

## A time for Celebration

### *Planned integration becomes reality.*

*After several years of planning and praying, CMS Ireland and Mid-Africa Ministry were officially integrated to become one mission society on Friday February 1st. At a service to celebrate this historic occasion in Lisburn Cathedral, a large congregation joined staff from both organisations in thanksgiving for 80 years of faithful mission service in the mid-Africa area, and in praying for future vision.*

### *Jesus Satisfies*

The special preacher at the service was the Bishop of Kibungo Diocese, Rt. Rev Josias Sendegeya, who was making his first visit to Ireland. Bishop Josias, preaching in French, which was ably translated by Joan Nicholson (his former maths teacher!), spoke on the East African revival theme 'Jesus satisfies', reminding the congregation that for believers, Jesus is all in all, and satisfies when we put him first in everything.

### *Dinosaurs and Brides*

During the service, representatives from both organisations in Britain and Ireland spoke of their particular involvement and expectations of the new relationship. Bishop James Moore, President of CMSI, warmly welcomed MAM into the wider CMSI family. He described the integration as highly significant for CMSI, which has such a long established working relationship with the church in Africa.



*The congregation brings its offering 'African' style*

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1st February marked the beginning of a new Mission era in the Church of Ireland when the process of integration between CMS Ireland and Mid-Africa Ministry in Ireland became a reality. The former MAM staff are now based in the CMSI office in Church of Ireland House in Belfast and are fully involved in the total work of the Society. The work which had been undertaken by Mid-Africa Ministry will continue within the new structure as the Mid-Africa Partnership.

We welcome the MAM family fully within the fellowship of CMSI and see this integration as a God-given opportunity to do His work better. The integration is an important part of the vision policy launched by CMSI as M2K in 2000. That vision is for a Church of Ireland totally involved in Mission. The greater the partnership between the Mission Agencies in Ireland, the sooner the partnership with the overseas Church will move from vision to reality.

This new magazine is one of the outcomes of the integration. Its title **inMission** reflects our vision, underlining the words of St Paul when he wrote 'if anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creation'. To be 'in Christ' is to be 'inMission'. This magazine will attempt to inform, encourage and challenge its readers to be both 'in Christ' and 'inMission'.

Information about our Partnership Links, their struggles, their hopes and their faith; stories from our Mission Partners working in what are often lonely and difficult situations; our Prayer Diary outlining the Prayer needs which surround all the activities of the Society; reports from our Regional Support Groups; the enthusiasm of young people reporting on their Mission Experience Team Abroad; the activities of our Youth Department; all of these things and more will be included in this and future editions of **inMission**.

So we launch **inMission** in the faith that God is calling us to a new Mission era and to a fresh approach in the way in which we present the claims and challenges of the Gospel. It is our prayer that this magazine will play its part in building the Kingdom.

Cecil Wilson  
*CMSI General Secretary*



## Partners inMission

*The Bishop of Kajiado Diocese, Kenya writes...*

### **Partnership inMission – it works!**

Our long-standing partnership here in Kajiado with CMS Ireland can be summed up by a previous CMSI motto – *Caring Means Sharing*. There has been a continuous willingness to share resources on all levels, and the ministry of this Diocese has been included in the plans and activities of CMSI for many years.

We have always understood overseas mission work to be a two way relationship, something which has been reflected in exchange visits in both directions.

We want all our brothers and sisters in Christ to realise that our discipleship includes mission work at every level. Every believer should be 'inMission' – it is the only way to build up the family of God.

We want to encourage you as our partners in mission, to use this magazine to unite in 'prayers without ceasing...'

*+Jeremiah Taama.*

## Mid-Africa Partnership (MAP)

**Here in Ireland, the work of MAM will continue through the Mid-Africa Partnership, within the structures of CMSI. A Mid-Africa Support Group will be established in order to facilitate this support, but as you can see below, the work continues!**

### Rwanda

During his visit, Bishop Josias Sendegeya has been sharing his vision for Kibungo Diocese, located in the south east of Rwanda with a total of 11,000 Christians.

