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# Full of thanks as we look back



Michael Prest, Director, UFM Worldwide

**“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:3-6**

Just as Paul was full of thanks as he remembered his partnership with the Philippians, may your hearts be full of thanks as you remember those you are partnering with around the world! There's so much to be thankful for as we look back over another year, or in the case of the Casa Mea project in Moldova, 20 years! (p4). What a joy in recent weeks to hear of gospel progress, for example:

- A man in SE Asia destroying his household idols after coming to faith
- 300 families, with disabled children, at a Christmas outreach event in W Africa
- New churches planted last year in Carrigtwohill, Ireland and Győr, Hungary
- Recent baptisms in Ireland (Co Mayo & Co Wicklow), Uganda, France and Kenya
- Over 30 workers set apart for long-term service in partnership with UFM over the past year

Beyond the visible fruit and times where we see significant numbers of conversions and baptisms, we thank God for those who are persevering where the soil is hard and living by faith is a daily battle.

We thank God for those who are shining in dark

places, where the devil is at work to discourage or cause division. And we thank God for those who are clinging on in their weakness, living for Christ so that others might see the power is in him and not in us.

It's a wonderful encouragement for our mission partners to know that as you – UFM supporters – see these things, you have them in your hearts and you long for them with the affection of Christ Jesus.

We can be full of thanks as we look back. And praise God, we can, together, be:

## **Full of confidence as we look ahead**

The turn of another year of course doesn't change the circumstances we're in. We're conscious of many mission partners who are facing situations that are humanly

speaking somewhat overwhelming. Paul similarly wrote to a church facing the potential for compromise, conflict and concern, yet in Philippians 1:6 he reminds the church that they can look ahead with confidence – not in themselves, or their plans, but confidence in Jesus and the work he promises to go on doing in their lives. “...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Whether we’re serving Christ close to home, or among a people group far away, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in, we can look ahead with confidence because the Lord who has bound us together is the same Lord who will gather us home.

We invite you to join us in praying for these things as we look ahead:

- For God to continue to raise up and send out a new generation of workers, particularly

where the gospel has yet to go

- For marriages to be protected under the pressures of cross-cultural service
- For God’s work to save ... among those that people are sent to reach around the world, but also within the families of UFM mission partners
- For God’s provision as we recruit for a number of staff positions to support the growing work

We hope you’re encouraged by the reports of gospel ministry around the world in this latest edition of 4Corners, as well as hearing about new workers that God is sending out.

Thank you so much for your partnership in the gospel that brings us great joy and causes our hearts to be filled with thanks.

*Michael*



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# “With God, nothing shall be impossible!” The story behind Casa Mea

April 2026 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Casa Mea project in Moldova – an initiative providing community homes for adults with disabilities, offering a Christ-centred alternative to state-run institutions. This article is drawn from an interview with UFM Mission Partner *Maureen Wise*, conducted during the filming of a documentary marking the occasion.

**As Maureen looks back over more than two decades of Casa Mea’s work in Moldova, what overwhelms her is not strategy or success, but wonder: “A sense of wonder at what God has done bordering on astonishment”, she says. From beginnings so small they could easily have been overlooked but God has built something far larger than she ever imagined.**

Those beginnings were almost accidental. Walking through the streets of Oradea in Romania, Maureen quite literally bumped into one of her former students, Veronica. Out of hundreds she had taught over the years, this meeting was pure coincidence. Veronica, from Moldova, was back in Romania briefly and, during a long conversation, made a simple comment: “You should come to Moldova.”

## The joke at the time ... was that only mafia and missionaries went to Moldova.

They parted ways, but Maureen couldn't shake off the words. At the time, she was reading John chapter 10, reflecting on Jesus as the Good Shepherd who leads his sheep, and whose voice they recognise. "I knew his voice," she says. Months later, she found herself on a plane to Moldova – an almost empty aircraft carrying just twelve passengers. The joke at the time, she recalls, was that only mafia and missionaries went to Moldova.

What she found was a country in deep distress. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Moldova entered economic freefall. Power cuts were constant, food and basic supplies scarce, savings wiped out overnight. Institutions housing people with disabilities were among the hardest hit. "There was nobody who seemed to care whether these men and women lived or died," Maureen says. Corruption meant aid rarely reached those who needed it, and residents were cut off entirely from wider society – and from hearing the gospel.

