



UFM Worldwide Annual Review

2022/2023

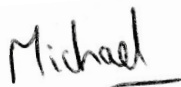


Dear friends...

It's a joy to share another annual review with you. 2022-2023 was the first year in four to be largely unaffected by the pandemic, bringing with it the return of staff visits to mission partners on the ground, in-person conferences and a full range of short-term mission opportunities.

We're so grateful for your partnership as we work together to support churches in making disciples of all nations. As together we continue to help send and support people 'in a manner worthy of the Lord' (3 John 6), we hope you'll be encouraged by this snapshot of all that God has been doing through the UFM family in seeing the gospel go to the nations.

With our love in Christ,



Michael Prest
Director, UFM Worldwide

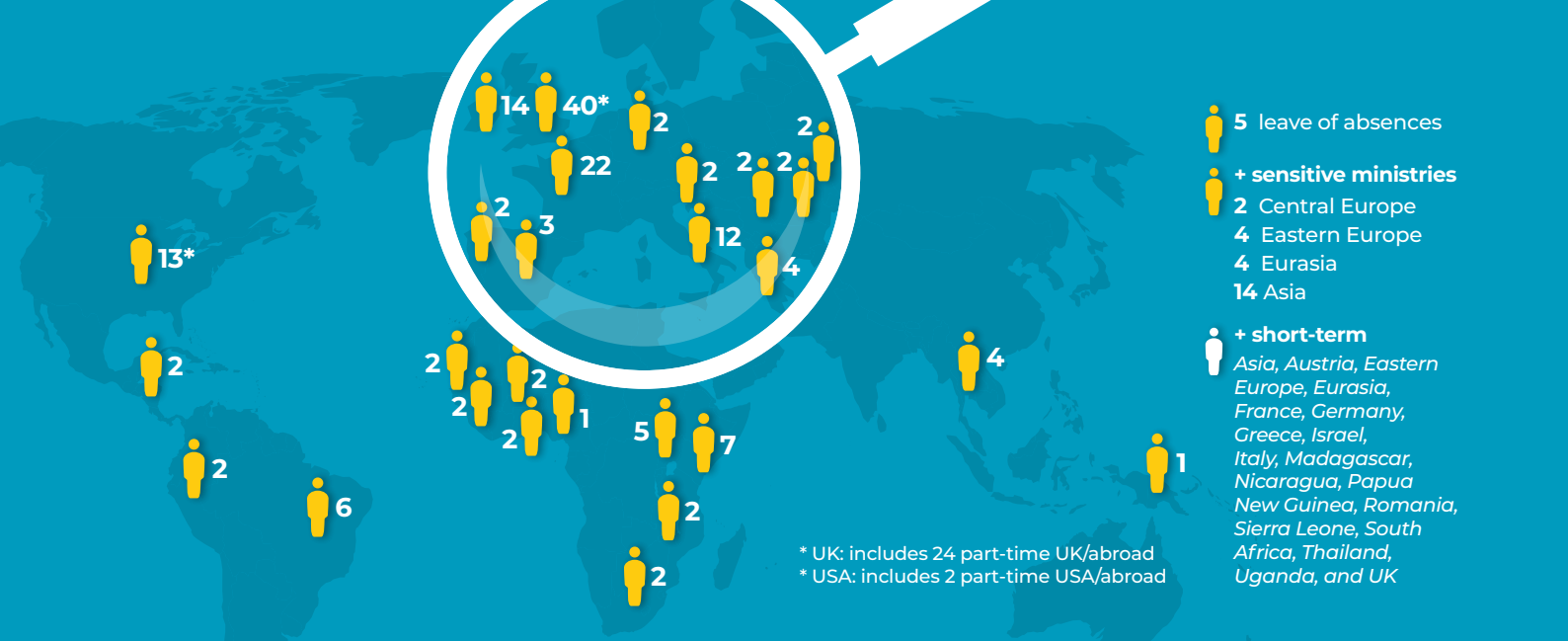
Review of the year

New workers

What a joy to see God continue to send out workers into his harvest field. This year we had the privilege of serving 253 long and short-term workers (2021-2022, 226), serving in 41 nations.

The growth over the last 12 months was seen particularly in the number of short-term mission partners and volunteers serving with 100Fold. We pray daily for God to raise up new workers, whilst not pursuing growth for its own sake.





-  5 leave of absences
-  + sensitive ministries
-  2 Central Europe
-  4 Eastern Europe
-  4 Eurasia
-  14 Asia
-  + short-term
- Asia, Austria, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and UK*

* UK: includes 24 part-time UK/abroad
 * USA: includes 2 part-time USA/abroad

Short-term developments

We have been encouraged that our short-term mission has grown post-pandemic. We've had our first applications through our partnership with the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship and we now have a steady stream of people serving through iWitness.