Bishop Josias' priority is education and training and his main concern is to complete the building of a Development Training Centre which will be used as a base to train church workers, pastors, catechists and lay readers. The centre, which will include dormitories and a kitchen and dining area, will be available for use by the whole community and will provide some rental income for the diocese.

*Mark Harvey, with Andy and Debbie Soye will be leading a META team to Gahini from 29 March-13 April. They plan to spend a day at Kibungo during their visit.*



*Construction of Kibungo Diocesan Training Centre*

### Burundi

Plans are in hand for Bobbie Moore to visit Burundi with Philip Bingham, CMS UK Regional Manager for the MAM area, in order to explain the details of the integration. A project to support the work of the TEE programme is being finalised and this will help build on the partnership relationship already established between Burundi and the church in Ireland.

### SW Uganda

Norman and Kate Patterson, now working at St. Andrew's School, Turi, Kenya, will be in Ireland in May/June for their final round of visits to their link churches.

Pat Gilmer, who oversees the orphans and disabled children project in North Kigezi diocese, has expressed thanks for the support of friends in Ireland which will enable the team occupational therapist to attend an International Conference where she has been invited to present a paper.

### DR Congo

Following the volcanic eruption in Goma, Bishops' Appeal responded to a request for emergency relief and sent £20,000 to Goma and Bukavu for food, blankets, cooking utensils and medicines.

'Counting the Cost' was the title of the CMSI annual project last year, based in DR Congo. Over £30,000 was raised to help the Church provide education, healthcare and employment for its people.



*DR Congo*

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Mrs Paddy Payne brought greetings from CMS UK. She had been involved in chairing the integration working group in London and although the path had not always been completely smooth, she was delighted when the agreement was finalised with the conviction that 'the outcome was the will of God.' Canon Keith Anderson remarked that the MAM Council which he represented was actually now a 'dinosaur' - becoming extinct! He reminded us however, of the grain of wheat which falls into the ground and dies in order to produce new life.

Canon Jerome Munyangaju, Rector of Killyleagh, described himself as a 'product' of MAM - he had been converted through the witness and teaching of MAM missionaries. Describing the integration as a marriage and expressing his congratulations, Jerome said that in his country, a bride is presented to her new family as one to be cherished and loved. It was his prayer that MAM, a bride born in Rwanda, would be welcomed and cherished within her new family of CMS Ireland, and that much would be achieved for the Kingdom of God.



*Bishop Josias Sendegeya and Joan Nicholson*

**This summer, CMS Ireland is sending four mission partner families overseas.**

*In this first edition of inMission, we meet....*

## The Scott family

Keith and Lyn Scott along with their children Adam (12) and Hannah (7½), will be leaving for Zambia this summer. Here, they tell us a little about themselves.

'We moved from Carnlough in August 2001, where Keith was rector of the Ardclinis group of parishes in the scenic Glens of Antrim and are currently preparing for overseas service with CMSI at Belfast Bible College. We plan to go to Zambia in the summer of 2002, where Keith will teach in the Anglican Seminary at Kitwe. We have had a long term interest in service overseas, and feel a genuine sense of God's peace and purpose for our future in Zambia.'

Keith has previously made two short trips to Africa, one in 1998 to Uganda as part of a CMSI clergy safari team to Luweero diocese and a second to Zambia in 2000 as a visiting lecturer to the Anglican Seminary.

Lyn (Linda) comes from Nottingham, and trained as a Speech and Language Therapist in Leeds. She has worked in Leicester and Carrickfergus, where she met Keith, as a lay worker in St. Matthew's Belfast, where Keith was a curate, and also as a counsellor with Cruse. She continues to pursue an interest in counselling, studying Christian Counselling at Belfast Bible College.

This is a huge step of faith for the Scott family. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming months as they prepare to leave Northern Ireland.



## The Maganda family

David and Gillian Maganda live on the Belvoir estate in South Belfast, and have been married for 11 years. They have three children, Esther, Beth and Nathan.

David was born in Uganda, but because of unrest in the country, he fled into Southern Sudan at the age of 17. Initially, life there was difficult as he basically lived as a refugee. He moved to Juba, and whilst there, he came to a living faith in Jesus. He joined an Operation Mobilisation team, often working in dangerous situations and experiencing persecution and imprisonment for his faith.