Raised on London housing estates with no church background, Maureen came to faith as a teenager after a



Left: Casa Matei residents make their way to church. Top: The institution at Hîncești. Bottom: Ion while living in an institution (left), before moving to Casa David in 2025 (right).

growing sense that the beauty of the world demanded a Creator. Given a Bible at school, she began reading it alone. "I didn't understand much," she admits, "but I knew it was true." Over time, she became convinced that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the only way to salvation.

A year later, at the Keswick Convention, Maureen stood in response to a call for full-time Christian service. From early on, she sensed that her life's work would be outside the UK.



**“As soon as we spoke about the gospel, they ran to Christ,” ...**

That calling gradually drew her eastward. Long before the Iron Curtain fell, she visited Eastern Europe, forming deep friendships with believers and witnessing the cost of following Christ under Communism. Alongside this, she trained and worked as a social worker – a preparation she now sees as God’s quiet provision.

In Moldova, amid desperate need, God was already moving. A revival had begun in the late 1980s, and Maureen saw its effects both inside and outside the institutions. With two Moldovan believers, Anea and Liliana, she began visiting a women’s institution regularly. Though cut off from society, the women were spiritually hungry.



Left: Casa Mea residents on their way to church.  
Top: Cristina with staff member Lena.  
Bottom: Vanya taking part in arts and crafts.

“As soon as we spoke about the gospel, they ran to Christ,” she recalls. “There are no walls when it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit.”

Out of prayer and a shared conviction, an idea began to form: could some of these women be moved into ordinary homes, in ordinary villages, with access to church, fellowship, and something resembling normal life? Humanly speaking, it was impossible. No one had done this before. There were no resources, no influence, and a deep stigma surrounding disability.

“We were just three very ordinary women,” Maureen says.

Yet obstacle after obstacle fell. Permission came. Casa Mea – “My House” – was registered. The first home opened. From the beginning, the founders made a radical decision: they would not ask for money, but would pray and trust God to provide. More than twenty years on, Maureen says simply, “We have never lacked.”

**“They would have been nameless individuals, leading wasted lives. Instead, they are brothers and sisters in Christ.”**

Today, Casa Mea consists of five homes. The men and women who live there are warm, well-fed, clothed, and deeply loved. Many are active members of their local churches, praying with faith and flourishing spiritually. Some, once hidden away for decades, now live with dignity, purpose and even hold jobs. Maureen reflects, “They would have been nameless individuals, leading wasted lives. Instead, they are brothers and sisters in Christ.”

For Maureen, the work has never been about human effort: “This was a work God planned in eternity,” she says, “A God who loves those everyone else has forgotten.” Casa Mea, she believes, is the fruit

of revival and a testimony to a God who still saves, restores, and provides – often in the hardest places.

If she was to sum up the story of Casa Mea in one sentence, Maureen doesn’t hesitate: “With God, nothing shall be impossible.”

*Maureen continues to serve at Casa Mea, travelling between Wales and Moldova. The day-to-day work is overseen on the ground by the Casa Mea manager and UFM Mission Partners Ben and Esther Smith, alongside fellow founders Anea and Liliana, ensuring that the vision continues to flourish. There are now five houses, caring for 27 residents.*



Top: Maureen and CM resident, Liliana.  
Bottom: Casa Mea management team.



# A dream fulfilled

Liz Payne serves in Kayunda, Uganda working alongside *Bosco and Heidi Bukeera*. She is involved in church-based women's ministry and hospitality.

**About thirty years ago, I watched a movie, a true story, about a missionary who had made his home among a particular people group in one African village. There he daily taught the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. However, when he taught them about Jesus' death, the people went home sad and disillusioned. The following day the people returned to hear the good news of Jesus' resurrection; on hearing the entire village erupted in dancing and sang for joy.**

On 25 November my dream came true. Through a translator, I had been going through a visualised gospel

presentation with the Luganda speaking ladies in our church – firstly, to clarify their own understanding of the gospel, and then to give them a way to share with others. In our weekly meetings, we had begun our studies with man's separation from God, followed by the attributes of God, finishing with his requirement that man be *perfect* and *holy*.

