status.

The BCC is a nationwide evangelistic net which seeks to find Turks interested in the Gospel, send them material so they can discover more about the Gospel and put them in contact with believers who live near them. All the materials we send are free and include a questionnaire. When they respond to us (through our adverts, websites etc) we grade them and send more materials.... In the last 15 years 200,000 have contacted the BCC to receive a NT or other Christian literature. According to statistics 3,500 (5,000 approximately today) over half the believers came to faith through the work of the BCC.

The BCC has developed new strategies to reach people over the past few years in line with new technologies available. Presently we have several apologetic websites, the main ones are 'islama cevap' answering Islam; dusten ote (more than dreams) and allah tanimak (Meeting God). We have on-line chat operators and are developing a mobile outreach ministry too. Our new on-line course developed recently provides a very accessible, step-by-step way for people to learn about

who God is, who Jesus is, and what this information means in relation to them and their lives. We are also on facebook too and presently have 7,000 friends. Through this and our websites we have been able to make face to face contact and discuss many spiritual issues with them. The needs of the BCC are great... anyone interested in this project please do contact the office for more information... and see below, we need YOU!!!



## the 1881 project

### Declaring salvation to Turkey's 81 provinces over 18 months

Beginning July, 2011, the Bible Correspondence Course will launch an exciting initiative to see intentional evangelism happen in all of Turkey's 81 provinces over 18 months. Working in partnership with national believers, workers and churches from all over the world, we believe it is time to declare to Turkey's 81 provinces that a Saviour has been born to them – a Son has been given to them. More than a third of Turkey's 81 provinces have no meeting of believers and many have no known believer whatsoever.

1881 is also significant is that it is the birth year of Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Turkish Republic and who is considered by every Turkish schoolchild to be the 'Saviour' of the country. We admire Atatürk who was a tremendous leader – but only Jesus can offer spiritual salvation.

### Get involved! There are several ways you could be involved:

1. Join a short term outreach to one of the provinces.
2. Organise your own outreach to a province of your choice. The BCC will provide Scriptures, literature and other media to any outreach team and will organise follow up of those interested. Information will soon be available at [www.the1881project.org](http://www.the1881project.org)
3. Pray for the initiative – updated prayer requests will be sent every 18 days with prayer meetings in Istanbul happening every 81 days.
4. Join the BCC team for any part of the 18 months to help with administration and facilitation of the project.
5. Give so that the additional Scriptures and other literature can be produced.

**Please pray and partner with us!**

# Children's work in Sierra Leone

I left home on Wednesday 13th April and after a cancelled flight from Heathrow to Casablanca and then a lot of waiting around in Casablanca I finally arrived in Freetown on Friday morning. The upside of all the waiting was that I got to know my fellow passengers quite well. One passenger, whose husband is from Sierra Leone, was especially friendly and on arrival at our destination her husband met the two of us with mugs of hot sweet tea at the baggage carousel! Another Sierra Leonean passenger saw me through baggage and customs without hassle from the porters wanting to help. It felt so good to be back in West Africa! Lungi Airport is 8 miles on the other side of the estuary from Freetown so I had to take a 'water taxi' to the other side. This turned out to be a white knuckle speedboat ride with 4 other passengers, a bit of a shock to the system at 5 am. It was with some relief I met Tirzah Jones and Mike Webb at the landing.

Two courses were held for children's and youth workers, one in Freetown on the UFM compound, where Mike and Vi Webb live, and the second in the interior at Kamabai village. Due to my late arrival I was more involved with the second course. Tirzah Jones, a full time children's worker from Ipswich, and I worked together and found that even though we had prepared without being able to get together we were very much at one in the task and the lessons we had prepared fitted together well. Tirzah laid the foundations with topics such as Biblical teaching on the child, prayer and personal preparation, and also used great ideas from her two books published with 'Day One' on games and crafts in children's work. She is a wonderful storyteller and gave great examples for the students to follow in her demonstration lessons.

I taught topics such as preparing a Bible lesson from first principles, Bible memorisation, choosing and teaching songs, visual communication (without pictures), teaching chronologically through the Bible and discipline.

