

the Quills



Supporting **Andrew and Joanne**

Mission Partners: Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan

In February 2023, Andrew and Joanne Quill were re-selected as CMS Ireland Mission Partners. They are due to travel to South Sudan in February 2024 to serve in the Diocese of Ibba. Under the leadership of Bishop Wilson Kamani and his diocesan staff team, they will be supporting holistic discipleship training.

Partner with Ibba Diocese by supporting Andrew and Joanne in:

Prayer **Friendship** **Finance**



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Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan

South Sudan declared independence from Sudan on July 9, 2011, after decades of bloody civil war with the north. Today it is one of the most diverse countries in Africa and has one of the least developed economies. Oil accounts for the majority of revenue and is exported through its northern neighbour, but the difficult relationship with Sudan complicates the industry.

Over one million South Sudanese live in refugee camps in Northern Uganda. Ongoing rebel activity and insecurity remains a daily reality in many parts of South Sudan. Despite these challenges, refugees are being forced to return to South Sudan because of drastic food reduction in the camps. The church plays a major role in supporting the returning refugees, offering assistance and connection into community. Recent insecurity in Sudan has witnessed countless refugees fleeing south. With limited resources and infrastructure as well as adverse impacts of climate change, South Sudan is struggling to cope.

Global Partner: Ibba Diocese Leadership: Bishop Wilson

Ibba Diocese has been partnered with CMS Ireland for more than 25 years. Bishop Wilson has been leading the diocese since 2006. Since then, under Bishop Wilson's visionary leadership the people of the diocese have been able to construct a new Cathedral, diocesan offices, a Bible school, Bishop's house and Vocational Training College.



The church has an extensive programme of local mission through their very active Mothers' Union and a team of evangelists. This team often travel to remote areas of the diocese where traditional religion is strong. They focus on preaching and teaching, bringing prayer and healing to families and releasing people from superstition and shame.



Bishop Wilson has worked courageously towards building opportunities for reconciliation and peacebuilding conversations, bringing people together across political, economic and ethnic divides. He has a particular concern for the young people of Ibba who are vulnerable to recruitment by fighting factions. His response has been to open up opportunities for skills development, enabling them to contribute to the community and build up the nation.

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Joanne is a trained nurse, midwife and counsellor. Andrew completed his theological training at Uganda Christian University, Mukono. Both he and Joanne served as CMS Ireland Mission Partners in Kenya and Uganda from 1995 to 2006, returning to Ireland following God's call to parish ministry. For the past seventeen years they have ministered in Fermanagh and Tyrone along with their three children.

This wealth of experience will help the Quills as they enter parish ministry in Ibba. During their initial months in South Sudan time will be given to language learning, cultural and environmental acclimatisation, as well as exploring ministry opportunities.

Sending and supporting: playing your part in the story

CMSI exists to help God's people play their part in God's mission. We work with the Church in Ireland and our Global Partners in Africa and Nepal to see lives transformed by God's love.

One of the most significant ways in which the Church in Ireland supports the Global Church is through sending and supporting people from Ireland to work alongside our Global Partners. People are our most valuable resource - Mission Partners play a key role in developing dynamic and fruitful partnerships in mission.

CMSI is responsible for ensuring that all of its Mission Partners receive appropriate support from churches and individuals in Ireland through prayer, friendship and finance. By supporting Andrew and Joanne, you will be investing in:

- building God's kingdom in Ibba through locally led face-to-face ministry and sharing resources;
- holistic discipleship ensuring that new believers are rooted in Christ and the word of God;
- strengthening the local work of the Mothers' Union in Ibba and forging relationships with MU groups in Ireland;
- strengthening the partnership between Ibba Diocese and the linked churches in Ireland.



In short, you can help to make a huge difference!

Supporting the Quills – as simple as 1, 2, 3 ...

You can make a big difference to Andrew and Joanne's ministry in South Sudan by supporting them in one or more of the following ways:

1. Prayer

Our Mission Partners often report that they have a very clear and powerful sense of the prayer support that they receive from Ireland. Praying for Andrew and Joanne, for their work and their relationships in Ibba, is an easy way for lots of people to get involved.

2. Friendship/Communication

Through letters, e-mails, phone calls and a general sense of solidarity, friendships can cross the geographical distance and bring huge encouragement to Mission Partners. We want people to keep in contact with Joanne and Andrew when they are away, to share stories of the ordinary, everyday things, to care for them and to be part of their adventure. These things mean a lot.

3. Finance

To enable the Quills to take up their role in this valuable ministry as soon as possible and commit to their placement in Ibba for at least three years, we need churches and individuals to help us underwrite the costs. Regular, committed giving will allow Andrew, Joanne and our partners in Ibba to serve together in South Sudan. A little support goes a long way.

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If you are able to sign up to help us support Andrew and Joanne we would be delighted to send you regular updates, as well as opportunities to visit South Sudan for a first-hand experience of their life and work there.



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