The next week, we concentrated on the characteristics of man, focusing on his inability to meet God's requirements. Each week, we reviewed our studies, while adding another step in readiness to share that Jesus is our solution. One lady asked a perfect lead-in question, "Scripture says we have to be *perfect* and *holy*, so what can we do since we are not?" I told her to listen carefully for the

answer to that question, as I explained who Jesus was from the New Testament, with matching scriptures on how he fulfilled all our needs.

**The women were jubilant and responded ... with loud clapping and joyous, exuberant praise.**

I clearly identified that man is a sinner who cannot rescue himself, that we are dead in sin and will face God's judgement, which is death. But God, rich in mercy, loves us dearly and sent his perfect Son, Jesus. He took our sin and its punishment – God's judgement – on his shoulders, so that we might have a relationship with him. When I finished explaining these verses, I said to the women, who were listening intently, *"Do you see – Jesus did it all!"*

Left: Holiday Bible Club at Ssenge Baptist Church. Below: Preparing the ground to install water tanks.

The women were jubilant and responded in the only way they knew with loud clapping and joyous, exuberant praise. I felt as though I had died and gone to heaven – I certainly felt ready for it.



Bosco, Heidi and their family.

Pastor Bosco, Heidi, and I have watched our church, Ssenge Baptist, grow exponentially as God's truth is taught from the pulpit, through all the weekly Bible studies; and together as we honour him in song. People in our area are hungry for truth and find the gospel answers their search.

There is one major problem: we have outgrown our tent!

Plans are being drawn for a church building. We long to see the day of the ground-breaking ceremony and ask that you join us in prayer for the necessary funding. May the glory go to God for all he is doing as we wait, fully trusting, and for his moving upon the hearts of people to help.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.





# Growing faith in a digital age

M spends his time between France and the Middle East. His digital ministry produces and delivers evangelistic resources to the Arab world, with a focus on personal discipleship in a largely digital world.

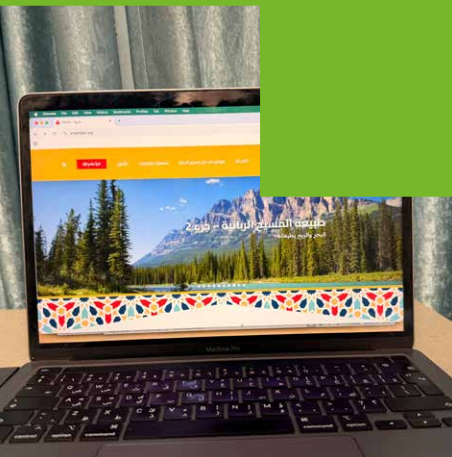
**Her initial email was brief. She stated that she was a believer from Saudi Arabia and that she enjoyed the Arabic Christian music on our 'Shabibah' website. In my response to Amany\*, I asked her about her faith journey and sent her a link to another song with a traditional Arabic tune. She loved the song and sent me another one that she liked from YouTube.**

However, I was concerned about the lyrics, as they weren't biblical. Since Amany had asked for my opinion, I told her about my concerns, supporting my answers with biblical

references. She was interested in my responses, which sparked a lengthy exchange covering a wide range of topics related to the Christian faith.

While studying abroad, Amany was challenged by Christian students who shared their faith with her. Coming from a conservative background, she decided to study her religion in depth to better equip herself to respond to her fellow students. However, the more she read, the more dissatisfied she became. Eventually, she agreed to read the New Testament to learn more about Jesus' life. Since Jesus is recognised as a prophet in her religion, she reasoned that it would be beneficial to learn more about him.

Amany was captivated by the person of Christ, his wisdom, his love and tender care for people, and especially his respect for women. She quietly put her faith in him and carried on with her life. As I corresponded with her, I realised how isolated she felt. She was not confident enough to share her newly found faith with her family and friends. The internet was her private connection to the





Christian world. Having received my comments on the song, she had more questions and an informal discipleship course began.

In today's world, the internet has become an indispensable part of everyday life. For Christians, it offers an unprecedented opportunity to connect with people, to help believers to grow in their faith, and to make disciples across geographical and cultural boundaries. Christian discipleship through the internet is not a replacement for the local community, but it can be a powerful complement when approached with wisdom, cultural understanding and biblical grounding.

