

Strategic planning



It's that time again...the 2017-2022 Strategic plan is coming to an end. The trustees and staff had a very fruitful day in May when they met to begin the planning process for 2022-2027, ably facilitated by Karen Brosnan. At the start of the day Jenny shared some verses from 1 Chronicles 16 highlighting the core purpose and heart of CMSI as we work with local churches

'Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all peoples!'

Consultations with our wider membership, parishes around Ireland and our global partners will take place over the next few months.



Comings and Goings...

Daniel Fleming, first year ordinand at CITI, undertook his student placement with our partners in the Province of Alexandria. He was based in Cairo from mid-April to mid-May. He even got to meet the Grand Imam during a visit to Al Azhar University Mosque as part of Bishop Mouneer's ongoing work in the area of interfaith dialogue.



Timothy Eldon, second year ordinand at CITI, is undertaking a 6-week summer placement in Alexandria on the north coast of Egypt. Pray for Timothy as he prepares for being fully immersed into Egyptian church life and culture.

Mind the gap



Roger Cooke has been a key member of the CMSI staff team initially with responsibility for links with partners in Asia and progressing to a managerial role producing resources and communications for the society. Roger's concern for Biblically rooted mission contributed hugely to shaping and clarifying CMSI's core purposes and models of working. Roger comments:

"When I joined the CMSI team in 2006, I didn't know much about the organisation. I was aware of their thoughtful, reflective approach to mission and they seemed to do a good job with events and resources.

"Over 15 years later, I know quite a bit more about CMSI. I've loved being part of a team that thinks critically about mission and is committed to championing the perspectives of the global Church. I have so many rich memories (particularly from Nepal) and I'm thankful to God, and to CMSI, for the opportunities to develop significant

relationships, to learn from many others, to grow in my understanding of faith and mission and to play my part in the CMSI story.

"Of course, there is sadness as I move on – CMSI has been a huge part of my life for a long time. But I'm hugely excited by my new role with Home For Good – working with churches to help find a home for every child who needs one. It's a new chapter, but the same story: Church at the centre, responding to God's call to care for vulnerable people, offering heavenly hope and healing... the Kingdom life that each of us is called to.



We ask God to bless Roger richly as he takes up his new responsibilities with Home For Good.

We are delighted that **Emma Lutton** will be joining the CMSI staff team at the end of June as Communications Coordinator. Roger has left a big gap, Emma has risen to the challenge! Do remember to pray for both Roger and Emma as they take on their new roles and responsibilities.

What about you?

If you are interested in experiencing the life and ministry of our global church partners first hand, please do contact Gillian Maganda, Personnel Manager, in the CMSI Belfast office. Opportunities for Short Term Experience Placements (STEPS), joining a team or a partner visit. gillianmaganda@cmsireland.org Tel: +4490775020



summer snippets

2022



Preparations are speeding ahead for 'Kingdom Voices' 8-15 August, when we will be welcoming 36 of our global partner leaders from across the world! Working together with SAMS Ireland we will receive visitors from South America, Africa and Asia. This is a unique opportunity to engage in person with other members of God's worldwide family to establish friendships, encouraging one another in faith and learning about each other's ministry.

'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ...encouraging one another' Heb10:23-25

The visitors will be hosted in link parishes so they can meet the folk who have been

praying for them as they build God's kingdom in their own communities.

Don't miss these 2 special events during Kingdom Voices week:

Worshipping Together

Friday 12th August 7.30pm in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

Join us for a multi-cultural evening of worship and stories from the global church, celebrating the richness in our worldwide family of faith.

Global Fun Day

Saturday 13th August 2.00 – 4.30pm in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, Drumbeg

Come along for an informal afternoon to meet the visitors and folk now settling here, with entertainment for young and old. BBQ, drumming, dancing and a bouncy castle. *In conjunction with All Nations Ministries.*

Shine and the AGM



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Back in person 16-17th September 2022. Don't forget to book your place via the CMSI website

Friday evening – an opportunity to reconnect with the CMSI family for chat and craic, prayer and worship.

