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The major restructuring process which we have been undertaking in CMS Ireland has absorbed a lot of our time and energy over the past few months. Thankfully it is now almost complete and we can see the way ahead more clearly.

Our overriding goal in this, as in all our activity, is the Biblical imperative to be in Mission, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up; Ephesians 4 : 12. Our primary purpose is not about either structures or buildings. Our aim is to develop a framework in which we can effectively

operate and programmes to enable God's Mission in Christ to reach deep into the fabric of our Church and our community and to reach out from here to the ends of the earth. Mission is about God's people being empowered to live out the presence of Christ in their lives so that others may be drawn to God. All our structures, procedures, processes, programmes and projects are of nothing worth if they do not fulfil that objective.

Richard Halverson, a former US Senate Chaplain, once said: "In the beginning the Church was a fellowship of men and women who centred their lives on the living Christ. They had a personal and vital relationship to the Lord. It transformed them and the world around them. Then the Church moved to Greece, and it became a philosophy. Later it moved to Rome, and it became an institution. Next it moved to Europe and it became a culture. Finally it moved to America, and it became an enterprise".

Our challenge is to rediscover the Church as it was in the beginning and to again become a fellowship of men and women who centre their lives on the living Christ. So in CMS Ireland we need men and women to engage in Mission at every level; from people who pray for mission in the privacy of their own homes; to parish activists; to those prepared to sit

on committees and struggle with issues of governance, policy, management and accountability; to selectors and collectors; to staff positions and most of all to those who are prepared to serve our partners in the world Church through visits; Mission Experience Teams Abroad; Gap Years; Short Term Experience Placements; to full time long term Mission Service.

We have reached a crucial point in the life of CMS Ireland. Our strategy for the next five years is formulated, the framework for our structures is in place and there is an air of anticipation and expectation within our global network. As we celebrate once again this Christmas season the coming of Christ amongst us, let each one of us carefully and prayerfully consider how He may want to be born afresh in our lives and open ourselves up to allow Him to be in Mission through us.

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out of egypt...



This family live in Ain Shams, in a suburb of Cairo. It is a poor shantytown. There are hundreds of high rise tenement blocks side by side. They live in a one bedroom

unit, with poor sanitation and living conditions.

Cairo is the capital of Egypt, bursting with over 15 million people; and nearly 2000 new arrivals each week. With so many people, basic resources are limited. Education and healthcare are not available for everyone, especially in Ain Shams.

However, in one of the tenement blocks, in a confined cramped space is the Ain Shams Community Development Centre. The centre is open to all and offers families a hope for the future. There is wide range of facilities available; a pre-school, medical

centre, women's craft centre, adult literacy classes and a Sunday school. The rooms in the centre are becoming far too small for their purpose as more and more families try and access the much needed resources they provide.

CMS Ireland is working closely with the Diocese of Egypt to support the Ain Shams Community Development Centre. This year's annual children and youth project is called Sands of Time and is focusing on the Ain Shams Centre in Cairo. With your help, we hope to provide another tenement block for the Centre so it can offer more resources to more people in the Ain Shams area.

The Sands of Time centre is vital as it reaches out to a poor and needy community and offers them a real hope for the future.

For further details on the Annual Project, visit www.cmsireland.org/youth or come along to one of the presentations and find out how you can get involved.

Dates	Location	Time
JANUARY		
Sun 21st	Bangor Abbey	3pm
Sun 21st	Letterkenny Parish, Co Donegal	3pm
Tues 23rd	St Mark's Parish Hall, Dundela, Belfast	8pm
Wed 24th	Ballyclare Parish Hall	8pm
Sun 28th	St Patrick's Parish Hall, Ballymena	3pm
Mon 29th	Kilmore parish Crossgar	8pm
Tues 30th	Seapatrick Parish Hall, Banbridge	8pm
Wed 31st	Hollywood Parish Hall, Hollywood	8pm
FEBRUARY		
Thurs 1st	Killowen Parish Hall, Coleraine	8pm
Thurs 1st	Tobermore Parish Hall	8pm
Sun 4th	Derg Parish Hall, Castlederg	3pm
Sun 4th	St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen	3pm
Mon 5th	Glendermott Parish Hall, Londonderry	8pm
Tues 6th	Comber Parish Hall, Comber	8pm
Wed 7th	St Anne's Parish Hall, Dungannon	8pm
Wed 7th	Tamlaghtfinlagan Parish Hall, Limavady	8pm
Thurs 8th	Ballymacash Parish Hall, Lisburn	8pm





zambia – looking to the future

As we continue to focus on the countries in which CMS Ireland are currently working in, this issue we turn our attention to Zambia.