However, while the internet offers remarkable opportunities for discipleship, it also presents challenges. Not all content is biblical or edifying. Sometimes, personal opinions are presented as authoritative. Conflicting views, based on denominational differences, can be stated

dogmatically. Even worse, there are the cults with their erroneous teachings. New believers can find themselves entangled in the web.

I have learned not to jump in too quickly with answers, but rather to ask new believers questions about the sources of their information and to verify their understanding.

I have found the description of the Bereans in Acts 17:11 to be an excellent way to help people to anchor their understanding on God's Word. As one commentator puts it, "Discernment is crucial when engaging with online teaching, ensuring alignment with Scripture. Christians must exercise wisdom, filtering digital content through the lens of God's Word."

As I prayed for Amany, I asked the Lord for help. And he answered my prayer! I was able to find a Christian lady living in Amany's city. They were delighted to be connected and soon became good friends. I am amazed at how Amany has grown in confidence, so much so that she even wanted to arrange for her friends to meet up and discuss the subject of faith!

Please pray for new believers who are isolated, that they may find a friend to accompany them on their faith journey. Pray also that we may be given wisdom and discernment as we interact with them.

\*Name has been changed



# A family for the displaced on a divided island

Alice was involved in pioneering the Cyprus CSF with IFES from 2015 to 2024. Christian joined the team in 2018, and they married in 2022. They are currently based in Cardiff with their son, Timothy, while seeking God's timing for their next long-term overseas service.

**“Charlotte\* has just heard from police in the south. Her brother was found dead after being pushed from a fifth-floor balcony. She is trying to get across to identify the body and arrange for repatriation.”**

We were shocked and saddened when Kyle\*, the staff worker for the Cyprus Christian Student Fellowship (Cyprus CSF) group where Charlotte was a student leader, told us the news. Despite the tragedy, local news did not report on it.

Cyprus, though small, is a divided island. To the south lies the Republic of Cyprus, a Greek-speaking EU nation.

To the north-east lies the self-declared “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus”, recognised only by Türkiye. The island’s complex history and present political tensions are highlighted by its dual languages (Greek and Turkish), religions (Greek Orthodoxy and Islam), and a border that many students cannot legally cross, with those in the north viewed as illegally present in Cyprus by the south.

## **The lie of the “European dream”**

“You will study in Europe. You’ll earn money to send home.” This is the clarion call that draws thousands of international students to the north. Peddled by unscrupulous agents, families often sell everything to send a child here, hoping for a better life.



Upon arriving in North Cyprus, students face an unanticipated harsh reality: a lack of jobs, visas, and residency rights, along with no legal access to Europe – a closed island with no opportunity. The available jobs are predominantly low-paid, heavy labour with frequent exploitation. In desperation, we have seen young women falling prey to unregulated sex trafficking and young men, like Charlotte's brother, attempting to cross illegally into the south in a frantic search for the life they were promised. Tragically, he died alone, and because of his illegal status, there was no investigation.

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In the south, the struggle is different but no less real. Aaron\* and Anna\* had borrowed money to come from

India to study in the Republic of Cyprus, only to find their “college” was a sham. They couldn't work legally, so a local church helped them with rent a few times, but eventually they had to brave the shame of going back home. By God's grace, they were both baptised before returning home

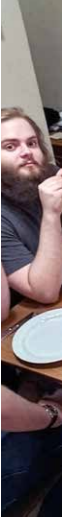
**Building community in the gaps**

These are some of the challenges we faced in ministering to students in Cyprus. Our ministry isn't just about meetings; it is about providing a “family” for the displaced. Cyprus CSF seeks to build missional communities where students – both local and international – can find the hope of the gospel amidst systemic injustice. We disciple student leaders to reach their peers, believing that even in a land divided by politics, the kingdom of God offers a citizenship that cannot be shaken.

**Pray with us:**

- Pray for wisdom for the Cyprus CSF team as they navigate the legal and cultural complexities of a divided island.
- Pray for more workers, particularly Greek and Turkish speakers, to join in bringing God's kingdom to students at university on the island.
- Pray for greater local ownership from churches.

\*Names have been changed to protect individuals.



