

UFM Worldwide Annual Review

2026



Dear friends...

Thank you for your partnership over another year as we've looked to the Lord for new workers, new life and new churches. What a joy to see fruit in all of those areas, some small examples of which we're delighted to highlight in this review. From new life in South Asia, to a new church in Hungary, to celebrating 20 years of God's faithfulness in work among the vulnerable in Moldova, there is so much to thank the Lord for. We hope you're encouraged!

May "... the grace that is reaching more and more people cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 Cor 4:15

With our love in Christ,



Michael Prest
Director, UFM Worldwide



Cover photo: Gheorghe and Mariana, residents from the Casa Mea homes, Moldova.

Review of the year

New workers

UFM has again continued to grow in terms of the number of mission partners served. We pray daily for God to raise up and send out new workers, whilst not pursuing growth for its own sake, recognising it is Jesus alone who is Lord of the harvest.

Finances

We ended the year with a deficit in line with our budget. However, adding growth on investments, we finished with a surplus. Reserves remain in a healthy position at just over 6 months' expenditure. General fund income and expenditure were again at their highest

ever levels. We are especially grateful to God for some large unanticipated general fund gifts.

Growing pastoral support

The pastoral care of mission partners remains a key priority. Our partnership with BCUK* has also been a blessing in providing additional support. Further volunteer support has been invaluable in our care of mission families – two occupational therapists and a teacher joined our volunteer TCK team. We are also very grateful for new volunteers who bring significant pastoral and mission experience, to include support for marriages across the mission.

Developments in the work

It was a joy to facilitate the first gathering of mission sending partners from Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi, in April 2025, resulting in the formation of a new mission sending collaborative network committed to the formation and development of locally led mission agencies that UFM can learn from and encourage.

Closer to home, we have been delighted to welcome George Hawkins as our new volunteer 'Sending Church Consultant.' George will support churches that partner with UFM, in their sending ministry.

*Biblical Counselling UK



303 Mission partners



long-term partners

from  **35**
nationalities

 **50**
short-term
partners

serving in
 **17**
countries

serving in
 **52**
countries

sent by
 **125**
churches

in  **10**
countries

 **+34**
OneHundredFold
volunteers

 **+33**
on summer
teams

with  **36**
joining

and  **6**
finishing

plus
 **180**
children

New workers appointed for South Africa, Italy, Kenya, Spain, Middle East, UK (from USA), Hungary, Germany, Uganda, Central Asia, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Ukraine and France. >



“ Moldova

20 years of God's faithfulness at Casa Mea

Twenty years ago, what seemed an impossible dream became the beginning of a remarkable gospel ministry in Moldova.

Humanly speaking, it seemed impossible. There were few resources, little support and significant stigma surrounding disability. Yet, as they prayed, God opened every door.

After witnessing the desperate conditions faced by adults with disabilities living in state institutions, Maureen Wise,

together with two Moldovan believers, began praying that those who had been forgotten by society might instead experience the love of Christ, life in a family home and the welcome of a local church. Humanly speaking, it seemed impossible. There were few resources, little support and significant stigma surrounding disability. Yet, as they prayed, God opened every door.

Today, Casa Mea ('My House') provides loving, family-style homes for 27 adults with disabilities across five houses. Many who once spent years isolated in institutions are



now active members of local churches, known and loved by their communities. Some have found employment, all have found dignity, and many have come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

From the beginning, the ministry was built on prayer and a commitment to trust God for every need. Twenty years later, that testimony remains unchanged. Time and again, the Lord has faithfully provided the people, resources and opportunities needed for the work to flourish.

While Maureen continues to serve the ministry, the day-to-day work is now led

by UFM mission partners Ben and Esther Smith, together with a dedicated local team. Their prayer is that Casa Mea will continue to demonstrate the compassion of Christ to those often overlooked by society, while pointing residents, families and local communities to the hope of the gospel.

As Casa Mea celebrates its twentieth anniversary, we give thanks for God's extraordinary faithfulness. Please pray that this ministry will continue to shine as a living testimony to the God for whom nothing is impossible.



“ Joel and Eszti in Hungary

A growing gospel witness in Győr

God is continuing to build his church in the Hungarian city of Győr, opening doors for the gospel and drawing people into a growing Christian community.

This year, Győr Presbyterian Church welcomed its first eight members – a joyful milestone for this young church plant. Since then, more people have begun worshipping regularly, joining Bible studies, prayer meetings and shared meals, with several preparing for church membership.