CMS Ireland has been involved with Zambia since the mid nineties when Canon John Kanyikwa and his wife Lillian were sent to work and teach in the St John's Anglican Seminary in Kitwe. Canon John and Lillian were our pioneers into Zambia and the foothold they gave us has led onto many new relationships and partnerships being developed.

Zambia is a Democratic Republic located in the heart of Central Africa, its capital is Lusaka. It has a population of over 11 million. 80% of the population live in urban settings. Zambia gained independence from Britain in 1964. Recent presidential elections reinstated President Mwanawasa as head of State for a second term.

When Keith and Lyn Scott – with their children Adam and Hannah - went out to Zambia to replace Canon John and Lillian in 2002 CMS Ireland began to look more closely at the possibilities of increasing the level of involvement in the Diocese. This process was greatly strengthened during the mPower conference in 2005 when we welcomed three people from the Diocese – Bishop Albert Chama, Rev William Chisanga and Esther Phiri – and they gave us a clear understanding of the realities faced by the people who live and work there.

In further discussions with the Bishop CMS Ireland has now entered into Partnership with the Diocese. This process will open up many opportunities for Parishes here in Ireland to become linked to this Diocese and get involved in some very exciting ministries. Keith and Lyn, while continuing their work and ministry in the Seminary, are now involved in the Diocese by helping out in a local church. Keith and Lyn have recently been in Ireland on their scheduled leave and the impact of their visit to a linked parish is well summed up by Rev Stephen McBride from All Saints in Antrim:

"Our link developed through a desire to look beyond our own parochial needs and establish links with an area where we might be able offer some financial support in the first instance.

Each Christmas we give all our parishioners a Smartie tube which is then filled with 20p pieces – each tube raises £14. We have used this money to help fund St John's Anglican Seminary and build a much needed water tower. We regularly print updates from Keith & Lyn's newsletter in our parish magazine to keep the Scott family in our prayers.

During mPower in 2005, Bishop Albert Chama and the Very Rev William Chisanga stayed in Antrim. I believe that having such a well defined link with people you have met has encouraged our parishioners to respond in a much more generous fashion as we know the people we are helping to support. William Chisanga

wrote, 'I am not able to help you financially, but I pray for you.' William's prayers are as valuable a part of the link as our financial help is to Kitwe."

The 2006 CMS Ireland Annual Project was set in Zambia under the title of 'The Broken Butterfly'. The project was aimed at supporting and training young people in 'Life Skills' that will give them the tools to support themselves and strive towards getting out of the terrible poverty trap which so many people find themselves in. Zambia is a land locked country and suffers economically in both getting goods into the country and also getting their own produce out of the country. Three-quarters of the population live on less than a \$1 per day and opportunities for moving out of this situation are very few indeed.

Training gives people that chance and as the Government is not able to provide sufficient training opportunities for all of its people then the Church is expected to play a part in this. And as the Church depends on giving from those who attend Sunday services, then they too have very little in terms of resources to offer training opportunities. This is where partners like CMS Ireland can have a significant role to play.

CMS Ireland has just recently transferred about £22,000 to the Diocese – the current amount received from donations towards the Annual Project - to begin the work of training amongst young people from the various Townships in Kitwe. A 6 month course will provide one person with the

skills to make dresses, blouses/shirts, skirts and trousers.

Your involvement in this partnership allows things like these to happen! If not for this support then the Diocese would be unable to respond to the social needs of its people in this way. Bishop Chama says: "The partnership with CMS Ireland is very important to us it gives us the ability to reach out in active support to those who are in great need and give them a lifeline of hope for the future.