These were adapted to the African context because resources are very limited and most of the teachers have no manuals to use or pictures to show. They tend to think that teaching children is either like preaching a sermon to adults,



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or else simply relating a Bible story, and we tried to explain the importance of telling the story accurately but also finding the main truths to weave into the lesson and applying these to the life of the child. They were able to come up with great ideas for illustrating the lessons with everyday objects and simple chalk drawings.

The last topic (Discipline) was taught by request from the students and in the course of the teaching I said that it would never be right for a Sunday School teacher to hit a child. I sensed an obvious surprise at this statement so I asked the question, 'Why should you not hit a child in your Sunday School class?' I certainly didn't expect the response I got, 'Because flogging really disrupts the rest of the class!'

Several of the participants had not actually taught in a Sunday School yet and were new to the subjects. In the interior, the literacy level was more limited and Vi Webb had to do some translating into Krio to make the teaching clear. We then had practicals, where the teachers were given a Bible passage and had to prepare and teach a lesson from it. This gave interesting results; there were encouragements like a young man named George, recently converted from Catholicism, who taught an excellent

lesson taking in all the principles he had learned. There were also moments when we became aware of the lack of Bible knowledge of some of the teachers, and had to gently unravel some of the teaching and take them back to the Bible. Pray that the 50 or so young people who attended the training will be able to put into practice what they learned and study God's Word so that they can pass on the truth to the children.

It was an inspiration to meet Pastor Moses, the organiser of the Kamabai course, who pastors a wide area, with around 6 little church buildings, and 7 other groups who have not yet got their own building, under his care. His prayer request was for the Lord to keep him humble. Each Saturday he trains a group of young people in Bible study and evangelism and then on Sunday they go out on bicycles around the area to evangelise. Two of these are young boys of 13-14 years old, and they also attended the course. Sierra Leone celebrated 50 years of independence on 27th April. The motto is 'Unity, Freedom & Justice.' Pray that many children in this land which is largely Muslim will come to know the only One who can give true unity, freedom and justice.

Rosalind Brown

# Into Myanmar

**It's the usual story – boy meets girl, they fall in love and get married. This particular boy and girl are both from large villages and both have Christian parents but that's where the similarities end!**



**M**ichaela's village is a typical English village. Tuangpi's village is quite different. For a start it's on a different continent.

(But let's just rewind quickly. How did these two ever meet? Well Tuangpi left his village and went, on foot, to India. He studied and worked his way through Bible College for 6 years. He then returned to Myanmar and got a job in an International school in the capital city, Yangon. Michaela also left her village. She trained as a teacher, worked for a few years and then went to Bible College. After that she got a job at the same International school in Yangon. And so the scene was set for that "usual story" of boy meets girl!)

Tuangpi comes from a village in North West Myanmar in South East Asia. There is no electricity, no running water in the bamboo or wood homes. People walk 2 hours to get to the nearest clinic. There are no cars although even if there were the roads are no more than dirt tracks. Many people use bicycles or motorbikes to get around. No internet, no mobile coverage, not even land line phone lines, no T.V, no cinema and no fast food! The people here live, and barely survive, by farming their 1 or 2 acres of land. They're hugely dependent on the rain coming at the right time so they can harvest their rice paddies and provide their families with food for the coming year.

Tuangpi's church has about 2000 members which is nearly half the village population and yet only 400 regularly attend the Sunday service. In a majority Buddhist country these people, the Zomi, are Christian. But, much like we might see in Michaela's village, many are simply Christian by name. As these people struggle in a country where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer many turn to alcohol. With opium fields being planted nearby the younger generations have turned to drugs in an attempt to numb the pain, disappointment and fear of the future.

Some of the villagers are deeply dependent on God for their basic needs and through hardships they have a faith and trust that is rare to see and very humbling. Politically, however, the situation is not helped by a government who do little for its people and which leaves villages like these to remain under developed and dying.

Tuangpi's village is not as remote as some and yet when he took his then fiancé, Michaela, to meet his family she was the first foreigner they had ever met. The whole village came out to look and meet this pale faced girl. It was a very exciting time as people looked on and wracked their brains trying to remember their school English. For Michaela it was completely overwhelming as huge numbers of people stared, spoke in a language she couldn't understand and laughed out loud at jokes she suspected were about her! One confident man shook her hand and said "Hello, how are you, I'm fine, goodbye, I love you, don't kiss me!"