In 1989, he came to Northumbria Bible College and there met Gillian. During his time at college, he was involved in many forms of evangelism in different situations. Gillian grew up in Belvoir, where her parents still live. She was converted as a teenager and joined Newtownbreda Baptist Church. Prior to her marriage, Gillian worked with OM in Europe on short-term teams, and has wide experience of youth work in her own church.

After their marriage in 1990, David and Gillian joined OM full-time and worked in Khartoum amongst displaced people. This involved both relief and development work as well as evangelistic and counselling programmes.

Both David and Gillian have been studying at Belfast Bible College in preparation for their overseas placement with CMS Ireland. Their heart is to continue to work with displaced Sudanese within their own country, or with Sudanese refugees. At the time of going to press, details of their location have yet to be finalised. David says 'We are happy to serve wherever the Lord may lead.' Please pray that this situation will be resolved in the coming weeks, and for David, Gillian, and their family as they prepare to serve God where the door opens for them.



## The Briggs family

The partnership between CMSI and Kajiado Diocese has been in existence for more than 25 years. Ronnie and Maggie Briggs, who have already spent 12 years working there, have responded to God's call again and are planning to travel to Kajiado in July 2002. Their two older children, Susanne (20) and Philip (18) have both completed school studies and are currently in Australia on working/holiday visas. Naomi, who is now 14, will travel to Kenya with Ronnie and Maggie to begin her GCSE studies in St. Andrew's School, Turi in September 2002.



When Ronnie and Maggie first went to Kajiado in 1980 it was only one parish within Nairobi Diocese. Now there are 16 parishes, 12 full time clergy (with another 6 in training) and up to 110 worship centres on a Sunday. This is real church growth. Bishop Taama now

has the task of managing both the spiritual and physical development of the diocese, which are seen as both sides of the same coin in the African Church and the Bishop now recognises that physical development needs to be given greater priority as the Diocese continues to grow.

The Diocese therefore aims to set up a Planning and Development Department, which will deal with these issues and assist local Church and Community groups to reach their own solutions and utilise locally available resources. Ronnie's task will be to act as Planning and Development Coordinator for the Diocese in establishing good development procedures. Maggie will utilise her office management skills and assist with the setting up and running of the office as well as provide essential training for all the local staff as they become involved.

Please pray for Ronnie, Maggie and their family, as they prepare for this new chapter in service for the Lord.

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## The Gill family

Mark and Ali Gill, along with their children Sarah-Maya and Daniel are returning to Nepal this summer, having come back to Ireland in 1997. This is an exciting development for the family. An opportunity to work with UMN in the Engineering and Industrial Development Department (EIDD) came up in June 2001 - UMN confirmed Mark's appointment to be the Director of EIDD in January 2001. It will involve looking at changing the structure of how the Mission operates while continuing to support the current work it is involved with through the various Nepali companies it has set up, and looking at possibilities of setting up enterprise partnerships to encourage rural areas in business and technical skills development.



While the work of the mission goes on, the children will attend Kathmandu International Study Centre, a school set up by the mission to provide second level education for mission partner children. Ali will be sure to find plenty to do. Within Mark's job, there is a pastoral role to those working in remote locations. The Gills certainly appreciated visits and contact when they were in remote areas during their previous service in Nepal, so Ali hopes to develop a ministry there.

Their visa is currently being processed with the Nepali Government. The target to achieve that is by June at the latest - so they would be planning to return then. Until June, there is some work to do for CMSI and attending Bible College to keep them busy - besides packing up the house and starting their course of vaccinations: Rabies, Tetanus, Polio, Meningitis A/C, Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and BCG - and they are sure they still want to go after all that lot!

Please pray for Mark, Ali, Sarah-Maya and Daniel as they prepare to return to a very different situation in Nepal.


