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## Welcome to our first edition of Global Mission.

It has been a great joy to produce this magazine to showcase the incredible work of our Mission Partners and Associate Mission Partners.

We hope as you read on, you too will celebrate and give thanks for our partners and their ministries.

As well as informing you about Greyfriars and New Hope's Global Mission work, may we invite and encourage you to join us in praying for our mission partners and supporting their ministries by giving to the Greyfriars Missionary Trust (referred to as GMT in the rest of this magazine).

Thank you to Abby Tutt-Leppard and Alan Cross for all their work in producing this magazine.



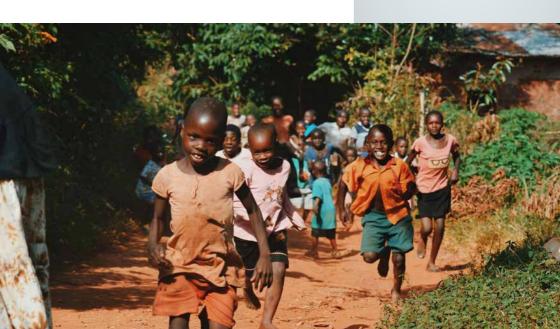
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## **Greyfriars Missionary Trust**

At Greyfriars and New Hope, the Greyfriars Missionary Trust (GMT) oversees the financial aspect of our partnership in global mission. GMT is a separate charitable trust to the church and members of the church are encouraged to separately give regularly to GMT to provide financial support for global mission

As well as supporting our full-time Mission Partners, GMT provides grants to church members for short-term mission trips (any length from one week to one year) and makes annual donations on behalf of the church to a range of Mission Societies. You can read more about short-term mission and mission societies later in this magazine.

Each Mission Partner's ongoing ministry and need for support is reviewed in a meeting with the partner(s) at least every three years.

At the start of 2022, the Trustees are: Liz Smith (Chair), Alan Cross, Helen Dibley, Craig Hampton, Tim Seals and Rev David Walker. GMT is supported by two Officers: a Secretary (currently vacant) and Alexis Wood, the Treasurer.

Members of the church who believe they may have a calling to overseas service should contact mission@greyfriars.org.uk for more information and a confidential discussion to explore that calling.

Please pray for the Trustees and Officers: for wisdom in decision-making; for good stewardship of resources; for more to be involved in global mission.

For more information about how to financially support the work of Global Mission in Greyfriars and New Hope, please see page 19.

The Cheka Child programme in Uganda. Meet the Craigs and read more about the programme on page 6.





FLY sports ministry led by Manny and Grace Sharland. Find out more on page 8.

## **Global Mission Group**

The Global Mission Group (GMG) is tasked with supporting GMT in the promotion of global mission within Greyfriars and New Hope. This involves raising awareness of our Mission Partners and their practical and prayer support needs to our congregations. GMG also helps members of the church in the early stages of discerning their call to mission and provides appropriate support.

Working with GMT, GMG supports Mission Partners on furlough/home assignment, and ensures they have the practical help they need when staying in Reading. Home assignment helps strengthen the connections and prayer support they have when in service.

GMG co-ordinates a Facebook page dedicated to our Mission Partners; you can find it by searching 'Global Mission: Greyfriars and New Hope'. The group also organises the production of global mission focussed articles

for One Family magazine and video material for use in church and other places to keep everyone abreast of our Mission Partners' ministries.

The Group is responsible for organising activities and events with a global mission focus.

The Group Chair is appointed by the PCC and includes at least one PCC member and one Trustee of GMT as well as others.

Please pray for members of the Global Mission Group led by Tim Seals.

If you have any questions about global mission, are interested in getting involved with either Greyfriars Missionary Trust or the Global Mission Group or have any questions about the work of our Mission Partners, please contact mission@greyfriars.org.uk

## David and Emma Craig

#### **UGANDA · MISSION PARTNERS**

David and Emma and their children, Amelie, Asher, Arran and Anja are sent through Pioneers UK and live in Arua town, NW Uganda. This is close to the borders of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

'Our vision is to see transformation in society through the application of God's Kingdom values and biblical truth. We work in partnership with Ugandan colleagues to encourage people to walk more closely with God in all they do. Cheka Child sponsorship and mentoring (chekachild.com) enables vulnerable children to access education and gain a hope and future. Life skills training aims to provide youth with godly wisdom for making good choices. Arua Home Crafts is a handmade card project supporting artisans to earn an honest income and grow in their faith.'