Well that was some time ago now and Tuangpi and Michaela are married and have a beautiful daughter called Rosie. Despite their differences they are embracing all the challenges of a cross cultural marriage.

Tuangpi, Michaela and Rosie are presently living in England. Their dream is to work in and around Tuangpi's village. Myanmar is sometimes called the



forgotten land but these villages are really the forgotten place in that land. Little to no foreign aid reaches here and as foreigners cannot get permission to even stay overnight in these places there are few foreign missionaries. Tuangpi is the ideal person to reach them. He speaks the Zomi language, he knows and respects the Zomi culture and he doesn't have the restrictions that others would, he's one of their own. With Michaela's support they hope to encourage the Christians, evangelise those not yet saved, help the village to develop and raise the standard of living.

**Please pray for them and for the people of Myanmar.**

# The challenge of leadership training

The churches of Eastern Europe today face many challenges. Today's context is very different from the days of Soviet domination, and also very different from the period of amazing blessing and growth that was seen during the early days of freedom in the 1990's.

Today's church has to grapple with more apathy, post-modernism, theological attack and consumer materialism even in a poor culture. This requires leadership of maturity, steadfast strength, and courage to change for the times we live in. But this kind of leadership doesn't emerge overnight. It takes patience, perseverance and long years of investing in the right kind of leaders. And it requires that current leaders are aware of the challenges that need to be faced right now in the training of new leaders.

How can we best encourage spiritual leadership to develop that will truly live in the *present* and face the *future*, rather than simply handling the fallout from the *past*? This is one of the areas that we seek to focus on as we live and work amongst the Slavic people that we love.



## Here are five particular challenges to pray for:

### Pray for a mature approach to theology

In the West we take for granted that we have a well thought-out system of theology that has been worked through for centuries. Where we are, nothing is fully worked through; there is no holistic, systematic approach to anything; Biblical teaching is often very piecemeal and flimsy. Pray that we would see progress in the coming years in spiritual men beginning to think through their theology and letting it drive how they live and serve and teach in the church.

### Pray against an oversized view of the near past

There are many positive marks left on the Slavic churches from the legacy of 20th Century persecution. We could do with some of those in UK churches. But there are negative legacies too – one of which is a 'Survivalist' mentality, which is needed under persecution but is not a good strategy for peace time. This mentality prevents a great deal of Biblical thinking here and restricts good leadership development.

### Pray against crippling legalism

There is a huge temptation here for spiritual leaders to curb the onset of Western materialistic compromises by becoming legalistic: banning anything that might threaten the spiritual health of the church. Pray that leaders

will instead teach about Spirit-guided living and keeping our consciences clean before God, while taking every opportunity that we can for the gospel. This works much better than sets of conscience-binding rules.

### Pray for the ability to distinguish between principle and practice

This is one of the most serious difficulties we face in our teaching and training of future leaders. Whole generations here seem to have missed the necessity to draw all our teaching and church models from Biblical principles, rather than previous practices. Without this, many foundations in church life are wobbly, so pray that new younger leaders will immerse themselves in Biblical thinking and spiritual principles that are timeless, even in a changing world.

### Pray for adaptation in forms of Evangelism

The evangelistic heart of many Slavic churches is gloriously relentless – rightly part and parcel of church life over here. But when poorly taught people come across thinking objections, or educated people, or other world-views, they often struggle to give a good defence of the gospel. New ways need to be found to reach out to people of a new generation, so please pray for leaders to emerge who understand this need and can adapt their forms of outreach accordingly.

We long for church growth here to be Biblical and sustainable, with saints that are truly equipped for their works of service (Eph 4:12), and reaching maturity (Eph 4:13) as they grow up into Christ.

Andy & Tatyana, Eastern Europe

# Back in Burkina Faso



Yesterday I went to Yagma again, this time with my family. The two buildings are finished now, windows, doors, concrete floors and the concrete frieze blocks hidden under a layer of smoothed plaster. Ramps and steps in place. They are ready for use. I met the lady who will be using the larger open sided building to teach young girls with few academic opportunities to make a living by sewing. Starting today. I saw the soap making kit, stored in the newly built store room. This is the kit that the ladies of the village had used to show the UFM building team how they were going to help themselves get back on their feet after the devastation of the floods in 2009 which had left them, well, devastated.