For us here in Zambia to know that we can have influence on people and Churches in Ireland gives us expression to the call in the bible known as the 'Great Commission' – "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt: 28: 19,20. May God bless you as you pray for this partnership and I look forward to working with you as we go forward into a hopeful future."

Photograph: A new water tower funded by CMS Ireland Link Parishes and Bishops Appeal in Kitwe, Zambia

For further information, contact Ronnie Briggs, Regional Mission Partner, through the Belfast office.

There will be an opportunity to explore more at the Zambia Focus Day – Saturday 27th January 2007 in Templepatrick Parish Church Hall.



a precious gift

A volunteer is defined as being a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

This definition does not adequately describe the sacrifice offered by the volunteer who gives their time, effort and commitment, often on a regular basis. In CMS Ireland we are supported by many volunteers, each brings a different skill and each fulfils a different function within the society. This issue we interviewed two of our volunteers to ask what makes them give us their most precious gift – their time.

Alan Dunn is a man with an impressive CV. He was British Consul in Houston, Texas. He worked on the British Overseas Trade Board and he specialised in Economic and Social affairs at the Northern Ireland Office in London. His career spanned more than 40 years. But his latest assignment was one of his most challenging yet.

He, along with his wife Pat, has just spent 5 weeks volunteering in India on behalf of CMS Ireland.

What first brought you to CMS Ireland?

After I took early retirement from my job in London, I wanted to get involved in charity work. We considered working for VSO in Czechoslovakia but although there was a job for me there wasn't a position that was right for Pat. We moved back to Northern Ireland where a conversation with the Ven Gregor McCamley, the then rector of Carnalea parish, directed us to Canon Cecil Wilson of CMS Ireland. Well I didn't need to ask Cecil twice - he

suggested I came into the Personnel department to support Ronnie Briggs in his work.

What's the commitment like?

I currently give two days a week to CMS Ireland, but 9 years ago when I first began to volunteer I was giving 2 and a half days. At first my role was compiling profiles on the various countries and programmes CMS Ireland was involved in. Each day I was in the office was different. It then evolved into managing communication between countries that had no CMS Ireland personnel – i.e. no Mission partners or associates, such as DR Congo or Dioceses in Sudan. And it has continued to change over the years. As CMS Ireland developed new departments and staff changed my role changed too and I now find myself being an assistant to the Development and Finance Department, working closely with Brian Lavery - coordinator for this department.

What do you do?

The main part of my role is focused on people – I have built up genuine relationships with people I work closely with. For example Bishop Masimango Katanda and I have had a close working partnership over the past few years developed through email communication. But I have also been able to cement this friendship through meeting with him face-to-face at the mpower conference in Ireland.

What skills do you bring to the role?

These people skills are the most valuable qualities that I have brought with me from my career. The ability to be sensitive to different cultures and at the same time determine the needs and objectives of that community is something that you learn with experience. I bring an understanding of the Business World and Government Departments. This gives me an incredible insight into the application process for funding for programmes and projects overseas. I am able to use this experience and wisdom all in the perspective of a Christian ethos, all for the benefit of our global partners.

What about the past 5 weeks?

It is these skills that I have been using in India. I have been working at a clinic in Seduvali village called Christine Matthews Rural Health Care. I have put together a report with recommendations for the future of the clinic. I hope that this report will be used to consider how its relationship with people and parishes in Ireland might develop.

Would you recommend it?

Volunteering is fantastic. It can be tough, but it is rewarding and it is vitally important to the work of CMS Ireland. It doesn't require giant leaps of commitment, just small steps that move the work of CMS Ireland forward and help those around the world that are in need.



Alan leading a Donegal Parish META to Sudan 2005

a precious gift continued...

Dianne Rhodes is a youth worker in Belfast. She is on the staff of St Paul's Parish Church and puts in long hours facilitating arts outreach programmes for her community. However, she also finds time in her busy schedule to volunteer for the youth department of CMS Ireland. She offers so much of her time and gifts. We found out why.

Can you describe the community you work in? St Paul's Church is on York Street. It is a typical North Belfast area with a visible paramilitary presence and 3rd generation unemployment. Some of the young people I work with often don't engage with the academic side of education so I try and engage them through arts programmes and activities. I believe that every young person has a God given gift and I think that the arts are a special way of releasing and developing those gifts.

What was your first introduction to CMS Ireland?

My Church have been CMS Ireland supporters for some time so I had heard of the Society through Annual Projects and general support from the parish. However it wasn't until I was asked to lead a team from Connor Diocese in 2005 to Uganda that I really got involved and began to understand more about mission. The relationships I developed through leading the team, particularly with Julie, CMS Ireland youth worker, have kept me involved with CMS Ireland. Have you tried to say no to Julie!?

How else have you been involved with CMS Ireland?

Through the Summer Madness festival, CMS Ireland run a venue called "the Cavern" and I have been involved in the past 2 years with the creative side of the venue and also being a pair of helping hands with running the venue. I also was involved in planning and participating a CMS Ireland youth RTE service this year. My young people from St Paul's were involved and the church was very supportive of the whole experience – some even came to Dublin to be in the audience. Most recently – I spent 6 days in Egypt with Julie – filming for the next Annual Project Sands of Time that will be used in churches and schools across Ireland in 2007.

How do you find the time?

My church is a great believer in releasing people to share and develop their gifts with others. They encourage me to explore my gifts and gain new skills that I can then feed back into the community of the church. This is something that I feel strongly about too - The sharing of gifts in order to glorify God. In some ways that is why I give time to CMS Ireland, as well as enjoying working with the staff, I am using my gifts in order to further God's work through CMS Ireland.

Photograph: Diane on a recent trip to Egypt with Youth Worker Julie Currie

If you are interested in volunteering with CMS Ireland, there are many opportunities for you to get involved. Whatever your time commitments or skills, CMS Ireland would encourage you to get involved. Contact David Spiers for further information.



bringing things into focus...

One of the most warmly welcomed of CMS Ireland's recent initiatives has been the advent of 'Focus Days'.

'Focus Days' are regular meetings of parishes and supporters who share a passion for a common area – Zambia, Nepal or Egypt for example. They give people from all over the country a chance to meet together and share ideas as they keep up to date with what's going on.

November saw the first of these new days coming into place, with Sudan and Kenya each acting as the 'focus' for supporters.

David Gough, Regional Mission Partner for Sudan and North Africa, was behind the first of these days and commented, "I'm told that the Sudan Focus Day was a real success and I'm looking forward to the next one already! It was fantastic to see supporters from as far afield as Dublin and Portstewart coming together – united by a commitment to what God is doing in Sudan".

The Sudan Focus Day alone saw over 70 supporters, from almost 20 parishes, gathering in Holywood for the chance to meet, pray and discuss together. They were joined by CMS Ireland Mission Partners Billy and Jenny Smyth and by Marianne Smith, a recently returned STEP volunteer from Yei Diocese.

Jenny Smyth was greatly encouraged by the day, saying, "It is fantastic to see so many people with a heart for Sudan having the chance to meet together in one place. For us, as Mission Partners, we get to spend time with people who are faithful, committed and excited about their links with the World Church".



The thinking behind Focus Days was not only about giving staff and Mission Partners a platform to update supporting churches but also to provide somewhere that those churches could share with each other. Agherton, Delganey and Holywood parishes were among those taking part in the Sudan Day and David Gough was humbled by what he heard from them, "In my job its so important that supporters at grassroots are really plugged into what's happening – after all they get to work with their congregations far more than I do! It was great to hear from Brian, Audrey and Winnie about what they are doing in their parishes and I have already been hearing from people about the encouragement that has given them to go on and try new things in their own churches."

The Kenya Focus Day was also a tremendous success and Ronnie Briggs (Regional Mission Partner for East and Southern Africa) said, "This is exactly what supporters have been asking for for years – and I was delighted to be part of it! At one level it was a great chance to bring people up to speed with current developments in Kajiado and Nairobi but we also had the chance to look ahead to

what might happen in other areas of Kenya in the future - and to share in real fellowship".

As with David the most significant part of the day for Ronnie was bringing parishes and supporters together, "What we do in CMS Ireland is all about relationships – relationships between parishes here and our partners around the world and parishes here

It's in that true to life. The Kenya Focus Day, more than anything else, was somewhere that relationships could be built and strengthened".