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#### **PRAYER POINTS**

There are a lot of physical needs in the community and it can be overwhelming to know how to respond appropriately. Broken families, sickness, poverty, addictions, and poor life choices bring suffering to many, especially children. This year, we want to see Cheka Child to become better organised to meet these needs well and point people to God as their hope and Saviour. We would like to see increased regular income so that we can be more effective at reaching out and supporting more needy families.

We are in the process of editing and designing a life skills manual which can be used for training young people in a variety of community settings such as prisons, refugee camps, and vocational training. Pray we can complete the work and then disseminate the information appropriately.

The card project was affected by lockdown and lack of sales. Pray for increased sales and for the group to continue to grow in faith.

We are team leaders for the 13 adults and 14 children of the Pioneers Arua team. This is a stretching role and requires wisdom and patience. Please pray we can encourage a good working relationship between one another despite the differences in roles and personalities.

We would appreciate prayer for wisdom as we raise our children (aged between 1 and 11) cross-culturally.



#### **UGANDA · MISSION PARTNERS**

Sam and Chloe, with their young daughter, Zara-Grace, work in Kampala, Uganda, overseen by Musizi Joy Foundation, focusing on discipleship and mentoring in slum communities.

Chloe works closely with women and young mothers through Bible studies, prayer walking and economic empowerment. Sam has three main projects: a cycle race team, mechanical and business skills training (which integrates discipleship) and a cycle tours business which raises funds for the projects. We live on the edge of one of the communities we work in and operate an open house policy which helps us become a missional community.

- Coming back to Uganda in 2021
  with a baby was incredible but also
  included a steep learning curve;
  please pray for wisdom as we learn
  to juggle work and family life.
- Pray for the cycle project as it really starts to gather momentum and deep relationships are formed.
- The new relationships Chloe is forming in the community is exciting, but please pray for guidance as to who she should particularly focus on.
- Fundraising for projects can be tough, particularly since Covid-19, so please pray for the perfect connections to enable the funding to come in at the right time.
- Pray for our period of home assignment starting in February 2022.



## Manny and Grace Sharland

#### **KENYA · MISSION PARTNERS**

Manny and Grace with their children work for Pioneers UK in FLY SPORTS ministry based in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

FLY SPORTS also have a branch in South Sudan. Manny travels to South Sudan which he plans to continue as the Covid-19 situation improves. Manny runs FLY SPORTS Ministry which is mainly football and basketball teams taking part in the local leagues. Through providing activity for young people, he has helped tackle anti-social behaviour and spread the gospel. He helps by bringing reconciliation through sports, building community, and bringing hope through Christ.

- again.
- That the work of FLY SPORTS is able to resume everywhere it is needed.
- That our gospel message continues to improve the life chances of the young people we meet.
- Finally, please pray continued protection over our family.



Manny (right), Grace (middle) and their children live in Nairobi

### Roger and Jos Sharland

## KENYA · ASSOCIATE MISSION PARTNERS

Roger and Jos live in Nairobi and work for Rural Extension with Africa's Poor (REAP).

We work mainly from the Kisumu office to the western part of Kenya and are responsive much more widely in the eastern Africa Region. REAP is a holistic ministry established to develop and extend teaching that is relevant to the rural poor based upon making use of local resources. In all our teaching, we start with the motivation from biblical teaching, and when people are challenged, we make sure we have practical teaching. We teach on sustainable agriculture using Creation Care as the starting point. We have substantial teaching on the growing, preparation and use of natural medicines, founded on biblical principles. We also have specific teaching, some drawn from the above, for use in women's fellowships.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Please pray that we may deeply impact those who attend our seminars and training events. We have also been asked to train others at their locations. Please pray for these that they may be fruitful.
- We had planned to be in UK for six months in 2020 but, due to Covid-19, we did not travel then, nor during 2021. Please pray that we may know the right timing and that when we can visit, it will be a positive time in meeting with supporters and others interested in our work.
- Whenever we are away, work
  continues with our team of five, who
  are all very experienced. Please
  pray for them for safety, wisdom,
  and impact. Please also pray that
  those who visit the farm may go
  away challenged and enthused
  not only by the plants but by the
  wonder of God's creation, and our
  responsibility to care for it.