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# Youth inMission

## What's it all about?

*The CMS Ireland Youth Department is a chance to help children and young people develop their faith and find their place in the World Church. If you are a young person, youth leader or clergyman looking for something new, exciting and challenging for you or your youth group then look no further than opening up the world of mission! Camps, projects, visits, overseas trips and a whole host more are all options open to YOU!*

### Spike Says...



"I guess I first really got involved in mission about 5 years ago. I was a Youth Worker in Ballyholme Parish, in Bangor, at the time and we had the incredible opportunity to take 18 young people to Fort Portal, in western Uganda. It was a month that totally changed my life and made a huge impact on everyone who went. The openness, the hospitality, the

life and the joy of the Ugandan church taught us so much about our own faith.

The last few years, working with CMS Ireland, have given me the chance to share something of that excitement and challenge with hundreds of young people all round Ireland – there's nothing more rewarding than working with people as their faith is enriched, as they discover their gifts and talents and work out where they fit into God's church! From overseas visits to places like Kenya and Uganda, to projects in DR Congo or Sudan, from Youth camps in Ireland to festivals like Summer Madness, young people are exploring the reality of the world church today!..."

### Please Pray

A team of young people from Down & Dromore diocese will be heading off in July 2002, with CMS Ireland, to work alongside Andrew and Joanne Quill, as part of the 50/50/50 evangelism project in Luweero Diocese, Uganda – your prayers for all the young people involved and those leading them in their preparation would be greatly appreciated! So please pray for: Colin Corbridge, Andrew Brannigan, Myrtle Dean, Ben Reading, Diane Matchett, Vicky McMath, Deirdre Marshall, Ciara Dickson, Jean Shannon, Sarah, Harris, Judith McCluskey, David Neill, Matthew Poots, Glenn Gibson, Richard Gullen, Ben Johnston, Peter McQuillan, Adam Glover, Robert Ferris, Sam Johnston. More info in the next edition.

### CHOOSE LIFE

Displaced, driven out by war, uncertain about the future, HIV/AIDS, unemployment...is this how you would Choose Life? I suspect not – and yet this is the reality for many Sudanese refugees – a reality in which the luxury of choice has been removed...

Choose Life is the CMS Ireland Annual Project for 2002 - based around the plight of Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda. The project focuses on how the church is helping, through education programmes, community outreach and seminars to give people choices about life - and "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10).

The focus of this year's CMS Ireland Annual Project is on Southern Sudanese Refugees from the Kajokeji area who have been forced to flee their homes because of war. Aimed at children and young people from primary school age to teens the project comes in the form of an information pack with background information, lesson plans, activity sheets, Sunday Service Suggestions and a presentation in both video and slide format. We are particularly excited about this year's project and it is available now – for more information contact Spike in the Belfast office.

### Coming Up...

*Are you looking for something different? Up for a laugh? Wanting to learn something new? Then why not think about...*

#### EASTER CAMP

**29th March - 31st March 2002 – Kilbroney Centre (Rostrevor) -14-19yrs £35 – be there!!!**

#### JUNIOR CAMP

**30th June – 6th July –  
St Multose Hall, Kinsale, Co.Cork  
-10-13yrs...book now!**

## *inTouch with John and Margaret McCammon...*



We came to Kajiado Diocese in June 1999 in response to a request from Bishop Jeremiah Taama to develop the work of T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension). This is a widely-used method in the developing world for teaching and equipping Christians (especially those in leadership positions) in practical and theoretical Biblical truth. It meets a major need in the churches here. We enjoy the work (which involves both of us) very much and are seeking to build it up gradually. Our aim is to involve every congregation in the Diocese and to make T.E.E. self-sustaining.

Since coming to Kajiado, we have valued immensely the support of the churches at home in Ireland. We have seen how as they become involved in God's work here they themselves receive much themselves, so that they are enriched and blessed as they become involved in Mission.

We have also been greatly encouraged by seeing at first hand the practical results of believing prayer from the home churches. We would encourage you to use the prayer resource material in this magazine to help us in the work here - it really does make a huge difference. In this way we are truly "partners in the work of the Gospel"

## *inTouch with Johnny Holland...*

I came to Uganda with CMSI just over a year ago to teach computer studies. Although tough and frustrating at times, it has been a marvellous experience. CMSI is a well-respected society throughout Africa and the links it has formed with local churches mean that each project that is undertaken is a genuine partnership between the local community and the mission partner.



Half the people who have ever lived are alive today and most of them do not know Christ.

This is a sobering statistic. There is a huge hunger in the world. In the words of Jesus, 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest' (John 4:35) People are literally crying out for an answer to this hunger which we know to be Jesus.

As mission partners, we lean heavily on your prayers and support. This magazine will be a wonderful resource in better informing you, our prayer 'power-base', of the challenges we face and of our progress.

## *inTouch with Deirdre Zimmerman...*

I am now in the last trimester of my pregnancy and we need to begin to focus seriously on baby preparations (due early May).

The finding of staff for several key positions in the hospital is now becoming critical: notably the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief of Medicine, and experienced interns/physicians for the medical team. Mark is carrying a lot of stress over these issues.

There is little change in the political situation: the State of Emergency continues, and we seem to be in a kind of stalemate situation; it is not clear how things will proceed although this month the Maoists have threatened increased activity related to the anniversary of the start of the People's War.

The United Mission to Nepal is going through a complete rethink of its identity and structure as an organisation due to changed circumstances in the Nepal context. The anticipation and realisation of change is causing many Nepali staff and expatriate missionaries to feel very unsettled; a lot of prayer is needed for the process which will take another 12 months to complete.



## *inTouch with Norman and Isobel Jackson...*



After four years in Fort Portal we are now just beginning to feel like we are contributing something beneficial to the people here in the long term. Ruwenzori Construction and Training Unit is progressing slowly. Some clients are beginning to ask for us specifically as our reputation for high quality work and integrity is becoming known.

The Sunday School Training Programme is continuing throughout the Diocese. This gives an opportunity for the trained Sunday School Teachers to share the Gospel, with the churches' support, to the children within the communities.

Prayer is needed for:

- The Bishop, Rt. Rev. Benezere, as he often battles to lead the Church forward.
- The Diocesan Mission Hospital as it struggles to restore services to the community.
- Robert Kitembo as he takes on more of the management responsibilities in the Construction Unit.
- The Sunday School programme that it ultimately will bring the Gospel to many children.
- Continued health and safety of the Jackson's, praising God for the abundance of blessing He has given and continues to give.

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## Stop Press

Just prior to going to press, we at CMSI have been shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Deacon Maria Fenty from Albany Diocese, USA. For the past two years, Maria has been a member of the joint Down & Dromore/Albany team which has visited Southern Sudan with CMS Ireland.

We would wish to assure Maria's parents and all her colleagues and parishioners in Albany of our sympathy and loving prayerful support at this time of grievous loss. We hope to carry a fuller tribute to Maria in our next issue.

## Mission Partners

### In Service

Uganda

*Norman and Isobel Jackson with Ian, Leah and Paul;*

*Ruwenzori Diocese*

*Andrew and Joanne Quill with Christine, Hannah and David;*

*Luweero Diocese*

*Jonathan Holland; Luweero Diocese*

*Billy and Jenny Smith with Abigail; Madi and West Nile Diocese*

Kenya

*Canon John and Margaret McCammon; Kajiado Diocese*

*Canon John and Lilian Kanyikwa; Council of Anglican*

*Provinces in Africa, Nairobi*

Southern Sudan

*Ven Henry Leju; Adjumani Bible School and Kajokeji*

*Ecumenical Training Project*

Nepal

*Deirdre and Mark Zimmerman; United Mission*

*to Nepal (UMN)*

In Preparation for Service

*Ronnie and Maggie Briggs with Naomi; Kajiado Diocese*

*Keith and Lyn Scott with Adam, and Hannah;*

*Kitwe Anglican Seminary, Zambia*

*Mark and Ali Gill with Sarah-Maya and Daniel;*

*Katmandu, Nepal (UMN)*

*David and Gillian Maganda with Esther, Beth*

*and Nathan; location to be confirmed*

With links to CMSIreland

*Tom and Debbie Barry with Rebecca,*

*Ciaran and Rohan; ECS Office, Kampala*

*Pat Gilmer; North Kigezi Diocese*

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*Betty Young; (UMN)*



## A Vision of Partnership



with Mid-Africa Ministry