Saturday for a packed programme of teaching, worship and seminars all focused on CMSI's global partnerships between parishes around Ireland and the churches across the world.



Snapshots from our Global Partners

Burundi



We eagerly await the visit of Bishop Aimé Joseph and Mama Bénigne Kimararungu (Gitega Diocese) and Bishop Seth & Mama Yvette Ndayirukiye (Matana Diocese) for our Kingdom Voices week 8-15th August, and look forward to hearing first hand some of the stories of the exciting developments that are taking place in Burundi. It is particularly striking that the church is focussing on growth and church planting despite the challenges of Covid 19 and climate change. As new churches sprout up it has been great to hear about the 13 ordained students at Gitega Bible School who will soon be helping to lead the congregations. The new bicycles, provided via CMSI earlier this year, will enable them to carry out their ministries in rural areas.

Kenya

We celebrate with our partners in Kajjado the upcoming pastoral visit to the Diocese by the Most Rev'd Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop of Kenya, at the end of June. He is the first Maasai to lead the Anglican Church of Kenya and is originally from Narok (just 150km north west of Kajjado town) and will conduct the visit together with Bishop Gaddiel Lenini. Meanwhile in UDP the Tujisaidie School has been constructing a much needed playground with the support funding from Bishops' Appeal, while the Tumaini African Foundation have opened a new, well-stocked library for the use of young people in the community.



Nepal

While still deeply mourning the loss of BA, we are very encouraged that BJ is committed to continuing the ministry of SDSS, supported by the team at SD Church alongside BK and G and also her brother D. Looking back at the Children's Heart and Rehabilitation Care



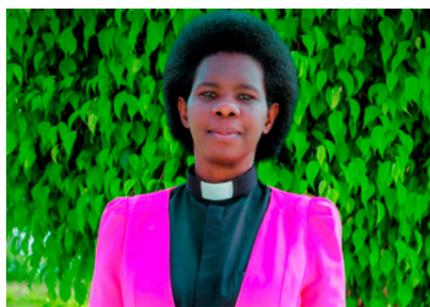
Project from earlier in the year we give thanks for the 22 children who have received life-transforming health treatment as a result of referrals from the two rural hospitals. Pictured is Shiva following his operation, with his mother.

We are greatly looking forward to the visit of HDCS Director Kapil Sharma for our Kingdom Voices event in August, and give thanks for the appointment of a new Project Coordinator Mrs. Samita Kila who is heading up the new NPCSS Community



Nutrition Project in Kanchan Rup Municipality in the Terai region of Nepal.

Rwanda



We are thankful for the generous support of link parishes in Ireland which enabled the support of clergy, church leaders and vulnerable families during the pandemic. Praise God that despite the challenges of lockdown the Church is nevertheless committed to outreach and discipleship. We are encouraged to know that link parish support has also been used in Shyogwe Diocese to construct a roof on Kavumu Parish and complete a children's room in Gahogo Parish led by Rev Charlotte, pictured.

Uganda

Luweero

Tom and Gemma Withers on STEP placement at Kiwoko Hospital, enjoyed spending Easter Sunday with the congregation at St Mark's Cathedral in Luweero town, followed by a feast of Ugandan food at Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane's home. Pray for them as they visit Evas at Chilli Children in SW Uganda during May; and that the remainder of their time overseas will be a time for God to work in and through them as they share their physiotherapy skills.



Madi West Nile

Victoria (in yellow below with her class and teachers) is a 5 year old from South Sudan who lives in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement. Her parents died during the war in South Sudan and she was rescued by a good Samaritan, Mr Juma Samuel, who brought her along to Ariye Nursery School. Victoria enjoys singing and is in the children's church choir. She hopes to become a pastor in the future because she wants to help people and pray for them.