## The 10/40 Window

Christian Mission has been happening for over 200 years, the earliest missionaries having gone from Europe to Africa in the early 19th Century.

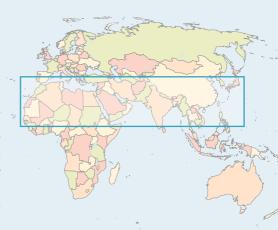
Although missionaries have been throughout most of the world, there remain some parts which are unevangelised.

The greatest concentration of such countries occur in an area that is often referred to as the 10/40 Window: this is the area from 10°N to 40°N latitude, from the west of Africa to Japan. Apart from some small parts of southern Europe, almost every other country within the window – together with some to the north and south of its eastern side – has a very low proportion of Christians.

More people live in the 10/40 Window than in Europe, Australia and North and South America combined – 95% of the people are unevangelised, and the region includes between 45 and 50 of the countries where persecution of Christians is worst in the world. 90% of the materially poorest people in the world live in the region, and 90% of people groups where less than one in 1,000 identify with Jesus.

Despite these stark numbers, it is thought that less than 4% of the world's missionaries work in this area, and only a quarter of those amongst the least evangelised.

One of the problems of working in this area is getting a visa to enter, live and work in a country. For example, mission partners in the area sometimes have to be 'tourists' or take professional jobs such as university



teaching to be able to live there. Such visas may have to be renewed frequently (every few months or up to a couple of years). In countries facing persecution mission partners may need to limit their association with the few local Christians they find, as the locals may face societal disadvantage or imprisonment for their faith. In many cases they also have to take considerable care as to how they publicise their work in their home country; generally minimising their internet exposure, as this may jeopardise their ministry and in some cases their personal safety.

This provides an enormous prayer challenge, and we should pray:

- For the lost people living in the 10/40 window region, and for the few Christians amongst them.
- For more Mission Partners to be called to the region and for the on-going work and witness of partners already called to these areas of the world.
- Against persecution of the small church within the region.
- For those running radio or TV broadcasting ministries to present the gospel in countries where few mission partners (can) go.



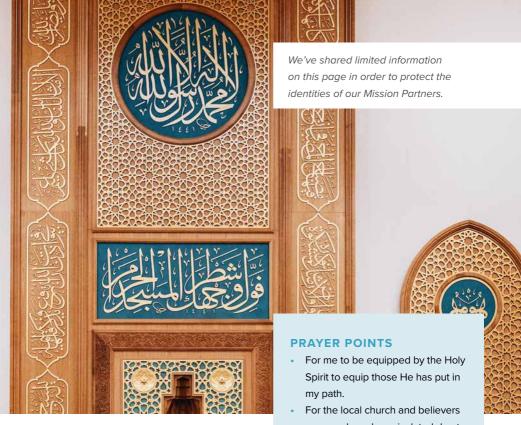


## 10/40 WINDOW MISSION PARTNER

Working in science, I seek to live out Christ's love in the workplace.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- For excellence and influence in my professional work
- For depth and fruitfulness in relationships
- For meaningful engagement in local and international fellowships
- For a healthy and balanced physical, emotional and spiritual life



### R

## 10/40 WINDOW MISSION PARTNER

I am called to support the work of the local church through equipping local believers. Currently, I am involved in leading the women's ministry which includes training the local believers, meetings, teachings and sharing. I love sharing the gospel with people visiting the church and outside the church. I am also involved in translation work for the church and supporting the leadership as needed.

- For the local church and believers as some have been isolated due to the pandemic.
- For wisdom and discernment as the women included in my brief are from many different languages/ backgrounds and cultural contexts.
- For good partnerships and relationships with the locals inside and out of the church.
- For interaction with the non-believers to be fruitful and full of God's love and grace.
- That I will have the physical and emotional energy needed to be fruitful in this season.
- For protection and wisdom for the church leadership.

### M and D

## 10/40 WINDOW MISSION PARTNERS

M is a teacher and work-life coach for people across South East Asia. D works part-time running educational games programmes in kindergartens and schools. Our aim is to demonstrate and proclaim the Good News to our Muslim friends, neighbours, and work colleagues.