These two days are just the first in what will become a regular part of how CMS Ireland looks to support parishes in mission. Over time the Focus Days will move around the country, giving all supporters the chance to take part.

January will see the next two scheduled Focus Days. Hillsborough Parish will play host to the Egypt Focus Day on 20th January, where supporters will be joined by Dr Samir – the Director of Harpur Memorial Hospital, while 27th January will see the Zambia Focus Day being held in Templepatrick Parish. Keep your eyes on the website for more details closer to the time.

So if you're looking to be inspired, challenged and informed what are you waiting for? Why not join us for a day and bring things into focus?



global greetings



Sudan - John and Poppy Spens

This will be our first Christmas in Sudan. Yei Cathedral will host carol services and will be decorated. But hopefully there will not be as much commercialism here as we get in the UK and we can appreciate the real message of Christmas. We send our greetings to you all and our sincere thanks for your prayer support during 2006.

Uganda - Niall Manogue

At Christmas we think of God becoming flesh. We speak of Immanuel - God with us. As HIV continues to blight those at Kiwoko this Christmas time, I cannot think of a more encouraging message than that. God has been one of us. He understands pain. He understands rejection and humiliation. And in the midst of the pain and rejection caused by HIV He is there. Comforting. Redeeming. Being. May He be with you this Christmas time also.



Nepal - The Gill Family

We rejoice that the Saviour, Jesus Christ has come. In the majority of Nepal, Christmas is a non-event, people have never heard of it. Close your eyes for a moment and think of that. Remember what it was like to realise the meaning of the Christmas message, or if you cannot remember, try to re-live it and ask God to help you be more in his presence this Christmas.

Uganda - Ken and Judith Finch

May you know Jesus with you this Christmas – wherever you are, whatever you are doing make time to be with Him. With our greetings from Kiwoko where we look forward to spending our first Christmas.





Egypt - The Maganda Family

For many of us who are mission partners overseas, Christmas is often a very painful time of year. We experience deep sadness by the distances that separate us from family and friends. Yet the richness that we gain from working alongside amazing believers from all over the world, gives us great joy and pleasure. As a family, this Christmas finds us in Cairo, celebrating with our adopted families here and being community to one another. We appreciate so much

our link churches, family and friends, who through prayer and support enable us to be apart of what God is doing in Egypt. Happy Christmas and have an amazing new year!

Zambia - The Scott Family

While everyone in Ireland is thinking about the light of the world we here are thinking of Jesus the source of living water, as it is the rains which bring the renewal of the land of Zambia at around this time of year. May God bless you with the light of the world, pray that God will bless us with the living water and may we all be bound together in his love this Christmas-tide .



Uganda - Dr Rory Wilson

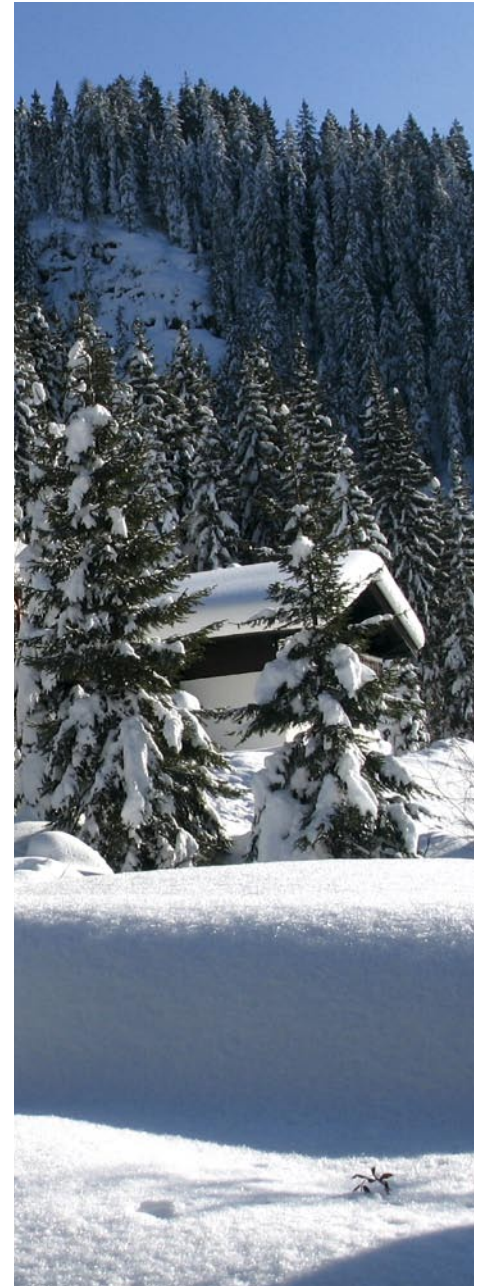
There is much joy and laughter at Kiwoko hospital, but it is inescapable that there is also frequently pain, sadness, and tears. We cannot cure everyone but it is good that our ministry is not solely a medical one. Christmas speaks of a God who comes to be with his people. He has personally enjoyed the company of friends and has also stood close to those in pain. Thank you for being with us as we care for those in need in the communities round about us here. May

