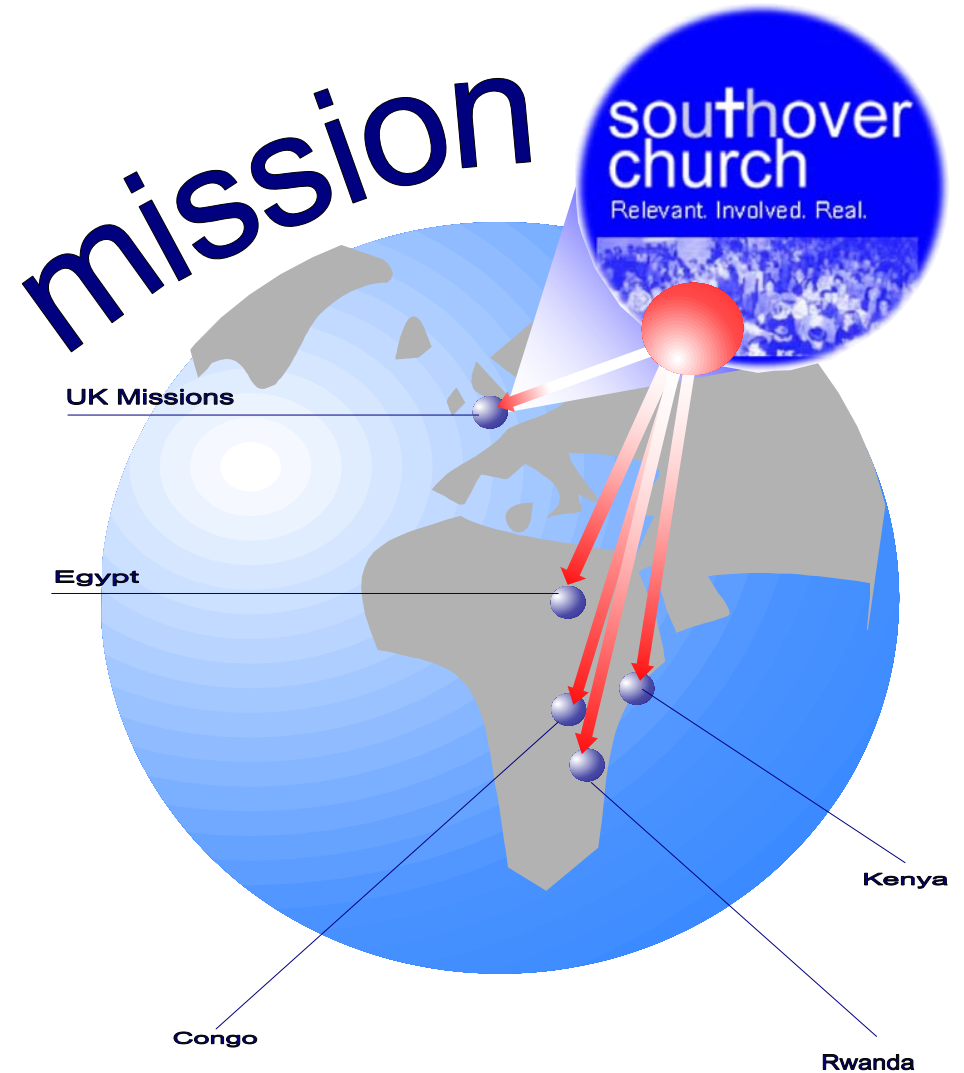


"...go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you ..."

Matthew 28:19



Review of 2007

The Mission Team have compiled this leaflet to show where and how Mission monies are used. We hope you will find the short items from each of the Church representatives for the Mission Societies useful in showing how the monies have been used to further God's word and purpose both at home and abroad.

Anne Almond
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Home-Start

Being a parent isn't always easy

Home-Start is one the country's major voluntary family support organisations, helping over 30,000 families every year through over 300 local schemes. Within East Sussex there are two Home-Start schemes covering Hastings and Lewes Districts.