A typical South East Asian food market

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- As with many people throughout the world, we have faced restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For many months during 2020 and 21, we could only meet people in our neighbourhood and all our work and our girls' studies needed to be done online. Pray that meeting people and schooling can proceed normally in 2022.
- That God would open hearts and minds and that He would help us to live out our faith in a way that impacts those around us.
- That more and more people around the world would pray for the people here as a result of the social media feed to which we are contributing.
- For M as he journeys with colleagues in Asia helping them to fulfil the Lord's calling for their lives.
- For us as a family that we would make the most of the opportunities we have, especially in our neighbourhood, while preparing to move back to the UK in summer 2022 for at least two years.

We've shared limited information on this page in order to protect the identities of our Mission Partners.



### Phil and Jenny Bushell

## BANGLADESH ASSOCIATE MISSION PARTNERS

We teach English to students and working people. We partner with our Bangladeshi colleagues providing vocational training and some educational facilities. After spending much of our lives in Bangladesh, we have the opportunity to input into many lives in Christian discipleship, to share in all sorts of meetings, to give advice to some organisations and generally to let our lights shine.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for the country of Bangladesh, now just 50 years old – 170 million people, the most densely populated country in the world, the world's garment-maker, still producing enough rice, fish and meat to feed itself.
- Covid has severely disrupted activities over the past two years. Schools and colleges have been closed for two years.
   We return to Bangladesh end of January as Covid figures are on the rise again.
- Visas, work permits etc are a constant headache. We need a key approval letter in February. Recently a number have been refused this and have had to leave.
- Both Jenny and Phil have the opportunity to input into seminars for new believers/workers/leader/ladies etc. Pray that we can always be cutting edge.
- English classes have been closed for nearly two years, with a switch to online classes. On returning this time, we want to build a combination of online and face-to-face classes.
- We are working with partners to make more effective use of social media to bring good news to many more people.
- We need the right words and much wisdom to input into the lives of individuals and groups. We want to be an aroma of life to those we live amongst.

## David and Georgina Gray

#### UK MISSION PARTNERS

David and Georgina work for Wycliffe Bible Translators and currently live, study and work in the UK, but are assigned to work in Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus.

We are members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and serve the work of literacy, language development, translation, and Scripture engagement in minority languages within Eurasia. Many of the groups we're working with are Muslim, and are interested in the Scriptures, and especially in the Proverbs of 'Suleyman' (Solomon) and the Stories of the Prophets Adam, Noah, Abraham and Isa Mesih (Jesus the Messiah). We work as consultants-trainers, with the hope of seeing people's lives transformed as they encounter God through scripture.



- For us as we settle into the Christchurch area. During 2021 we moved to be close to Moorlands College where the Wycliffe training takes place.
- Pray as we teach translation, scripture engagement, language programme planning, and various other courses.



## **Dan and Eli King**

#### **UK · MISSION PARTNERS**

Dan and Eli, with their young daughter, Grace, will be working with YWAM in Cardiff, UK from April 2022.

We're working with the YWAM (Youth With A Mission) team in Cardiff and long to see God's Kingdom come in this place. The remnants of revival can be seen all across Wales but the name of Jesus is no longer known, loved or glorified here. We're joining with local churches and organisations to love and serve this city, to tell people about Jesus and see Wales transformed.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Vision and discernment as the team pioneers this new work in Cardiff.
- Good connections with key people in the city.
- · New team members to join us.
- Soft hearts to receive the message of the gospel.

## Richard and Riekje Wallace

#### **UK · MISSION PARTNERS**

Richard and Riekje Wallace, with Joel, Caleb, Ethan and Jordan have been involved in church-planting, pastoring and leader development in Madrid for 20 years, but moved to the UK in the Summer of 2021. They are working with Global Training Network (GTN) and lead an online church which operates internationally.

We are involved internationally with GTN in the equipping and multiplication of pastors and church leaders in the majority world. Sadly, with Ethiopia descending into civil war, our training in Addis Ababa is on hold for the foreseeable future. We are exploring invitations from church networks, for training in Cuba, India and El Salvador in 2022.