God be incarnated in your home and circumstances this Christmas and in 2007.



Sudan (Home Leave) - The Smyth Family

Incarnational mission...the vulnerability of the newborn Christ shocks us anew this Christmas. Born into the dirt, grime and smell of an animal shed. Total identification with the poor and dispossessed. A refugee. Very Sudanese. Christmas finds the Smyth family in N Ireland, our first for 3 years. Full of reflections and contrasts, hearts stretched by the gulf between Sudan and the Emerald isle. Overwhelming wonder and thankfulness for the incarnation.



its all about waiting...



In this issue of inMission we invited Rev Adrian Dorrian, curate of St Mark's Newtownards, to share his thoughts on a 'mission-focused Christmas'. Adrian has been involved with

META teams over the past 3 years and now he finds himself serving on the CMS Ireland Board of Directors.

This time of year is all about anticipation... Santa's arrival, the sales, the expectation of Big Ben's chimes on New Year's Eve. Much of the period is spent - well - waiting.

Sometimes I feel like Christianity mirrors this – a large part of what we're doing is waiting for the coming of Christ. It's a glorious promise and a wonderful expectation: 'This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back...' (Acts 1v11) Sometimes, though, I forget it's the **second** coming of Christ I'm awaiting – and that a large part of his work has already been done – *the saving work of Christ is completed and salvation is there for the taking, but salvation is more than just going to heaven when we die. Salvation is as much about the here and now, and once a person knows salvation, it becomes a daily reality, not just a future hope.*

That's not to negate the importance of the second coming, it's to remind myself that it doesn't let me off the hook: although it's

good and right to live every day like Jesus could return in an instant ('No one knows about that day or hour, not even...the Son, but only the Father' [Matthew 24v36]), until that day **does** come, the challenge is to live our lives like he hasn't returned. In other words, while Jesus isn't here, it's our job to do the work for him! *Jesus' arrival heralded the coming of the kingdom but he charges us with making the kingdom a reality. Just look at Matthew 10:7: 'As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of Heaven is near.' What does that mean? Jesus goes on: 'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.'*

Ask yourself what you can tell about Jesus' approach to the world from the Christmas story. *What does it mean for us today to preach the kingdom? How does the Christmas story point us in the right direction? Think about it again, and ask yourself if the kingdom is about God's putting things right, can you escape that in the story of the infant Christ? The Jews expected the Messiah to put things right, Mary's song at the Annunciation is all about justice and the innocence of the infant Christ is contrasted with a world that doesn't have room for him (hence the stable!) and indeed a government that wants to exterminate him. Now tell me the Jesus story isn't about making the world a better place!*





He thought it was worth coming.

It's not in God's nature to write people off. Neither should it be in ours. It's no coincidence that charity drives, and special collections happen around Christmas – the Nativity is all about 'deadbeats' and 'down-and-outs' (ie humanity!) getting a second (and third, and fourth and...) chance. Relationships are given their value in light of our relationship with God; it's hard to ignore the fact that through the incarnation, Jesus gives everyone a chance at eternity with him. 'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son...' (1 John 4v10)

It's about experience.