For Yagma read Stevenage, or Milton Keynes, or Corby. It's a new town on the edge of Ouagadougou, created out of necessity after a weather system refused to budge and deposited vast quantities of water onto the capital city, destroying homes and businesses in the process. Rather than rebuilding these dwellings in the centre of town the government gave grants to those dispossessed to build a new community some 15kms outside of it.

A rough estimate is that there are already 10,000 people living in this new town. From them a group came forward to ask SIM for help, amongst which were a group of widows and orphans. SIM coupled this request with the question of how best could the gospel be advanced here? Already mosques are springing up, undoubtedly the Jehovah's Witnesses will arrive; their literature is already there. The answer came in the form of two buildings (for now) in which these ladies could work, to create micro businesses.

These buildings would be the start of an SIM presence in Yagma, an opportunity



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to get a foothold in the community, a possibility to provide a place for worship when a church is established, a diving board into the lives of these people. Problem: buildings need building. But as somebody said to me this week, to every problem there is a solution; obviously not an Arsenal fan.

At the same time as SIM were praying and considering the options, God was closing the door into the Ivory Coast for a team of builders with UFM. Put two and two together and you get two Englishmen, one adopted Scot and seven Ulstermen, meeting up at London Gatwick destined to build in Yagma. Two weeks later, in late January we left the site, almost strangers before, firm friends now. Concrete mixed by shovel in excess of 40°F, lips cracked by the sheer dryness of the air, communication problems



overcome by a constant game of building site charades with the local builders; but a roof on one building, and nearly on the other.

The team went their separate ways at the end of the trip, each reporting home about the heat, the culture, the food, but more, much more, of God's greatness and majesty, of fellowship hewn not out of our cultural similarities, but out of the rock which is Jesus Christ and his word and his commission.

I am back in Burkina Faso now, for a longer period. As for the new buildings at Yagma, they begin to fulfil their potential today, and we pray that soon they will be throbbing with believers worshipping God. Please pray.

**Ben Griffin**

# New to UFM

## ITALY

### Paul Chatfield

**Home Church:** Carey Baptist Church, Reading

Paul was converted whilst at University and currently works as a Statistician in Reading. From September Paul will start a two year Binary Course at WEST. He will be based in Bridgend for the first year and for the second, he will be on placement in Italy. Paul has already spent some time in Italy and is currently discussing opportunities with a church in Turin for his placement.



## SLOVAKIA

### Heledd Job

**Home Church:** Bangor Welsh Evangelical Church

Heledd was brought up in a Christian home and trusted the Lord personally at the age of about 11. A significant time for Heledd was when she went to University and found her faith challenged. Heledd is currently studying for a Masters in Translation Studies and will finish in September. Until last summer Heledd was working with UCCF in Wales. From this autumn she will be seconded by UFM to IFES in Slovakia.



## ITALY

### Huw & Alison Williams

**Home Church:** Highfields, Cardiff

Huw and Alison were married in 2001. Huw has been actively involved in the ministry at Highfields and Alison has been working as Team Leader with UCCF in Wales. For some time Huw & Alison have had an increased burden for European ministry, resulting in a call to the Pastorate of the International Church of Torino. Huw & Alison leave for Italy this autumn.



## SIERRA LEONE

### Robert & Suzanne Lightowler

**Home Church:** Evangelical Free Church, Stony Stratford

Robert is the Pastor at the Evangelical Free Church in Stony Stratford. He and his wife Sue have been in ministry for almost 30 years. Robert has also been involved in prison work. Robert and Sue have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. Their future ministry in Sierra Leone will involve church planting, evangelism and theological/leadership training.



## FRANCE

### Deborah Prisk

**Home Church:** Christchurch, Mayfair

Debs was converted at the age of 8 and has had a particular interest and concern for France from an early age. Whilst working as a solicitor, Debs was challenged about full-time Christian work. Debs has been working with IFES in Paris. After the summer she will be taking up a new position as Parish Worker in a church in Lagny-Sur-Marne (28km east of Paris). She will work primarily with the women and also help with outreach to the community.



