



# Outreach

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father .. Son .. & Holy Spirit, & teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded. *Mt 28:18-20*

## Aim of the group

- \* To raise awareness of mission and promotion of outreach
- \* To foster and work together with the church family to enable the spreading of the gospel locally and further afield.
- \* Actively encourage and support individuals and organisations working in mission both at home and overseas including the allocation of funds.

## Support and Giving

**CMS Partners** - the Duff family, (Michael, Rachel, Emily and James), came to Petersfield in June to share with us the work they are doing in Indonesia, working in partnership with Rev. Yopie Buyung, at the Anglican Church in Bandung.

**IDWAL** Father Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith. During the year we have been financially supporting the construction of a new centre for the church, which has been expanding and creating an educational centre for young people wishing to learn a skill. We had been hoping for Cyril to come and preach in St. Mary's this autumn but this was frustrated by visas!

**Ramshill** - with the creation of a new "village" on our doorstep, the opportunity has been taken to go around and visit the houses and the newcomers. An afternoon tea was arranged where members of St Mary's had open house for anyone to come along. Although the numbers were slight, the event was useful in that it provided an insight into people's aspirations of such things. Carols were sung and invitations to Christmas services delivered as part of this ongoing outreach. Ideas for other events are sought!

Specific fund raising activities last year included, in November, a DIY Concert in aid of Cecily's Fund. This was highly enjoyable and raised significant sums. We were entertained by the Hampshire Guitar Orchestra during the second half which was very enjoyable. This event raised over £1,000 in one evening.

As well as the events that have been arranged and enjoyed, the group has been linking with a number of organisations to which we give money and support. A summary table is listed below of those organisations (in no particular order) with a contact for more information:

In Ministry to Children (IMC) Columbia	Sue Stanley
Church Missionary Society (The Duff family)	Debbie Williams
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	Andrew Spiers
IDWAL - Cyril Kobena-Smith in Ghana	Olivia Tottle
Kids Alive (Jem and Sarah Mason)	Rosie Jay

In addition financial support has also been given to following organisations and people.

Sudan Church Association	Church Pastoral Aid Society
Acorn Healing Trust (Whitehill)	The Kings Arms
Butser Homestart	PACT Holiday Club
Petersfield Counselling Service	East Hants Advocacy Scheme
Children's Society	Tearfund
Christian Aid	DEC (Asian Earthquake Appeal)
Father Samson in Tanzania	

Included in the list are some ideas from the Outreach Group, but we are always on the look out for other ones - so please support these events and let us have your ideas.

Lent Lunches with a talk

Table Tennis

Deanery Day at Churcher's College

Patronal Festival on the Green with a BBQ on the Green for everyone.

It is easy in any report to put down the more tangible things such as a concert or tea party - but there are many ways, sometimes done silently, that outreach locally and abroad takes place. The recently started Alpha Course is a way of reaching out into the community for those searching for God. We are grateful for the number of people in our church who can give one of the ten talks, without having to resort to a video.

It is hoped to stage a one person show, about the Bible (please watch Sheet 'Sheet' for details). This would be a great opportunity to bring those on the periphery of the church into contact with the message of the Bible, and to have an enjoyable time.

At the beginning of this year, we agreed to support Jem & Sarah Mason, who have recently gone out to Lebanon to work in an orphanage. They are going out with the organisation Kids Alive and details are on their website [www.happyteapot.com](http://www.happyteapot.com) (really!)

We as a group will be supporting them along with the other organisations and people mentioned above, in the coming year, and will endeavour to provide more information to the church about concerns, needs and key events. If you would like to be part of this, do contact a member of the outreach group.

Andrew Spiers (Outreach Chair)

