



Send Update November 2019



(Mercy Air flight taking off)

Jesus said: *Go and make disciples of all nations*

**Read about the people and organisations which we
as a church support!**

The aim of Send is to present to everyone in Rothley Parish Church the challenge of where and how we are seeking to serve the spread of the gospel beyond our immediate context. As members of the worldwide church we have God's heart for the nations and so seek to both send and support Christians so that others might hear and know God's love in Jesus.

We do this through:

- Raising awareness to keep us an outward-looking church, widening the horizons of the whole fellowship to life beyond Rothley
- Supporting organisations and individuals who promote the spread of the gospel, both as a church but also promoting the interest and involvement of individual church members
- Encouraging the sending out of individual members of the congregation to become personally involved in practical ways

This half-yearly update brings news from the societies and individuals we support as a church.

Triangle Homeless Project, Leicester



Dear Rothley Parish Church,

Triangle is going well. It is currently smaller than it was due to another community group serving food in Leicester Market at the same time we are open. This has actually meant that we are able to have a more relaxed and welcoming environment and spend more time listening and befriending the guys that are coming. So a team of about 14 volunteers each week serve about 40-50 guests, still giving out toiletries, clothes and, whenever they are available, sleeping bags and blankets.

This new opportunity to spend more time with people has meant that we have been able to support two men to find their way to Rehabilitation where so far things are going well!

We are also looking forward to once again partnering with the winter night shelter and this year we are a referral agency for guests. This means we will be able to directly support our Triangle guests into accommodation over the coldest months, which is a really exciting opportunity.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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Assistant Minister for Compassion Ministries
Holy Trinity Church, Leicester

Church representative: Kathryn Garnett

Serena Cook

In July this year I had the amazing opportunity to go to Namibia with my school. It involved a two-week camping trip; one week with a primary school and another as tourists visiting national parks. We travelled in 'overlanders' which became our moving home; they held all of our kit, the tents and cooking items as well as all of our food and chairs. We were driven by drivers who were local to the area and shared with us lots of facts and pointed out many interesting parts of the scenery.

At the primary school we were invited to a church service called 'Church under a Tree' and this was true to its name! We all sat under a tree listening



to the children sing hymns to us, a reading and the head teacher praising God for our arrival and what we would be doing for them. It was incredibly humbling to see people with very little being so appreciative and praising of God. Following this we spent four days decorating

two classrooms, the dining room and the boys' and girls' dormitories. Once we reached the end of our time at the school there was a huge sense of achievement going around the group as we spent the final afternoon playing games with the children. It was with mixed emotions that we left the school knowing we had improved their living and working conditions but that we were also going back to the comfort of our own homes; living a much more privileged lifestyle.



After this we moved on to Etosha National Park where we stayed for three days going on safari and visiting the salt pans. We were extremely lucky to see a lioness and her eight cubs by a water hole all playing together on the first day! It was a very surreal moment when they began to play fight in the same way as my cats at home! In addition to the lion cubs we saw rhinos,