# What God is doing in Iceland: seeds of hope among the young

Ágúst Ólafsson is a missionary with Every Nation and UFM Worldwide, serving in Reykjavík, Iceland, where he focuses on evangelism and student ministry. Passionate about reaching university students with the gospel, Ágúst and his wife Kolbrun work to foster vibrant Christian communities on campuses and through digital platforms. He brings personal experience of faith transformation and a heart for equipping the next generation of Iceland's leaders.

**As an Every Nation mission partner serving in Iceland with my wife Kolbrún and our family, I am continually amazed by God's faithfulness in this beautiful, rugged nation. Iceland is small in population but vast in spiritual potential, and we are seeing encouraging signs of life – particularly among the younger generation.**

I've been a full-time mission partner since 2024, and my focus has been campus ministry in Reykjavík, seeking openings to reach students with the gospel. Progress can feel slow in a secular context, but God is opening unexpected doors through personal relationships and hospitality. Our small apartment (while our home renovation continues) has welcomed 38 guests this year alone – 90% under 30 – for meals and conversations.

Many evenings involve one-on-one discipleship with young men hungry for truth, purpose, and growth in Christ. We host young-adult gatherings weekly, and it's thrilling to watch new believers thrive, share testimonies, and even lead others.

Youth camps like VISBÓ in East Iceland remain powerful. This past summer, I taught sessions on wisdom to 50 young people – some unchurched, others committed believers. The gospel presentations, including simple bracelet tools explaining the good news (see [www.316.is](http://www.316.is) or [gospelsteps.com](http://gospelsteps.com)), sparked conversations. Many still wear those bracelets and explain the gospel to friends and family. Seeds are being sown!

Digital evangelism is another exciting frontier. We've launched [www.316.is](http://www.316.is), a simple Icelandic site presenting the gospel through clear "steps":



God's loving creation, humanity's brokenness through sin, and restoration through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It invites seekers – those doubting life, purpose, or God – to explore honestly, without religious jargon. The site offers follow-up options like sending questions or signing up for Bible studies. We've paired it with social media content (Instagram videos, ads) and Media to Movements (MTM) initiatives. Our first ad went live recently, and we're learning as we go – inviting seekers to text and begin discovering Jesus through Scripture. A dedicated team prays and prepares weekly; it's early days, but we're trusting God for a harvest.

Amid all this, our family home renovation in Selfoss has been a faith journey itself – delays, but steady progress with help from friends and family (including my 81-year-old father!). We'll likely move in mid-February, and even construction has opened discipleship opportunities.



Top-left: Young adult gathering in the small apartment. Top-right: House renovation. Bottom: Driving a group from YWAM.

God is stirring hearts in Iceland, especially among youth. The future lies with these young disciples growing into leaders who will bless nations. Thank you for praying and partnering.

Please join us in asking God to draw more seekers, deepen roots, and open wider doors – on campuses, online, and in homes.

# Ask reflective questions in conversation with Muslims

**If we want to be ambassadors for Christ, having the right answers will not be enough. We need to do it in such a way that it creates an environment conducive to respectful conversations and allows them to be maintained through difficult moments of disagreement and debate. The best way to achieve that is to ask questions.**

Over the years my appreciation for the use of questions in evangelism grew and has become a focal point in life and ministry. One of the consequences has been the development of what I call “cultivation questions for evangelism.” It is, somehow, what Gregory Koukl calls the ‘Columbo tactic’. In essence, ask questions instead of making unsupported claims. “Why is there death?” “Why weren’t we born in heaven?” “What does the Qur’an teach about man’s salvation?” “Do you think you are going to heaven?” “Do you have any assurance that God will accept you?” Most of the time, the most effective question is the one that invites the other person to clarify what they intended or meant. “Why do you say that?” When asked gently and with

genuine interest, it naturally opens doors without putting your counterpart under pressure. The preeminent example is Christ and his skillful use of questions in ministry (Luke 20:4,24). This is the simplest way to stop your interlocutor in his tracks, reverse roles and, most importantly, make him think!