Home-Start offers free support, friendship and practical help to families with at least one child under five. Volunteers who have all had experience of parenting and know how hard it can sometimes be visit families regularly in their own homes. Volunteers come from different backgrounds, vary in age, and are carefully selected for their friendliness, practical approach and understanding.

Volunteers offer friendly support, understanding, reassurance, listening ear, an extra pair of hands and practical help.

Home-Start support is confidential and voluntary. Families choose whether or not to accept Home-Start support and can change their minds at any time.

If you think Home-Start could help you (and you live in Lewes District or Uckfield), or *if you would like to know more about becoming a Home-Start volunteer*, ring 01273 612025. Betty, Marion or Wendy would be pleased to speak with you. More information about Home-Start is available on the national web site: www.home-start.org.uk

Following the translation of the New Testament into the Iduna language (Goodenough Island, Papua New Guinea) by a friend of Ann Winser, Iduna Christians would like the Old Testament as well, so £200 has been sent to help train six of them for this purpose.

ZAPO-UK

Funds donated by the church have been received in Zambia for the purchase of food-aid and nutritional supplements. Provision has been made for over 200 needy families.

Youth Mission Work

As a church we have supported some of our young people as they have given their time to work for the Lord either overseas or in the UK. Recently this has included Livy Paterson, Craig Smith and Emily Daughtery.

Sophie Priestley

Sophie came initially as our Care Force worker. She is now working with VSO in Ghana.

Over the last five years the members of our church family at Southover have given more than £100,000 to mission work in the UK and beyond. This review gives you a flavour of where our money and prayers have been invested during 2007.

The impact of Jesus upon his culture and the whole of human history is seen in both what he did and what he said. What he did was, supremely, to be the Saviour of the world. What he said are the words of life. How he lived was to consistently point to the radical love, justice and selfless compassion that are the hallmarks of those in the Kingdom of God. Mission and Social Justice are two of our Building Block ministries at Southover. These principles are a wonderful expression of who we are as Christians and as a church. As you read the following articles I pray that you may have a mounting sense of excitement at being part of a community that wants to be in true partnership with others to make a radical difference in 'Lewes and beyond'.

Steve Daughtery

The Bible Society was established in 1804 with the aim of distributing the Bible to transcend denominational divide. Regional Action Groups were quickly founded and our own in Lewes was established in 1812. National Bible Societies were subsequently established in countries throughout the world under the head quarters of London.

Through globalization currently over 130 Bible Society agencies work together to translate, print and distribute scriptures throughout Europe, Asia, USA and the entire world. The Bible is also provided in audio form for those who cannot read and in Braille for the blind.

The task is huge as of the 6500 languages worldwide only 414 have the whole Bible and only 2355 have a portion of the Bible in their own language. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and credible "working towards a day when the Bible is shaping the lives of people and countries everywhere".

Herbert Bennett

Lorica Trust - St Patrick's Night Shelter - Hove

Southover continues to identify with the major Lorica aim to provide vitally needed MiPod units to offer short term accommodation to the homeless and marginalised.

www.lorica.org.uk

Rwanda Building Project

One of the major tasks accomplished by the team from Southover who went out last January was to build a house for a genocide widow and her family and most of it was financed from the mission budget.

Scripture Union—Hungary

Projects include finishing the translation of *Christianity Explored*, a Bible study material for groups, and the winter camp in Piliscsaba, working with teenagers. Consideration is being given to expanding holiday club ministry - by organising sport-based Bible clubs in addition to the already existing English language holiday clubs. For more information visit www.suhungary.com or talk with Yolanda Paraskeva, who has been twice to summer camps in Hungary.

Alex Williams

Wycliffe Bible Translators

This organisation has over 1000 volunteers worldwide, who use their gifts to serve Wycliffe Bible Translators and other missions, offering many academic and practical skills. For more information see www.wycliffeassociates.org.uk. Since February 1999, I have been WA's Library Research Coordinator, dealing with requests for books, articles, theses and other material, on such subjects as linguistics, anthropology, theology, along with my team of researchers.