The incarnation isn't a controlled lab test. From day one, God chose to get his hands dirty. That stable smelt bad. To mis-paraphrase a carol, I'm certain that little Lord Jesus made plenty of crying. No wonder the cattle were lowing...a screaming baby, a bunch of shepherds and some eastern kings had just arrived, and space was already at a premium! The nativity scene is not a picturesque and peaceful image - rather one of chaos, a chaos that would mirror the world into which the creator and sustainer of the cosmos was about to come. Not with a bang. Not on clouds and with trumpets. With a (literal) whimper, through the most earthly of human processes. He came to live a life like anyone else. He cried. He slept. He ate. He lost his temper. It wasn't about God arriving and observing. 'The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.' (John 1v14 The Message)

You can't be incarnational without being vulnerable

So if our life mirrors that of Jesus, remember that his life began and ended in utter vulnerability. Tiny baby, dependent on parents for everything. A refugee before his first birthday. Look again, though, and maybe in light of Jesus we can realise what power there is in our vulnerability: a tiny baby, perhaps – still, it says something when a choir of angels comes to announce your birth. He becomes a young man in the temple just twelve years later confounding religious leaders: still vulnerable as a child but speaking with such authority that people couldn't help but listen. The vulnerability of the cross – where God wins the greatest victory. 'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.' (2 Corinthians 5v21)

So this Advent, as you sing 'O come Immanuel' or 'Behold he comes, riding on the clouds!' remember this: returning though he is, he's been once and he left us a job to do and a model for doing it. It's about God donning a pair of sandals like everyone else, and walking around in them like everyone else. Like you. Like me. Everyone. Like Jesus.

Rev Adrian Dorrian

global village

Sudan Healthline Sudan

CMS Ireland was granted funding from Irish Aid in October 2006 for a pilot health care scheme in Sudan. These funds will build a Primary Health Care Centre, in Yei, Southern Sudan and train 20 staff – enough to staff 4 centres of this type. This is a unique collaboration and partnership between CMS Ireland, the Church in Southern Sudan and a Ugandan private health institution. **Health Line Sudan** is an exciting new health initiative that will provide a number of high quality, locally operated clinics, across Southern Sudan. Archbishop Marona recently said about the initiative, "I bless CMS Ireland's Health Line Sudan plans with a capital 'B', may God bless it." CMS Ireland is already identifying other appropriate areas and making plans for several more Primary Health Care Centres.

To realise this vision CMS Ireland needs your help - to pray for the success of the programme and to help raise the remaining 25% of the costs. We would therefore ask you to prayerfully consider if you would like to partner with CMS Ireland



in this exciting health programme which will make a difference to 100,000's of lives in Southern Sudan. *Please contact David Gough for further details.*

Romania

CMS Ireland is involved with 2 programmes in Romania. One in the capital Bucharest and the other is the regional city of Brasov,

about 200km from Bucharest in the mountains of Transylvania. There have been some recent developments in these two programmes which will be of great benefit to those involved.



In Bucharest, the social centre for the elderly is being extended with an extra 5 rooms, a dispensary and a local medical centre. This centre is part of a vital outreach

to the elderly in the community who are struggling to live off a pension of €30 - €40.

The Brasov programme is in the process of receiving funding from CMS Ireland. This programme reaches out to young adults as they leave orphanages and institutions. It plays a crucial part in the transition of young people from these situations into living regular adult lives. These young people are frequently very ill-equipped for life outside the orphanages and it is the SCUT programme which provides help with job applications, applications for social assistance, further education and the simple tasks of shopping and budgetting. It also provides a place to attend for advice and is run by trained social workers.



CMS Ireland are actively looking for support from Parishes and individuals for our work in Romania; if you would like more information on how to get involved;

please contact Robbie Syme through the CMS Ireland offices.

Kenya

At long last the official registration of the 'Health for All' Clinic in Kajiado has been completed. This now means that it is ready for use and the local Management Committee are putting together an implementation plan to open the Clinic to the public early next year. We urgently need a Doctor, not only to provide a high quality medical service, but to take on the responsibility of setting up a workable system for the proper functioning of the Clinic.