## Thoughtful questions ... produce inevitable blessings ...


For example, when a Muslim says that God has no son, you can ask, “What do you mean?” (In other words: “What do you understand when you are told that Jesus is the Son of God?”). When someone says that Christians worship three gods, you can answer: “Really? What do you mean by three gods?” If someone tells you that Jesus never died on the cross, you can reply, “Why do you have a problem with his death?” When someone maintains that the Bible has been changed over the years, you can ask, “What has been changed?” (Or more specifically, “Exactly how, or when, or where, or why, or by whom, do you believe it was changed?” Of course, just choose one of the questions!)

1 For more details on this approach, read *Tactics* by Gregory Koukl.




## The importance of this approach


The purpose of these types of questions is not to be mean or aggressive. Thoughtful questions, genuinely and rightly communicated, produce inevitable blessings:




**The questions are by definition interactive**, and they invite the other person to join in the discussion. They are neutral in the way that you don't argue, but instead you ask, which makes it easy to engage in a friendly conversation without appearing too blunt, rude or insistent.




**They also make the person you are speaking to feel valued.** By asking questions, you show that you are genuinely interested in their point of view.



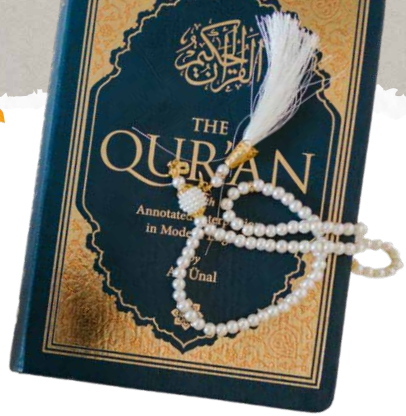
**They compel the person you are talking with** to really think about what they are trying to say, perhaps for the first time.



**They ask the person to account for their beliefs.** Christians should not be the only ones who have to defend what they believe. The burden of proof rests with the person making the claims, and this is the basic rule and reason for this type of exchange.




**The questions reveal important information** about what your Muslim friend is thinking. This will prevent you from misunderstanding their point of view or misrepresenting their beliefs.



So, consider using questions in sharing the gospel. The next time your Muslim friend says, "The Bible has been changed so many times" or, "No one can be sure of being saved" or, "Jesus never said he was God", don't let these questions silence you. Raise your eyebrows and ask him/her genuinely: "What do you mean?" and, "How did you come to that conclusion?" These statements are easy for him/her to say, but impossible to prove or defend.

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# Boreholes and Bible stories

UFM mission partners, *Helen and Josh* live in Kenya, and serve alongside SIM in South Sudan. Helen leads the SIM Water Project and funding across the team, and Josh works with Al Massira to develop their new resource, Journey Together.

**In November, Helen took a trip to Maban County in Upper Nile State, South Sudan for the Water Project. This area hosts one of the largest refugee populations in the country. Upwards of 218,000 registered refugees (likely many more unregistered) live in four main camps, primarily fleeing conflict in Blue Nile State, Sudan.**

Socio-economically, both refugee and host communities face challenging living conditions, heavy dependence on aid, poor infrastructure, and pressure on resources. The cultural landscape is diverse, blending local Nilotic traditions with Islamic traditions and cultures from Sudanese refugees, often leading to tension and clashes over scarce resources.

Left and bottom: Repairing and using the water pump. Top: Helen welcomed by Sudanese women in a refugee camp.



SIM has served in the area since 1937, working in partnership with the Sudan Interior Church (SIC). On the ground, our ministry focuses on two main priorities: proclaiming Jesus in communities where he is least known, and equipping Sudanese and South Sudanese churches to fulfil the Great Commission. We run a range of projects that sit within these two ministry priorities.

**... sharing Bible stories as they work, particularly with the crowd of children who always come to watch the repair ...**

One of these is the Water Project, which drills, maintains and repairs boreholes to provide clean, safe, drinking water for communities. This project is driven not only by a desire to show God's love in a practical way, but also to share the good news among the communities where we work. Our prayer is that those who would not otherwise hear the gospel would have the chance to hear and respond to it. The team does this by sharing Bible stories as they work, particularly with the crowd of children who always come to watch the repair taking place.

As Project Manager, one of my tasks is to ensure the project runs smoothly, tracking finances, ordering parts from Kenya and reporting to donors.