## Those going out for short-term (1 year) service are:

### James Brown

teaching at Bourofaye Christian School, Dakar, Senegal (this will be James' second year)

**Joel and Bekah Callow with Bethan, Naomi and Daniel** working with students in Athens, Greece (this will be Joel and Bekah's third year)

### Abigail Matthews

working with students in Bordeaux, France

### Robyn Morrison

working with students in Bordeaux, France

# With the Lord

In the past few months a number of families connected with UFM have suffered loss as loved ones have died.

## David Brown

David was our Personnel Secretary until he retired in January 2008. He and Sheila had served for many years in Brazil with the Baptist Missionary Society. During David's time with us we benefited greatly from his missionary experience and pastoral wisdom. David went to be with the Lord on 16 April after a long period of illness and treatment for cancer. We remember Sheila and the family in their loss and trust they will know much of the Lord's comfort and presence.



## Roger Moore

Roger served the Mission as our honorary Medical Officer for many years. The experience he and Janet had in DR Congo gave him a real insight into tropical medicine and many of our missionaries benefited from Roger's advice and counsel. He was always available and ready to help. He and Janet continued their interest in the work in Congo through a technical project which helped Congolese Christians to develop small businesses. Roger went to be with the Lord on 12 February. We remember Janet and the family in their loss and trust they will know the Lord's daily grace and peace.

## Charlotte Kingsland

Charlotte was the first child of Rob and Amanda Kingsland. Rob works in our Swindon office. Charlotte was born in October 2008 and was found to have Zellweger's syndrome, a genetic condition which affected her brain, liver and kidneys. She was expected to live for only a few months. Rob and Amanda cared for her in a wonderful way and she lived more for more than 2½ years. She went to be with the Lord on 30 May. We remember Rob and Amanda and the family in their loss and trust they will know the Lord's strength and grace each day.

# News bites



## New appointment

We are very glad to announce that John-Mark Teeuwen has been appointed Director-Designate from 1 July 2011 to succeed Peter Milsom, who will retire at the end of 2012. Please pray for John-Mark as he takes up this new role.



## Prayer Day

**12 November 2011**

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## Comings & Goings

### Comings

**June** Martin & Claudia Bussey from Kenya  
Mark & Gill Newham from Mongolia  
Rogério & Shirley Teixeira (Hough) from Brazil  
**July** Maureen Sharratt from Brazil

### Goings

**July** Johnny & Ann McClean to Thailand  
**August** Catherine to Spain  
Andy & Tatyana to Asia  
David & Bertha Barnes to Peru  
Martin & Claudia Bussey to Kenya  
Richard and Terece Dilworth to France  
Jerry & Joy to Asia  
Rogério & Shirley Teixeira (Hough) to Brazil  
**September** Huw & Alison Williams to Italy  
**October** Heledd Job to Slovakia  
Mo Sharratt to Brazil

### Short-Term

Roger & Grace Barden (Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda)  
Naomi Fay (Brittany, France)  
Abigail Matthews (Bordeaux, France)  
David & Emma Moore (Rumginae, PNG)  
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# Mission finance 2010/11

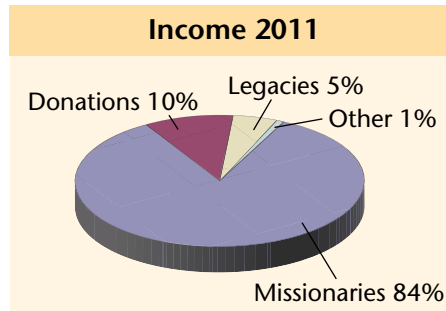
Financial year ended 31 March 2011

Although for the first time for a number of years, our expenditure on General Fund exceeded income, the Council are grateful to God for the surpluses made in earlier years which has enabled the Mission to absorb the excess expenditure. Our latest accounts are for the year ended 31 March 2011. The charts summarise the income and expenditure of the Mission for both this year and last year.

Donations to Missionary Support in the year amounted to £1,460,820. This represents a 1.8% increase on the previous year. Expenditure in support of our missionaries amounted to £1,587,630 compared to £1,443,419 in the previous year. Over the last year there has been a decrease in funds earmarked for missionary support of £126,810.