The return of in-person conferences and visits

We were all craving this and it's been a joy to see it happen again! A particular highlight was seeing 70 children and young people at the Summer Conference, building friendships that continue to be expressed in different ways.

Members of the leadership team have made visits to UFM workers and other partners in Ireland, France, Ivory Coast, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Spain, Uganda, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Sierra Leone, Singapore and USA, and have very much valued face-to-face interactions.

Mission Partners



Plus 18 people on summer teams. The Moldova team was cancelled due to the war in Ukraine.



8 people joined



3 people finished



appointed for Kenya, Italy, Georgia, France, Greece, and the Middle East



“ M & S, Eurasia

When the earth shook

Two thunderous earthquakes struck south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria on the 6th February. That very same day, UFM opened an earthquake fund to support local Christians in the relief work.

An incredible £30,000 was raised in just the first five weeks. This is a significant amount of money for the tiny church here, as this region is one of the most unreached parts of the world for the gospel. Thousands of nappies, baby wipes, sanitary towels and the like have been provided, along with hundreds of beds (and more!) The local church has been able to reach villages that had yet to see any

state support, with one non-Christian national saying, “if it hadn’t been for the help of these Christians, I wouldn’t be here today.”

Now local Christians are focusing on methods for keeping families cool in temporary accommodation by sourcing thousands of fans (temperatures are expected to reach 47C). We’ve also been able to funnel funds directly to the few evangelical pastors in the area providing soup kitchens to those who have lost everything, while some is kept in reserve for helping the churches in the disaster zone with sourcing new, secure places to hold Sunday services.

As UFM workers in these nations, we know that the recovery process will take not months but years – probably 10 years – for the region to fully recover. Be assured that though the earthquake zone may no longer be in the news, UFM has not forgotten, and the funds coming through go a long way to supporting the tiny church here to get back on her feet.



“ Shaun Abrahams, Ireland

We've come a long way in Tipperary

The Lord brought me to Tipperary on 29 July 2021 to a group of six believers who have been a faithful witness to the gospel for over 20 years. The youngest was 55 and the oldest has just turned 90.

For over 20 years the little fellowship had no pastor. I am honoured to serve them because this is a group whose gospel witness is one of integrity, loyalty, and sacrifice.

In August 2022, we were joined by a younger family from the States who worked tirelessly to reach the community. This year our attendance has grown to nearly 40, with a wide range

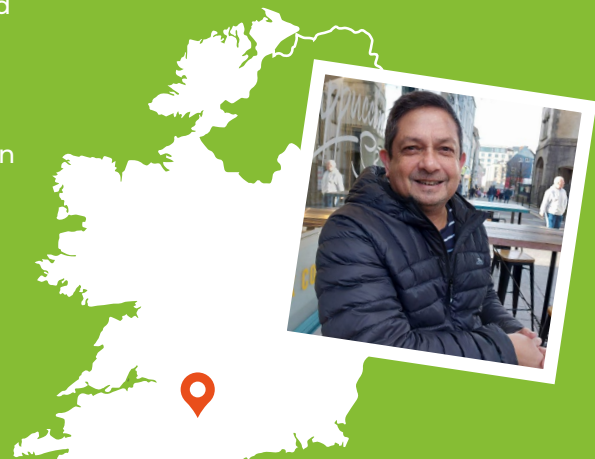
of ages, and we now have a functioning Sunday School with two teachers and a superintendent. Gospel progress is seen in how our little church cares for each other: families with real financial needs, carrying each other's burdens, and the far-reaching effects of grace.

We had two baptisms last year and one lady is being baptised this summer. A couple saved from a life of alcoholism are now deeply involved in our evangelistic efforts to the town and the surrounding areas.

This year our little fellowship appointed our first deacon, a man who just turned 79,

who is bearing gospel fruit in his old age.

Pray with me as we take literature into the community and run a kid's club. Though the world is in turmoil it is always a good time to preach the message of God's forgiveness from sin, to all who would put their trust in Jesus Christ.



👉 M, France

Hope online in Arabic

Our Arabic evangelistic website Shabibah.org continues to offer the hope of the gospel to many people who visit the site. Mira*, from Egypt, is one of them.

She contacted us after having a dream and wanting to know more about the Christian faith. Following many messages containing her questions, which were answered, she asked if it was possible for her to be in a church. We put her in touch with a local church where she started a Bible study.

Mira is very polite and grateful; and has written to say that she is learning a lot and loves the

New Testament. She has asked the Lord to forgive her past as she looks forward to a new beginning. Her desire is to memorise the gospels.