Aside from this, we are looking to strengthen and renew the ministry component. There are a number of SIC churches and new church plants across the area, both within the refugee camps and among host communities, which SIM's discipleship and training team walks alongside. Our prayer is that, through SIM's ministry, local churches would grow in discipling their own neighbours, especially those who have encountered the good news through the Water Project.

We cannot deny that South Sudan is a challenging place to share the gospel, but amidst the pain and hardship of continual conflict, as Psalm 71:14 reminds us, we always have reason to hope! Our team is seeing people coming to Christ; families, relationships and trauma healed; practical needs cared for; and communities transformed by the love of God.

Please join us in praying for peace for South Sudan.



**Donate to the Water Project**

Scan the QR code to donate to this project in South Sudan.



# Welcome!



**Jack and Pamela** will be serving in Scotland in church planting and student ministry. They are sent by Christ Covenant Church, Matthews, North Carolina, USA.



**Raphael and Abby Gould** are also serving in Madagascar on a short-term medical placement at Good News Hospital in Mandritsara. They are sent by Chalmers Church, Edinburgh.



**Abraham Belew** is serving in Ethiopia, focusing on Bible teaching, ministry training, and the production of Christian resources. He is sent by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Birmingham.



**David and Karen Morrow** will be serving in the UK, providing operations and project management support within 100FOLD. They are sent by Dundonald Baptist Church.



**Andrew and Rosie Thompson** are going to serve in Madagascar at Good News Hospital in Mandritsara, contributing in medical work and data systems capacity. They are sent by Emmanuel Church, Northstowe, and are joined by their children, Florence, Leo, and Rory.





## FOCUS ON ... Cyprus

Cyprus is an island in the Mediterranean Sea, south of Türkiye. It is a former British colony which became independent in 1960 after years of resistance to British rule. After independence there were tensions between the Greek Cypriot majority and Turkish Cypriot minority. Türkiye now controls a third of the island and in 1983 the Turkish Cypriot administered area declared itself the “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus” (TRNC) which is recognized only by Turkey.



### Please pray for ...

- **the Holy Spirit** to work in those who attend the Orthodox Church
- **clergy in the Orthodox Church** to read the Bible and come to faith
- **religious Cypriots** to come into a living relationship with Jesus
- **children in schools** to read the New Testaments they have been given and to discover Jesus
- **evangelicals** to be confident in the gospel and their witness
- **young people** to come to faith. 17% of the population are under 15
- **Christians** to take the gospel to Muslims in N Cyprus, many of whom have a more secular outlook
- **churches** to catch a vision for cross-cultural mission in Cyprus
- **Christians** who go on holiday to Cyprus to be good witnesses

# Cyprus ...

Greek

Turkish

**1.33  
million**

75% Christian, mainly  
Eastern Orthodox

21% Muslim

2% Evangelical

(2% Other religion)

Briki  
coffee  
pot

The last divided\* country in  
Europe (incl. a UN buffer zone)  
\*since 1974

Many families remain  
displaced from ancestral  
homes

Has made  
one of the  
world's oldest  
named wines  
(Commandaria)  
for over 3,000  
years!

More cats  
than people

**4** UNESCO World  
Heritage Sites, including  
Paphos archaeological  
sites with Roman mosaics

The whole island joined the EU in 2004 although the TRNC opted out of the common rights and obligations of the EU. Turkish Cypriot citizens of Cyprus have the same legal rights accorded to citizens of other EU states. Several attempts to reunite the whole island have failed. Since 2004, Cypriot and EU citizens have been free to cross the dividing line between north and south.

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## Cyprus in the New Testament

Cyprus was an early centre for Christianity. Barnabas came from Cyprus and he and Paul went there on the first missionary journey when the Roman proconsul, Sergius Paulus, was converted. Christians fleeing persecution went there and spread the gospel and Jewish men from Cyprus were involved in the establishing of the church in Antioch. After Paul and Barnabas separated Barnabas and Mark went to Cyprus to preach the gospel.

## Cyprus is an open door of opportunity

Cyprus is very religious for an EU country, but church attendance is largely practised by rural people and the older generation. The Orthodox Church is a crucial focal point for Greek Cypriot culture and identity. The Orthodox Church has recently been distributing New Testaments in the public schools.

< Cut out, pop in your Bible, pray for Cyprus

## Upcoming Events

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