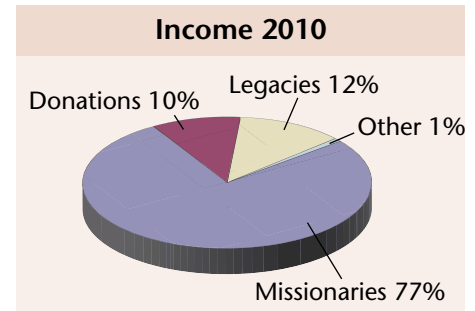
Income to our General Fund, which is used to pay the overheads of the Mission, was £287,694. This compares with £422,536 received in the previous year. The reduction in income is due primarily to a significant reduction in legacy income compared to the previous year.

Expenditure for the year from General Fund amounted to £368,658 (2010: £377,297), including £1,372 (2010: £5,075) spent on accommodation for missionaries.



Income to General Fund fell short of expenditure by £(80,964) (2010: surplus of £45,239) before adjusting for movements in the value of the Mission's investments.

After adjusting for the increase in the market value of investment assets there was a deficit on General Fund of £(54,699) (2010: Surplus of £180,985).



The Council continue to be grateful for the sacrificial giving of our many friends and supporters which has continued in spite of the ongoing turmoil in the economic world. Please continue to pray that the Council may be good stewards of the resources that God has made available to UFM Worldwide through the committed giving of the Mission's supporters.

Brian Mitchener

## Summer Teams

Brittany, France	2-16 July
Eastern Europe	2-16 July
Tralee, Ireland	2-10 July
Moldova	15-29 Aug



## What's on

### Family Conference

25-29 July

Hothorpe Hall, near Market Harborough  
Bible Ministry: Rev. Bernard Lewis, Pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Newport and former UFM missionary

### Belfast Annual

6 October

Mountpottinger Baptist Church at 7.45pm  
Speaker: Pastor Val English

### Irish Youth Weekend

14-16 October

Mullartown House, Annalong  
Speaker: Rev Andrew Mullan, Kilkeel  
Contact William Brown (Email: [william@ufm.org.uk](mailto:william@ufm.org.uk)) for more details

# How to stop a family quarrel

**Y**ou have the potential to fall-out with your nephew, who you've been caring for as your own son since his father (your brother) died. How will you sort it? Pull rank, knowing that you both accept that your age and status are way above his? Remind him of everything you've done for him, so that he feels guilty? Use your greater life experience to either bully or manipulate him?

In **Genesis 13**, Abram does none of those. He and Lot are living within earshot of the Canaanites and Perizzites. And his herdsmen and Lot's are beginning to fall-out over the pasture arrangements. So Abram deals proactively with the issue by being prepared to sacrifice for the sake of peace. He offers Lot first choice of the land, knowing that he might choose the best pastureland for himself - and that's exactly what Lot did.

Quarrels within the family of God - and in earshot of those not-yet Christians - are a bad thing. Many people have been seriously hindered in coming to faith by the irresponsible falling-out of Christians or churches. The gospel of peace is not honoured but harmed by such quarrelling.

**...words of genuine forgiveness not only heal a broken relationship, they spread the fragrance of the God of all grace, witnessing to his astonishing mercy**

Abram shows us the way to defuse the difficulty: a willing sacrifice, for the sake of peace and for the sake of the gospel. The apostle Paul makes the same point when he urges the Corinthian Christians, "Why not rather be wronged?"

Abram's willing self-sacrifice points us inexorably forward to our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose poverty over riches in order that we, through his poverty, might be made immeasurably rich. It was at the greatest personal cost that Jesus came and offered himself for us. By shedding his blood, the dividing wall of hostility was pulled down and peace made possible between God and humanity and from person to person.

When we choose to live in ways that reflect our Saviour, willingly suffering wrong and loss, we actively commend him to others and take forward his mission to the nations. The soft answer that turns away wrath doesn't just defuse the disagreement, it has potential to ignite faith as God's reconciling power is seen. The act of kindness with no thought of reward speaks deeply of the God who reaches out to his enemies, that they might be reconciled to him by the cross of his Son. And words of genuine forgiveness not only heal a broken relationship, they spread the fragrance of the God of all grace, witnessing to his astonishing mercy.

In offering first choice of pasture to his nephew, Abram mirrored the heart of his God. And as that same spirit of sacrifice moves people to serve as missionaries and to support those sent out to serve in the gospel of God, so too the Prince of Peace is honoured and glorified.

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