

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018



I hope that this finds you well and looking forward to the festivities ahead.

This is just a letter to update you on how your support has benefitted the projects we support in Zimbabwe and Uganda throughout 2018.

Thanks to your support African Mission has been able to support the following projects:

- 1. Project for disabled children (Fatima Mission, Zimbabwe):** We have paid for 21 young disabled people (whose ages range from 8 to 19) to attend school for the year. Of the 21 young people, 10 are deaf & unable to speak, 7 are totally blind, 3 are partially sighted and 1 is physically handicapped. Many of the young people were being looked after by a single parent or a relative at home and many of their carers were in poor health and living in poverty.



The young people live at the project during term time and attend a nearby school (with the exception of one who attends a different school). The school is the only school in the province offering a specific education for disabled young people. In addition to their academic education they also learn skills to help them live and prosper with their disabilities. Before coming to Fatima many of these young people led very isolated lives and were faced with a bleak future. Thanks to the education they are receiving and the fact that they are living in community with others, their confidence and ability to relate with others is growing. **It costs £485 per year to cover the costs of one young person's school fees and living costs.**

At the end of the school day there are no activities to occupy the young people. Fr Jeya, the Priest in charge of Fatima Mission, would like to rectify this by building an activities centre. What he has in mind is a large room with three smaller rooms off the large room. The large room would be dual purpose i.e it would be used as a dining room and a sports room. One of the three smaller rooms will be used as a library, a second room will be used as a music room and the third as a computer room. **To date we have raised £35,969 towards the £54,564 needed for this project.**

- 2. Dr Ray Towey** has spent the last fifteen years in St Mary's Hospital Lacor, Gulu, Uganda, training doctors, anaesthetist and nurses in intensive care and anaesthesia.

St Mary's is a not for profit, church supported, general hospital of 500 beds in northern Uganda. It has 5 operating theatres and performs approximately 5,000 operations a year. It also has an eight-bed Intensive Care Unit. As the hospital's mission is to provide health care for the poorest the patient costs are substantially subsidised, especially for women and children. It is a teaching hospital for anaesthetists, medical students, nurses and laboratory technicians and it is attached to Gulu University Medical School. The majority of the patients are the rural poor and can come from remote areas up to 100 miles away from Gulu.



In 2018 you have helped Ray in his work by:

- Purchasing not one but **two** portable ventilators at a cost of £7,314
- Purchasing a ventilation machine for babies at a cost of £2,604
- Sponsoring three St Mary's nurses to improve their skills
- Plus purchasing £1,814 worth of additional medical equipment

It is thanks to you that we have been able to improve the lives of some of the poor in Africa throughout 2018 and with your help we hope to continue to do so in 2019 also.

Wishing you and all who are dear to you a very Merry Christmas.

Many thanks.

PJ Boyle

Paddy Boyle

African Mission Administrator



Merry
Christmas

African Mission – Christmas Appeal 2018

African Mission aims [“To fight disease and poverty in Africa by supporting educational & medical projects.”](#) We are at present supporting Dr Ray Towey’s work in Uganda and three projects in Zimbabwe. We are dependent on the goodwill of our supporters for our continued existence. Would you like to support the work of African Mission **by making a one-off donation** (either by cheque or online via our website) **or** perhaps consider funding our work **on a longer term basis by setting up a Standing Order?** (Standing Order form below) If you are a taxpayer and would like to add another 25% to your donation, at no extra expense to yourself, you can do so by simply Gift-Aiding your donation.

Perhaps you would consider leaving us a legacy in your will?

However you choose to support our work we are indeed most grateful.

May God bless you in this holy season & throughout the coming year.

I would like to donate £ _____ to African Mission. (Cheques payable to “African Mission”)

Name: _____

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If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation please tick here and sign below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Standing Order Form

Name and Address of your Bank/Building Society;

To the Manager of _____ Bank/Building Society

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Instruction to your Bank/Building Society Manager:

*Please pay into the account of African Mission – Co-operative Bank plc,
Account No. 65106143, Sort Code 08-92-99,*

The sum of £ _____ (amount in words: _____)

Commencing on (date) _____

And also the same amount in every succeeding MONTH / 3 MONTHS / YEAR (circle one as appropriate)

On _____ (date of month)

Until further notice, charging the same to my account:

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