We lead an online church called Olive Community Church. Olive began in Madrid, but since the beginning of the pandemic we have been meeting online and are able to continue this despite relocating to the UK. A number of people from the UK and US have joined our virtual community. We have truly become an international church.

We felt, after 30 years of ministry in Europe, that God was calling us to return to the UK (Brexit somewhat precipitated the issue). We believe, through a number of "God-incidences" we've been led to the Southampton area. We are exploring possibilities to be involved in strengthening leaders and churches in the UK, and globally, with Freedom in Christ and the Pioneer Network.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

For our international training through Global Training Network; that God will bless our return to international training and that we will effectively develop national leaders who are able to train others, to train others.

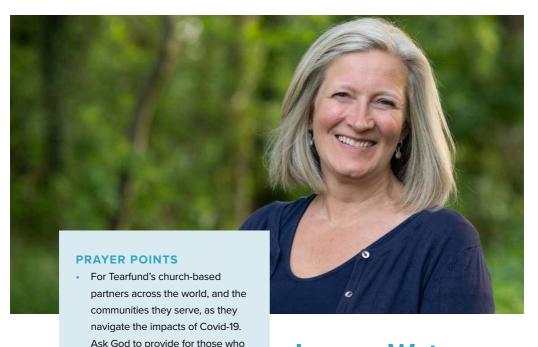
For lasting peace for Ethiopia and a return to training/partnering with the Horn of Africa Evangelical Missional Engagers (HOAME) who are involved in outreach, discipleship and church-planting throughout the Horn of Africa.

For Olive Community Church as we develop interactive teachings and leader development seminars. Pray particularly for Olive members in Spain to be lights for Christ.

For us as we continue to settle into Southampton, jump through the next set of hoops in order to get Riekje pre settled status and explore opportunities to strengthen leaders and churches, locally and in the UK.

For our family at various stages in their education: Jordan preparing for her GCSEs in 2022, Ethan and Caleb in their undergraduate studies and Joel studying for a Masters.





## **Joanna Watson**

## UK ASSOCIATE MISSION PARTNER

Joanna is a partner advocacy lead for Tearfund, an international Christian humanitarian relief and development agency.

I lead a team, located in different countries around the world, who collectively provide advice, guidance, support, and training for churches and communities. The goal is to enable those supported to hold their national and local governments to account for delivering basic services (such as water, sanitation, and healthcare) to people living in poverty. I have lived and worked in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. I am based in the UK but travel regularly for work – when there is no global pandemic!

who are vulnerable.
For my team, as they support people to speak out about the impacts of Covid-19. Ask God to bring equitable access to vaccines for all who need them, and for governments to be wise in the decisions they make as they lead people through and beyond the pandemic.

have lost livelihoods, to comfort those who are grieving, heal those

who are sick, and protect those

- For clear communication, stable internet connectivity, and good electricity supplies, so my team can keep connected virtually.
- For wisdom for me as I lead the team, and for lives to be transformed, spiritually and physically, through Tearfund's work.



# How can I financially support Global Mission at Greyfriars and New Hope?

Some years ago Greyfriars Church decided to separate giving to (mainly) overseas mission partners from church giving, and set up the Greyfriars Missionary Trust to receive and distribute our missionary giving. GMT is a separately registered charity with trustees as explained on page 4.

Church members are therefore encouraged to divide their total giving to Greyfriars and New Hope between a gift to the church and a separate gift to Greyfriars Missionary Trust. Those who call Greyfriars or New Hope their home church should regularly give to both church and GMT, by setting up direct debits through the Parish Giving Scheme using the separate forms on the church website www. greyfriars.org.uk. This process facilitates efficient collection of income tax refunds for

taxpayers who complete the Gift Aid declaration as part of the sign up process.

If you have not yet set up a regular gift to GMT – or the church – or need to update your regular gift, please visit the website.

Donate to Global Mission via GMT: greyfriars.org.uk/globalmission

Donate to Greyfriars Church: greyfriars.org.uk/give

Gifts may also be made through CAF or (if your employer facilitates it) a payroll giving scheme. For more information about giving GMT in this way, contact gmt.treasurer@greyfriars.org.uk.