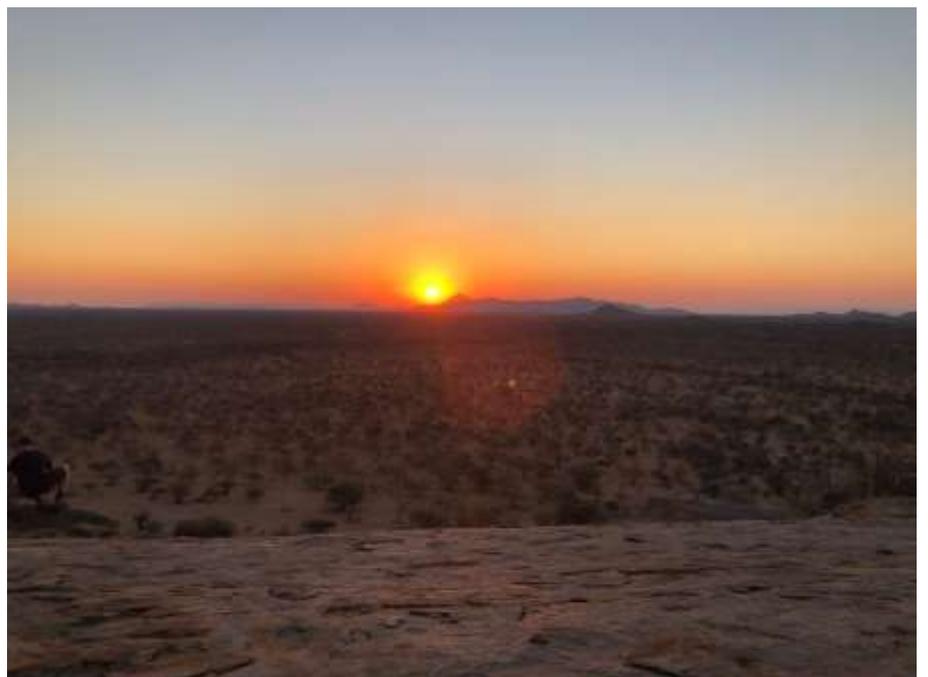


elephants, zebras and giraffes and many more. Our final part of the trip was to visit Spitzkoppe where there are many examples of 'rock art' by Bushmen from thousands of years ago. As it was our final camping night the tradition is to sleep outside under the stars, a scary but very exciting prospect! However just as we were settling down one of the boys in our group spotted a

snake which we were told by our drivers was very venomous! So unfortunately it was onto the overlanders to sleep.

As well as the working and sightseeing much of our evenings were spent around the fire talking in groups about anything and everything, from our ideal three course meal to our future hopes and dreams. My favourite parts of this trip were the breathtaking sunsets and rises and being able to see stars so clearly each night. On our final evening at the primary school we were taken on a walk up a rock where we sat and watched the sunset over the bush and everyone was absolutely spellbound. Similarly, on our final morning we climbed up one of the rocks at Spitzkoppe to watch the sunrise, with fondness and melancholy knowing we would soon be heading home.

The word I took away from the trip was 'simplicity'. Simply having conversations with people I had never met, simply standing with my porridge each morning watching the sunrise at 7am, simply walking back from the toilets each night in awe at the stars and the simple but important humbling experience of the enthusiasm of the children and their strong faith in God.



Wings of Love to People in Need

From Paul and Cathy Middleton in South Africa

Supporting Flying for Life, a subsidiary of Mission Aviation Fellowship South Africa, Paul has flown a team of nurses, doctors and surgeons to Limpopo, the northernmost



province of South Africa to conduct life changing eye surgery. Only two hospitals in Limpopo, a province six times the size of Wales with a population of five million, offer eye cataract surgery, so any additional help, even for one day at a time, is valuable. The patients treated

had been waiting almost three years for surgery.

Another trip for Flying for Life saw Paul take a dental team up to the same province to run a day clinic, followed by a visit to deliver new shoes, food and other supplies to a centre for disabled adults.



A recent trip to Mozambique found Paul flying over an area of Mozambique where he had been involved in the cyclone



relief effort reported in the June Update. The water has receded and the land is visible once more, although the after-effects for the population will last for many years.

Church representative: Rob Gladstone

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Transformational Savings and Credit in Tanzania

In partnership with Tearfund Tanzania, Mothers' Union (MU) is working to support the vision of the Anglican Church of Tanzania for spiritual and socio-economic transformation across the country. The MU programme is based around **Village Community Banks (VICOBA)**. Tearfund's expertise in VICOBA is combined with MU's established, trusted position within the community. By June this year there were 187 MU VICOBA groups with 3,900 members and a total savings the equivalent of £209,000.

VICOBA groups meet weekly to deposit small savings. Group members use

a system of shares in order to make regular saving possible for everyone. For example, one share is equal to what the poorest group member can afford to save weekly, for



example the equivalent of 25 pence. Most groups allow members to save up to five shares per week. Group members are also able to take small loans from the group, for example between the equivalent of £5 and £25.

VICOBA enable people to have control over their financial situation without relying on handouts or loans with dangerously high interest rates. The unique aspect of MU VICOBA is that group members use the community bank and the time they spend together as an intentional platform for ministry (corporate prayer, Bible study and charitable giving of money and time to Mothers' Union, church and the vulnerable), whereas usually VICOBA are only focused on the financial benefits to the individual members and their families.

Church representative: Sue Wilson



Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS): mission in UK and Ireland

CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission society working in the UK and Republic of Ireland with the aim of enabling every person to hear and discover the good news of Jesus. It produces an excellent bi-monthly publication called *Lead On* which is circulated electronically to both clergy and lay leaders; it is an invaluable resource in terms of both information and encouragement. Please pray for James Lawrence, Leadership Principal at CPAS, as he oversees this resource which plays such an important role in stimulating new ideas and broadening local

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missional horizons. Pray that he will help church leaders to be led more by Jesus and lead more like Jesus so that the body of Christ will not only grow numerically but also grow in terms of depth of discipleship. The overriding aim of CPAS is to see more and more people come to know the love of Jesus for themselves and make an impact for him both locally and further afield.