As the congregation has grown, God has provided a new meeting place in the heart of the city. Just steps from the main train and bus station, it gives the church a visible and welcoming base for worship, discipleship and outreach. Before holding their first Sunday service there, the church gathered to pray, committing this new chapter to the Lord.

God is also opening remarkable opportunities through everyday relationships. Connections made through children's activities, sports and other community groups have led to natural gospel conversations.



One local woman, Rita, asked Eszti to meet because she wanted to understand why her life was different. That conversation led to Eszti sharing her testimony and the hope of Christ, praying with Rita, and welcoming her to Bible study.

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Outreach to children and young people is also in full swing. Youth events, Bible distribution, ballet camps and sports ministries are giving many with

little or no church background their first opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

The church has also been able to demonstrate Christ's love in times of deep sorrow. When a young believer, Zsófi, lost her father suddenly, the church family surrounded her with practical care, and through their support, her mother also began attending church and hearing the gospel.

Please give thanks for the Lord's faithfulness in Győr, and pray that this young church will continue to shine brightly, so that many more people in Hungary will come to know the saving hope of Jesus Christ.



“ M and K, South Asia

Equipping the Church to Proclaim Christ

Across South Asia, God continues to strengthen his church as pastors and evangelists are equipped to faithfully proclaim Christ in places where the gospel is often little known.

... after a lifetime of worshipping gods who only demanded from her, she had heard of the Saviour who gave his life for her.

During the first months of the year, mission partners M and K travelled across the region, teaching at pastors'

conferences and Bible training events. Again and again, church leaders spoke of how Christ-centred teaching was renewing their confidence in preaching God's Word and encouraging them to persevere in ministry.

One particularly encouraging opportunity came during an evangelistic meeting in a rural community, where around 200 people gathered to hear the gospel. Many expressed a desire to follow Christ, including one elderly woman who explained that, after a lifetime of worshipping gods who only demanded from her, she had heard of the Saviour who gave

his life for her. Local believers are now walking alongside those who responded, helping them grow in their faith and become witnesses for Christ in their own communities.

Elsewhere, M had the privilege of teaching Christian healthcare workers preparing to serve



in conflict-affected areas. Combining practical medical care with gospel witness, they will take both compassion and the hope of Christ to isolated communities. Despite the uncertainty surrounding them, they graduated with a clear commitment to serve wherever God leads.

There was further encouragement as the gospel was shared in rehabilitation centres, where several people professed faith in Christ. One young woman has since been baptised, giving thanks for the new life she has found in him.

Throughout the region, pastors repeatedly testified to the encouragement they

had received through faithful biblical teaching. Many returned to their churches refreshed, eager to preach Christ with renewed confidence and joy.

Please give thanks for the way God is strengthening his church across South Asia through the ministry of M and K, and pray that those being equipped will faithfully proclaim Christ, so that many more people will come to know the saving hope of Jesus.



Far left: Ministering to a drug rehabilitation centre in South Asia
Above and left: Ministering to Hindus in South Asia.

Income



£5.54m

↑ Up £0.71m (14.6%) from 2024/25



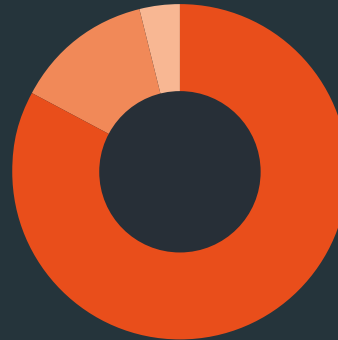
- 89.8%**
Mission partner
and project support
- 7.5%**
General donations
and legacies
- 2.7%**
Other

Expenditure



£5.58m

↑ Up £1.1m (25.7%) from 2024/25



- 83.1%**
Mission partners
and projects
- 13.2%**
Staff
- 3.8%**
Other

“ Graeme Powell, Treasurer, UFM Council

Finances: Annual Accounts 2025/26

It is a privilege for us at UFM to be stewards of God's financial, human and physical resources. We are grateful that, once again, God has answered the prayers of his people by providing for the financial needs of the mission, and we are deeply thankful for the sacrificial giving of time, money and talents by many individuals and churches as we seek to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need.

Incoming resources to the general fund (a combination of direct giving, investment income and service charge

income from the growing number of mission partners) rose to £1.184m, while general fund expenditure rose to £1.08m, with approximately 70% of that spent on staff costs to support the rising number of mission partners (long-term mission partners rose by 13% during the year). As Michael Prest notes in his review, we continue to invest in our pastoral support structures, which are a key distinctive of UFM.