A timescale of a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 2 years can be accommodated depending on personal circumstances. If you have any interest in this or know someone who might - please contact the office and ask for Ronnie Briggs who will provide all the necessary details.

Felix Blennerhassett

After 16 years serving as the Finance and Administrative Assistant of the Dublin office, Felix is now due to retire from CMS Ireland in December 2006. The women's committee, supporters and staff will be holding a farewell lunch for Felix in the Dublin office in December. Her support of CMS Ireland began long before she



became part of the staff team as she served on the General Council of CMS Ireland for many years. Felix's involvement with Mission also extends beyond CMS Ireland; she served as treasurer for AMS and DUFEM and worked with SAMS.

We wish Felix all the best for her retirement and hope she stays actively involved with us.

Egypt

Egypt link parishes are engaging with the Diocese in Egypt in many new and innovative ways. Through people exchange and fundraising initiatives, they are supporting their partners and encouraging others to get involved. A joint Killinchy/ Malahide Parish team are preparing to link up with Mission Partners David and Gillian Maganda and family in Cairo in February 2007.



St Patrick's Drumbeg initiated a Parish Link with a particular focus on the outreach of Harpur Memorial Hospital to provide Health Care in the newly developing Sadat City. Mr David Bloomer of the parish has recorded an album of songs which would make an excellent Christmas gift. 'A Tapestry of Song' is available from CMS Ireland or direct from Drumbeg Parish at a cost of £13.95 and all proceeds will be going to the support of the work in Sadat City.

If you would like any further information on any of the countries CMS Ireland works in, please contact either office and we would be delighted to help.

Partnerships in Mission

Mission Partners

Egypt

- David and Gillian Maganda with Ester, Beth and Nathan; Refuge Egypt, All Saints Cathedral, Cairo.

Nepal

- Mark and Ali Gill with Sarah-Maya and Daniel; Kathmandu (HDCS) (Sarah-Maya taking Gap year)

Sudan

- Billy and Jenny Smyth with Abigail and Caleb; Diocese of Yei

Uganda

Kiwoko Hospital, Diocese of Luwero
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- Isabelle Prondzynski; UDP, All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi
- Betty Young, UMN, Nepal
- David Barrett; Kisizi Hospital, North Kigezi Diocese, Uganda

- Canon John and Lillian Kanyikwa; Diocese of Yei
- Ven Henry Leju; Adjumani Bible School and Kajokeji Ecumenical Training Project,
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Rwanda

Dioceses of Kibungo and Gahini

Sudan

Dioceses of Maridi, Yambio, Ibba, and Ezo

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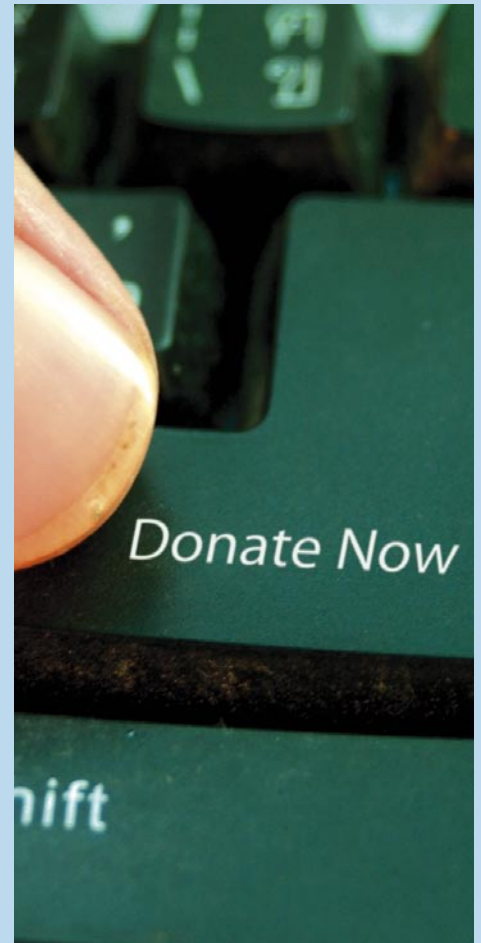


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