Mike Duff is the newly-appointed Patronage Secretary for CPAS. This is a massive job given that the Society nominates clergy to lead some 700 benefices in the Church of England, including Rothley. The importance of good appointments cannot be over-emphasised. Please pray for Mike and his team as they set out to discern God's will for churches under CPAS's Patronage auspices. Godly people with a strong biblical underpinning and an infectious love of Jesus are a vital ingredient in helping to transform this nation into one in which the name of Jesus is honoured. CPAS is an important ingredient in the mix.

Church representative: David Wilson



Crosslinks: international mission

News from our mission partners, **Jirka and Keira Kralovi**, involved in Christian outreach to university students in the Czech Republic:

So many encouragements:

- your prayers and financial support
- more opportunities for sharing the gospel with non-believers who have been attending the main student meetings
- others have been meeting one-to-one with Jirka leading to some deep conversations
- opportunities through summer Christian camps for Jirka to open up and deepen biblical understanding
- 16 students attending our Christianity Explored course this year



We also support **Brada Radanovic**, pastor of Grace Church, Novi Sad, Serbia and a regular visitor to Rothley for several years.

Praise God:

- Brada, Yatza, Matej and Ilaj have finally moved into their own apartment following a long wait and a lot of practical work for Brada.
- Yatza's health has improved following stress after the loss of her mother.
- Elder son Matej now has a job doing tiling.

Please pray:

- for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our friends as church members make an effort to maintain contacts with unbelieving friends
- for faithful/relevant preaching and one-to-one Bible reading
- for the Alpha course planned to run from the end of September



Church representative: Rob Gladstone

Connected Church: Thika Diocese, Kenya

The Church and Community Mobilisation Programme (CCMP) which we saw in action when we visited Kenya back in 2014 continues to thrive, bringing hope and purpose to hundreds of poor communities and struggling churches. One of the Dioceses supported by Tearfund's partner, ACK (Anglican Church of Kenya) is Thika. This is an industrial town about 40km north east of Nairobi.

14 Msmaria Mwema (Good Samaritan) groups have been formed in five churches in the last few months. These groups are small gatherings of people who meet weekly to grow together, save money and support each other's journey of spiritual and physical transformation. They are assisted by ACK in practical ways such as establishing 'by-laws' and equipping them to keep records to monitor progress. Trained facilitators assist group members with Bible study and 'envisioning' in which the community considers how God is calling them to make transformational changes. These changes can be relatively small actions such as caring for a struggling member of a village or contributing a small amount to a savings scheme, but taken together these actions have a massive impact and are a real witness for Christ.

Since I joined a group, my biggest gain is love. I feel loved by my group members who come into my home. Every group meeting, we interact, share stories and laugh together. I can now comfortably visit others and we have many things to talk about.

Pete

ACK asks us to pray for the following:

- the sustenance of the Msamaria Mwema groups. Groups are forming fast and there are not enough facilitators. As a result, some groups are running on their own without a facilitator. Please pray that these groups will be strengthened and will stick with the process.
- wisdom in finding quality and consistent facilitators to steer the groups.
- Various clergy have had to move to fill gaps in other churches so pray for energy and wisdom for them as they build new relationships.

You can read inspiring stories of how CCMP has changed many lives in Kenya on Tearfund's Connected Church pages (Kenya)

Church representative: Ros Taylor

Leicester Diocese Link with Tanzania: Dioceses of Kiteto and Mount Kilimanjaro

Over the past five years Bishop Stanley in the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro has had the vision of planting 300 new churches and, praise God, the 300th church has been planted! Many of these churches are in isolated rural areas, for example Maasai territory, although others are in small towns or villages.



The commitment, dedication and sacrifice of the evangelists is very challenging to us in the comfort of our well-established churches.

One evangelist, Martin Kadama, who is now ordained, relates how he sat alone under a tree in a small town, worshipping every Sunday on his own for six months before a family finally joined him. They left after a while for various reasons, and his faith was greatly challenged. But he continued faithfully to witness and to worship until another family joined him, then another, after which the church grew, now has a building and is well established.

Martin is now the Diocesan Youth Officer. Many congregations are well over 50% young people. As in this country, young people may prefer different styles of worship and are enthusiastic about new types of music. Martin is promoting youth events including choir camps, Bible teaching, and ensuring that the Anglican Church is welcoming to them. He is concerned that churches where 'prosperity gospel' is preached can be very attractive to young Christians.

Pray that pastors and evangelists may preach the Word faithfully, and for the training of new workers at Munguishi Bible College.

Pray for the many new congregations in both Kilimanjaro and Kiteto.

Pray for the young people that they may grow in knowledge of the truth and in commitment to God.

Church representative: Margaret Leverment