The development fund, which has been in existence for three years, exists to support new initiatives. During the last year, we used some of this funding

to help facilitate the first gathering of mission sending partners from Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

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We are reminded of, and pray that we will continue to fulfil the words of 1 Peter 4:10 (CSB): "Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God."

With this in mind, if you have any questions about UFM's stewardship of its resources or the governance of the charity, we would be delighted to answer them. Please contact finance@ufm.org.uk

Right: William and Rosalind Brown meeting with mission sending partners from across West Africa



Leaving a legacy

“An inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade”

1 Peter 1:4

We are continually amazed and regularly reminded of God's provision over the years, worked out through the faithful prayers, generosity and commitment of his people. As Samuel Zwemer, a missionary in the Middle East, once said, “The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.” This has certainly been true for UFM as we see churches sending workers into the harvest, faithfully supporting them and sharing the desire to see the gospel proclaimed in every corner of the world.

Just as one generation faithfully carries the gospel forward, so each generation has the privilege of investing in those who will come after. For many supporters, one way of continuing this work is by remembering gospel mission in their will.

For UFM Worldwide, gifts left through wills have played a significant role in sustaining and extending cross-cultural mission over many years. These gifts have helped churches identify, train, send and support mission partners, enabling the good news of Jesus Christ to reach communities where it might



Casa Mea project, Moldova

otherwise remain unknown. They are more than financial contributions - they are an investment in the ongoing work of making disciples of all nations.

For many, legacy giving is a natural continuation of a lifetime of faithful stewardship. After making provision for family and loved ones, a gift in a will provides an opportunity for the resources God has entrusted to us to continue serving his kingdom beyond our lifetime. In this way, one generation helps equip the next to take the gospel to the least reached and strengthen churches around the world.

Every legacy, whatever its size, is received with deep gratitude.

Some gifts help sustain existing ministries, while others create opportunities for new gospel work as God opens doors in places where Christ is not yet known. Time and again, these faithful gifts have enabled UFM to look beyond immediate needs and invest with confidence in the future of mission.

As we reflect on God's faithfulness over the past year, we give thanks for those whose generosity continues to bear fruit long after they have gone to be with the Lord. Their legacy is not simply what they leave behind, but the lives that will be transformed through the saving message of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

If you would like to explore how a gift in your will could support future gospel ministry, our *Giving by Legacy* guide explains the different options available and how you can make provision for UFM Worldwide.



5 - 9 October 2026, online www.ufm.org.uk/week-of-prayer



Week of Prayer

For the earth will be filled with the
knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14



Looking ahead

Staff team developments

Alongside the growing team of volunteer Pastoral Support and Church Partnership Workers highlighted in the Review of the Year, we are pleased to announce several new staff appointments commencing in September 2026.

With the encouraging growth in mission partners, mission projects, income and staff, organisational complexity is increasing behind the scenes. We are therefore delighted to have appointed a new Director for Operations & Organisational Strategy.

This new role will help to strengthen and develop the practical support we provide to mission partners, churches and supporters while ensuring that the mission continues to steward its people, systems and resources effectively.

The Communications team will also welcome a new team member, increasing our capacity to create resources that better equip churches, support mission partners, and communicate more effectively the work God is doing around the world.

Films

We are thankful for the opportunity not only to tell stories in print, but also to capture on film the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry of UFM. Over the past year, we have had the privilege of producing short films in Ireland, Moldova and South East Asia, helping churches and supporters connect more closely with the people and places they are praying for. Why not show one at your Sunday service, midweek meeting, or youth group?





Stills from filming



In the coming year, we hope to continue expanding this growing library of resources, celebrating more of the ministries, mission partners and sending churches that make up the UFM family, and using film to encourage God's people in the task of world mission.

Church based summer teams

UFM exists to support churches in making disciples of all nations. It's therefore been really encouraging over recent years to facilitate a growing number of church-based summer teams.

Some churches are wanting to send teams to existing long-term mission partners they already support, whilst others are looking for new opportunities to build long-term partnerships. UFM can help with both and recent examples include supporting St Ebbe's Church in Oxford to send a team to Hungary and Emmanuel Church Marlborough in sending a team to Ireland. If you'd like to explore this possibility for your church, please don't hesitate to be in touch, personnel@ufm.org.uk

Scan the QR code to view our available films.



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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