We thank the Lord for the miracle of new birth and ask him to nurture the new believers in his truth.

*Name has been changed



Mission sending from the majority world

One of the wonderful realities of world mission today is that workers are sent from all around the world to make disciples. As a result, we've been investing time and energy in asking "how might we encourage the sending of mission workers from churches in the majority world, without simply replicating a Western model?"

Over the last year, God has been opening up numerous conversations with like-minded churches in different parts of the world. The following page includes two examples.

Sending from Francophone Africa

UFM has a rich history of gospel work in Francophone Africa, both in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in Ivory Coast. The gospel seed sown over many years is still bearing fruit!

Recently we were introduced to Dr Eraston Kigoma, CEO of Centre of Intercultural Missions and Research (CIMR) based in Goma. He heads up a training programme which includes leadership and cross-cultural training. His vision is to see Congolese churches rise to the challenge of cross-cultural mission, both within DRC and further afield. Eraston feels that DRC is strategically placed to

reach unreached people in the 10/40 window. William (Deputy Director) recently participated in a seminar in Goma where church leaders were challenged to identify and send workers for cross-cultural mission.

Ivory Coast

God is also raising up Ivorian Christians to serve in other parts of sub-Saharan Africa. There are 20 workers training in a mission school in Abidjan, while others are waiting to be trained! UEESO-CI (the denomination UFM have partnered with) have sent a church planter to Liberia and are in the process of sending a Pastor from Ivory Coast to develop

the work. William plans to visit Liberia and Ivory Coast later this year with Sahi Marcel Gue, 'Head of Evangelism' for UEESO-CI.

We praise God for all that he is doing. Please pray for us at UFM as we seek to respond to invitations to partner in these ministries.



Finances

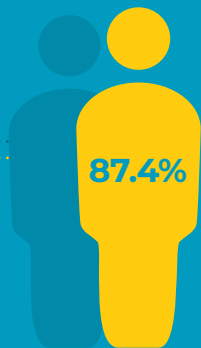
Annual Accounts 2022-2023

Income



↓ £227k*
(6%)

Mission partner
and project support



General
donations



Other
Legacies



2022
2023

Expenditure



↑ £579k*
(16%)

Mission partners



Staff (assisting
with the support
of mission partners)



Other
Publicity, travel,
administration
and conferences



2022
2023

*Based on restated income and expenditure figures for 2021-22

We are aware that everything ultimately comes from God but would like to thank all the churches and individual Christians who have supported the work of UFM Worldwide prayerfully and financially. Your support is vital to us and the work we do.

The year-on-year reduction in total income is largely related to the Ukraine appeal made last year (2021/2022), much of which was spent in this financial year (2022/2023).

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General Fund

Although there has been a growth in the number of supported partners, there has been a small reduction in income for the general fund. Taking into account both direct income and transfers from mission support, income to the general fund reduced from £756k to £658k. This is a combination of reduced legacy income and a lower level of general fund gifts.

Total general fund expenditure rose from £605k to £717k. In the main, this is the full year impact of the additional staff brought in to support the growth in mission partners and was fully anticipated in our budget. However, we did spend more

on conferences and IT systems than previously anticipated.

As mentioned previously, we designated some of last year's surplus as a development fund to help us support new initiatives including how to assist with growth in mission amongst diaspora churches and supporting sending of mission partners from majority world countries.

Although we have only spent £27k in this area so far, the discussions which we have started should have a significant positive impact on the work of mission in future years.

Graeme Powell
UFM Treasurer



Looking ahead

Developing relationships with churches

Tim Howlett joined the staff team as our new Head of Partnerships in January 2023. He will be working to develop our relationships with like-minded churches and organisations.

If you would like someone from UFM to speak at your church, or to help you think over your involvement in world mission, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Launch of the development fund

Some of the new developments in the work – such as mission sending from the majority world, profiled on p8 – need a different funding model to the one we use for supporting mission partners. To that end we have launched the development fund so that we can invest in new gospel initiatives. We're very grateful for the support of many for this. If you'd like to be involved, please do ask us for more details.

Week of prayer

We are excited to be holding a week of prayer (11-15 September 2023). We'll be thinking and praying about gospel progress in the many areas of ministry in which UFM mission partners serve around the world.

There will be opportunities to join each day on Zoom to hear stories from mission partners and to pray into these situations. For more details, check out ufm.org.uk/weekofprayer

UFM Worldwide exists to support churches in making disciples of all nations. Since 1931 we've had the privilege of helping churches to identify, train, send and support workers for cross-cultural mission. UFM workers are committed to making disciples of all nations, taking the gospel to the least reached, and supporting under-resourced churches around the world.



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