

Mission Societies St Mary's Support

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Tearfund is a Christian charity which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. It tackles poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice. God calls the church to help release people from poverty, regardless of their faith or background, and part of Tearfund's role is to enable the church to live out this calling. It believes an end to extreme poverty is possible.

Thousands of people needlessly suffer and die every day because of poverty. But that's not God's plan for the world. And God is calling us to reach out to people in greatest need. Tearfund partners with local churches and organisations who have a crucial role to play in the places worst affected by poverty.



Church Mission among the Jews (CMJ) Our link missionaries, