

# missionmatters

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A 10% tithe of the St Mary's/L1FE annual gross income is given in support of Christian mission and this money is managed by the PCC sub committee for Mission Support. The criteria for our charitable giving is based upon our church vision and the Biblical principles outlined in the book of Acts. We actively support the needs of our partner Christian missionaries and organisations in their work (this year's mission partners are outlined below). An outcome of our partners' work must be the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. We look to develop personal relationships with our missionaries and receive regular news and feedback from them. We expect to develop prayer partnerships and regularly receive prayer requests. We encourage opportunities for practical support and involvement by church members whenever possible. We aim to strike a balance between giving support at home and abroad. This first edition of Mission Matters aims to inform you about our mission partners with subsequent bi-monthly editions focusing more on news updates and specific, detailed prayer requests.

**Date for your diary: Mission Celebration evening, Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at The Wheelhouse.**

## Happy Child and Sarah de Carvalho (Brazil/UK)

[www.happychild.org](http://www.happychild.org)



Happy Child is our first and oldest mission partner. In 1989, St Mary's supported local girl Sarah Jarman (now de Carvalho) when she responded to God's call on her life to go to Brazil and work with destitute street children. Since then, thousands of children have been rescued from the streets and their lives transformed through a ministry immersed in the love of Jesus Christ.

### Specific prayer points:

- Pray for the new house recently opened in Recife, for the team and for the street boys as they adapt from their old life and ways.
- Pray for continued resources as Happy Child continues to grow both in Belo Horizonte and Recife, with a total of 8 homes and a farm for over 120 children and teenagers at any one time. Pray for the Happy Child leaders and team of 60 workers in Brazil and also the UK board of trustees.

[www.kampalachildren.com](http://www.kampalachildren.com)

## Kampala Children's Centre (Uganda)



Some of our congregation have visited this centre for the orphans of war and AIDS, founded by Rev. Arnold Mwonge (regular Detling speaker and pastor of a church in Cheshire). Several houses have been completed but the vision is to continue building until at least 1000 children are given the chance of a home, education and happy childhood. The children were thrilled to receive a teddy bear knitted by our church members. Our money has also supported the building of a well to provide fresh water to the orphanage.

### Specific prayer points:

- KCC are constructing a kindergarten and two new houses. Please pray that these get completed soon so the kids can move in as most children come into KCC when they are ready to start school.
- Please also pray for continued financial provision for the project and growth and development of the children at the Centre.

[www.soteriatrust.org.uk](http://www.soteriatrust.org.uk)

## Soteria Trust (Nigeria/UK)



Rev Andy Economides is well known to our congregations through his visits and teaching at St Mary's/L1FE. Soteria works to bring people to Christ across the UK and in Africa. The Trust's current challenge is to complete the building of the Soteria College of Further Education and Christian teaching in Ibadan, Nigeria. As well as assisting people in Africa, Soteria runs conferences, breakfasts, training and missions in the UK.

### Specific prayer points:

- Please pray that the Soteria College will be full of students and for the head and excellent teachers to be duly appointed. Also for finance (£100,000) for the second building/phase two.
- For all the Soteria staff in the UK and Nigeria
- That the Good News of the Kingdom will be refreshingly proclaimed by Evangelist, Andy Economides.

(website under construction)

## B@titude (Leatherhead, UK)



B@titude is a Christian charity committed to loving and serving the community of north Leatherhead through their shop in Kingston Road. Here they sell quality 'as new' clothes for babies and children at very reasonable prices, provide a comfortable environment for coffee and snacks, as well as a small play area, and offer an environment for friendship and prayer. They have recently acquired a caravan on the south coast and as a result have been able to send many families away on a holiday or short break – one teenager said they had never been away on holiday. They have many plans for the future but already they have been described as 'not just a shop, but a door into the community'. Members of our church regularly help in the shop.

### Specific prayer points:

- Please pray for a number of mums on a journey of faith who spent time at their 24/7 event on a double decker bus in the Bridge car park
- They have recently had a couple of their regular donors who help to cover the shop's rent move on, please pray for replacement funds
- Pray for more volunteers to help in the shop
- Pray for the Scout hut project for the storing/distribution of furniture

[www.om.org](http://www.om.org)

## Sandra Benko (South Africa)



Sandra is based in Pretoria, SA working in communications with Operation Mobilisation. OM's role in the church is to mobilise people to share the knowledge of Jesus and His love with every generation in every nation. OM pioneers and leads initiatives to redeem lives, rebuild communities and restore hope in over 100 countries. Sandra's main function is to produce material that will move people to pray, give or go into missions. A major focus is a magazine she edits and designs.

### Specific prayer points:

- She asks that we would pray her friendship with God would be intensified and that she'll know his love
- Pray for daily protection in a country with one of the highest crime rates in the world
- For Sandra's visa renewal to be processed in good time
- Sandra lives by faith so please pray for financial support and provision. If you feel you would like to personally support Sandra's important work, please speak to one of the Mission Committee members.

## Baumgartner Family (Argentina)



Daniel and Esther Baumgartner have been working in Argentina since 1998 (where their three sons were born). They are now working in Salta with the Sarita Robbins Foundation (Daniel is secretary). The Foundation aims to bring material and spiritual help to the vulnerable and marginalized in social risk situations, including children, teenagers and single mothers. The Christian child day-care centre, "Jesus, my sweet refuge", receives 25 children daily aged 1-6, plus helps 60 primary school students with their homework.

### Specific prayer points:

- Pray for the children's work including a united encounter to equip kids and teens; outreach at the children's hospital and the Friday children's Bible hour at the day care centre.
- Pray for the second Alpha Conference in Latin America in October. Pray for Daniel's contact with the Catholic Archbishop in Salta
- Pray for the family and for protection from spiritual attacks

[www.breakout.org.uk](http://www.breakout.org.uk)

## Steve Legg/Breakout Trust (UK)



The Breakout Trust is the charity behind Evangelist Steve Legg. Many continue to come to faith through Steve's gigs and his crazy mix of magic, comedy and escapology. The 'It's a Boy!' Christmas initiative is going strong with a new board game in addition to the DVD and book. The Son Newspaper goes from strength to strength with over 55,000 copies this summer. Plans are also afoot to produce a new glossy men's magazine for Christian blokes called 'Sorted' and to publish two books for children.

### Specific prayer points:

- More bookings and increased opportunities in the media
- That Churches will grasp the vision for It's a Boy and buy copies of the board game to give to their local schools
- For finance for 'Sorted' magazine and two kids' books
- For Steve and his family

Your Mission Support Committee members are:

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