### **Short Term Mission**

Every year, Greyfriars Missionary Trust supports people who go on short-term mission trips ranging from two weeks to a year. Past individual trips have included 6-month gapyear projects in Nepal and South Africa, short (three to four week) projects in Brazil and Cambodia and postings of up to a year to test a calling to longer term mission. We have also provided grants for team trips, including a Greyfriars Youth trip to Peru, a student group visit to work with the Salvation Army in the USA and for three adults to run a holiday programme for missionary children in Thailand.

Anyone who is a member of Greyfriars and New Hope can apply for a short-term mission grant, including those undertaking post-retirement or career break experiences as well as those going on school or university gap-year trips. Short-term mission programmes are largely self-funded by the individuals and any fund raising they do, but GMT provides small grants as an encouragement. Many of our present Mission Partners were first introduced to mission through similar programmes. Please pray that people in our church will be challenged to test their calling.

For more information on short-term mission contact mission@greyfriars.org.uk





Miriam (right) and Sara Jane during their mission trip to Uganda

In 2020 Miriam John followed God's call to mission in Uganda. This is her story...

#### What attracted you to short-term mission?

I grew up a missionary kid and, ever since, I have been drawn to overseas mission. perhaps wanting to follow in my parents' footsteps. I wanted to be able to use my knowledge and passion for speech and language therapy in a practical way in addition to sharing the gospel. In my first year of University, my best friend Sara Jane told me of a Christian special needs school called EKISA, in Uganda. After graduation, we both felt called to short-term mission and EKISA ticked all the right boxes! There is only one Speech and Language Therapist in the whole of East Africa, and he works at EKISA. We applied, were accepted, headed off and had an absolutely incredible month!

#### What was the process of applying for Greyfriars Missionary Trust funding?

I spoke to my small group leaders who put me in touch with Liz Smith (Chair of Greyfriars Missionary Trust). Liz sent me an application form and I was able to share what I would be doing out in Uganda. It was a really easy process and the Trust very generously donated £500 towards my trip. I had the opportunity to share what I would be doing at EKISA and be prayed for in the Sunday service before I left. When I arrived back in the UK, I spoke to Jonny, a member of GMG, who wrote an article about my time away for One Family magazine.

## **Mission Societies**

Bible Society works globally to bring the Bible to life for everyone.



biblesociety.org.uk

In addition to supporting our mission partners, GMT also gives to numerous mission societies. The nature of each mission society varies enormously – in terms of their size, the number of nations they reach and methods of evangelism.

Gideons International distributes Bibles and desires to make the aospel available to all.



gideons.org

#### **IN 2020 WE SUPPORTED...**

Mission Aviation Fellowship provides aid and shares the gospel in isolated communities in 26 countries around the world.



maf-uk.org

SAT-7 Trust broadcasts Christian television to homes in the Middle East and north Africa.



sat7uk.org

feba.org.uk

gnba.net

A Rocha cares for God's crea-



tion by equipping churches to steward the earth well.

Good News Broadcasting exists to teach the Bible

Feba uses radio to inspire

Middle East to follow Jesus.

listeners in Africa, Asia and the



arocha.org.uk

through radio.



Rural Extension for Africa's Poor aspires to make teaching



reap-eastafrica.org

UCCF ministers through UK university Christian Unions to evangelise on campus. uccf.org.uk



Bangladesh Partnership provides resources to transform the lives of Bengali speaking people.

bangladeshpartnership.org

Scripture Union engages children and young people with the good news of Jesus.



scriptureunion.org.uk

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## **Mission Societies**

## **GMT** needs your help!

GMT would like your help as it seeks to select which mission societies to support in 2022 and beyond. What global mission organisation are you passionate about? We want to know!

To recommend a global mission organisation, including those mentioned on the previous page, to be considered for a grant, please email mission@greyfriars.org.uk with 'Mission Organisation Grant Suggestion' as the subject (or write your nomination and give to Liz Smith or any Trustee).

#### Please include:

- 1. The name of the organisation.
- The focus area of the organisation (e.g. Bible distribution, broadcasting, environment, persecuted church, medical, children etc.).
- A short statement saying why you think GMT should make a donation to your chosen charity.

GMT and GMG will review the suggestions received.

We cannot guarantee to support every organisation recommended. However, we will endeavour to ensure that a range of areas of ministry are represented. Note that the nominated organisation must be a UK registered charity.





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