Mary Hempshall

Brazilian Street Children

The following is an extract from an e-mail received recently from Zara and Bartholomeu Gonçalves who were in the UK for a few weeks this summer and to whom we gave some money towards their work with children in Brazil to keep them off the streets:

...“The children's project started the new term really well and we now have 60 children. When we got back, we were able to buy material (books, pens, paper, etc.) for the whole year for the children, which was a real blessing. In October (12th) they celebrate children's day here and this year we received an offering, we were able to put on a party for them. They were so so excited - we took 40 children to a little farm with a pool and hired a trampoline, ball pool and candy floss machine. Some of them had never been in a pool before and their faces were a picture... ”



Mission



Partner

Christian Concern in the Congo

We have had contacts with churches in the Congo for many years, principally through our long term links with Pat Nickson, previously our CMS Mission Partner. Pat's responsibilities have changed lately now that she is a curate at St Mary's, Upton, on the Wirral; but we still maintain strong contacts with the Congo and with her.

The work in the Congo initially centred on Nyankunde and Boga, but as a direct result of the recent civil war and the suffering and hardship of the people there, the work was largely relocated to Aru.

Recent elections have held out hope for a more stable and peaceful country where the work of primary and community health care and deepening Christian experience is less likely to be impeded by conflict. Ian Graham and Shirley Edwards have been to the Congo and experienced first hand the depth of fellowship and friendship, as well as the very real needs of the people.

This work is one of our key partnerships at Southover, and we all have the opportunity to be involved in prayer, by visits to the Congo, through direct giving and particularly the "Caring and Sharing Scheme". "Caring and Sharing" provides a "Samaritans Purse" for specific needs and projects to be directly funded as they arise and without which they would be severely jeopardised. Do speak to Shirley Edwards or John and Ann Price to join the Scheme and forge strong links with this work.

Mission



Partner

Judah Trust is a Christian charity which trains trainers in HIV awareness, prevention and care. It also coordinates a worldwide network of people committed to pray for people infected or affected by HIV.

Richard and Prilla Rowland are our link missionaries with Judah Trust, they go out 2-3 times a year as educators for HIV prevention to Rwanda and the surrounding countries, with simple drama and testimony from people infected with the disease. It is often a big step for these people to speak in public, about a disease with so much attached stigma. Also there is space for reconciliation and apology on behalf of people who have helped spread the disease. This last year they have been to Senegal to equip health workers to reach out to their communities with education about prevention of HIV, to Uganda to participate in a conference on HIV/AIDS, lead further workshops in Rwanda and helped to lead a team from Southover to Cyangugu in southern Rwanda to establish links with the church there and to build a house for a AIDS widow. Next year they are planning to lead another church group to Rwanda and a possible training mission from Cyangugu into DR Congo.

Ian and Mary Hempshall

Other Missions which we support

The following organisations have also received support from the church through the mission allocation and other giving: -

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team

We supported the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team, funded solely by voluntary contributions, as it regularly patrols Beachy Head to reach out to the depressed and suicidal. If you feel a wish to support this vital work, more information can be found at www.bhct.org.uk or by contacting John Price.

Come Together Project, Belarus

For the past two years members of Southover have been participating in the work of 'Come Together', an organisation whose aim is 'To take a message of peace and friendship through our Lord Jesus Christ, and to improve the quality of life for impoverished peoples, by building bridges not walls'. This has involved building playgrounds in orphanages and schools, but the main purpose has been to forge friendships in a country ravaged by war for much of its history and still suffering from the after effects of Chernobyl. The hospitality and friendship of the people and richness of the Russian Orthodox Church have made these memorable, moving and very worthwhile experiences. Another visit is planned for 2008.

Children's Society

The Christmas Eve Collection 2006 raised £1,003.16. It was used by The Children's Society to further the work of their latest campaign, Safe and Sound, which aims to give children somewhere safe to go and someone sound to talk to.

Mission



Partner

Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency, passionate about seeing God's justice done here on earth. Their vision is to transform the lives of millions of the world's poor, in a positive and sustainable way.