Many children in Bidi Bidi had no access to education before Ariye Nursery School was developed by Madi West Nile Diocese with support from CMSI. Victoria is now taking her first steps in achieving her dream.



Zambia



CMSI continue to be committed to supporting the work of St John's Theological Seminary in the Diocese of Northern Zambia. Canon Francis Mwansa, seminary rector, reports that this year's cohort of 10 students are progressing well in their studies and are preparing for summer placements in dioceses around Zambia. Remember the staff as they prayerfully consider the best way to provide and deliver high quality theological education for this new generation of Zambian church leaders. These young men have the potential to make a great impact for the Kingdom of God, as they learn to teach the truth of God's word and minister in an ever-changing world.

DR Congo



Over the past few weeks we have been reading of thousands of refugees fleeing Eastern Congo into South West Uganda. Abraham and Teresa Kasika, counsellors at the North Kivu children's project who live very close to the border, have called the situation a 'human catastrophe'.

Two parishes in North Kivu were involved in the most recent massacre, and Bishop Ilesomo reports that those parishes are now completely emptied of people. He was receiving phone calls from folks who were desperate for transport assistance, a place to stay and food supplies. With available DRC emergency appeal, CMSI was able to transfer funds immediately to boost the church's response.

We celebrate with Kindu Diocese as the new Diocese of Kalima has emerged from the growing number of parishes in Kindu. Bishop Kangamina Sadiki Christophe has been enthroned as the first bishop of this new diocese. Missionary bishop, Bishop Elisha, continues to develop the new Diocese of Lac Tanginika alongside Bukavu Diocese. The Archdeacons are enjoying the freedom to visit their rural parishes because of their new motorbikes received through CMSI support.

Province of Alexandria

Prompted by the message of Easter, the Cairo Prison Ministry Team were facilitated by church leaders to visit the prisoners. They said:

'We have celebrated Easter behind bars with those incarcerated to show them that Jesus' resurrection was not just for the free, but more importantly it was for them.'

This was an uncommon opportunity for prisoners to participate in Holy Communion and receive pastoral care and individual prayer. Assisted by a parish link in Ireland, the team were able to purchase food, clothes, and toiletries as Easter gifts, commenting;

'These things may seem very little to us, but they make a huge difference in the prisoners' lives and their emotional well-being. We all need to feel cared for by others, and to experience God's love. The diocese and inmates thank you for your support and donations.'

The church in Egypt continuously demonstrates outreach to those, like the prisoners, on the margins of society. Their focus on Christians from Sudan over many years has enabled theological training of more than a dozen pastors at the Nuba Mountain Bible Institute through support from another link parish in Ireland. One of these students recently returned back to the Nuba Mountains as Diocesan Secretary in a new diocese in the area. He was sent with a small gift to purchase a keyboard to assist with outreach and worship.



South Sudan



This month the World Food Programme (WFP) reported that almost eight million people in South Sudan are facing severe food insecurity, a crisis which is deepening due to the rise in cost of staple items and fuel caused by the war in Ukraine. Matthew Hollingworth of the WFP says

'With peace, we could be making the difference to ensure that communities in South Sudan wouldn't have to be concerned about wars 7,000 miles away, and the impact of those wars on availability and access in their community, because they would be able to look after themselves. They would be able to meet their own needs.'

(<https://news.un.org/en/interview/2022/04/1116802>)

In Ibba the church led, by Bishop Wilson, plays its part by continuing a strategic programme of peace building. The present focus is on building the leadership capacity of chiefs, women and young people. Recently CMSI was able to support Maridi Diocese in a micro-finance programme for vulnerable young women, many of whom are lone parents. The church is working hard to build peace and help individuals meet their own needs. Flower, a single mother in Olo Diocese, has been chosen by the Diocese for training to become a midwife for the local community, her training will be supported by a link parish in Ireland. In Yei, the Vocational Training College continues to provide training and skills building, support from Misan Cara has enabled YVTC to provide 20 places specifically for those recently returned from refugee camps.