This means not just providing fresh water, sanitation and healthcare. When people are living in extreme poverty hope is every bit as essential as food and water. That is why they are committed to the principal of integral mission. That means giving emotional and spiritual support alongside of all the practical needs.

Tearfund work with a vast network of local churches and Christian organisations, extending around the world, which work together with and alongside local communities.

One of the most exciting recent initiatives is the work a miracle campaign. Tearfund is mobilising the global church to stop the spread of HIV, by 2015, in more than 40 of the poorest countries where they work. We have been donating to this campaign with our giving as a church and via the giant Christmas card that many signed at Christmas. Thanks to many churches and individuals who are giving generously this target is well on the way to being met.

Other innovative projects include an organic latrine in Liberia. This has been made entirely of local materials sourced in the forest, instead of importing materials like concrete, so helping local communities to become independent and self sustaining, something Tearfund are always striving to do.

Mission



Partner

Our MECO Mission Partner is Christian Angell. Christine's parents Lewis and Marjorie worshiped with us for many years and Christine is a member of our fellowship. Christine is seconded by MECO to work within a truly amazing Egyptian organisation called Think and Do who minister to the spiritual and practical needs of people through the Coptic Church.

The work of Think and Do continues to expand and impact on the lives of many Egyptians. However in 2006 some major sources of funding were withdrawn and so much prayer is needed for sufficient money to pay staff and to continue to meet commitments. Please pray as the Think and Do team seek to meet the many opportunities for spiritual and practical service in Egypt.

Mike Tomlinson came to speak to us in October 2006 about the problems caused by the armed conflict to the Evangelical Christian School in Tyre. Southover was able to send a large donation which enabled the school to continue to function for the next academic year.

Christine has spent three months on home assignment in the UK this summer. Please contact me if you would like to receive the prayer letters from Think and Do and Christine.

Ann Price

Mission



Partner

Mission Aviation Fellowship is a Christian organisation, founded in 1946, whose planes have been speeding the spread of the Good News of Lord Jesus Christ by word and deed. Their mission is to fly light aircraft, transporting people and supplies, from many different Mission and Aid agencies working in developing countries, so that people in deepest need, in remote areas, can receive help. Isolated places where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline.

Southover Church specifically supports, both prayerfully and financially, pilot Guy Brooking and his family, who are currently stationed in Nairobi, Kenya. Guy, who has worked for MAF since 1994, flies into Sudan, Somalia and Congo as well as Kenya, and is also Head of Flying Standards.

Guy, his wife Gail, and their children Loren (13), Hazel (9), Marcus (8) and Rosie (6) come from Heathfield, East Sussex. The Brookings were in the UK this summer and Guy visited Southover on Sunday 15 July when he spoke at the Evening Service.

If you would like further information about MAF and/or receive the Brooking Family's newsletters please contact Mary Nurse on 01273 891294.

SOLACE MINISTRIES
KIGALI, RWANDA

Mission



Partner

*"Comfort, comfort my people." Isaiah 40:1
God of all comforts, comforted us so that we can comfort others: 2 Cor 1:3-4*

Solace Ministries was born in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide when it was very clear that the most hurting were widows and orphans who had inner as well as, in most cases, physical wounds. The vision for Solace started with a call based on Isaiah 40:1, comfort, comfort my people. The obedience to this call has brought many hurting widows and orphans to restore hope for living by caring for them in a comprehensive way and introducing them to the love of God.

Although their material needs were and are still obvious and enormous, the priority is rather the security of their inner being. In this regard, Solace Ministries is unique as it seeks to address spiritual and psychological needs but also to meet the material needs. This holistic approach has been used in Kigali and in four provinces across the country.

Programmes of Solace Ministries include:

Counselling and Evangelism, Outreach, Childcare and Development, Community Based Development Shelter. Health and Relief, Capacity Building and Research, Documentation, Regional Centres, Solace Guest House and Testimonies

Jonathan Lamb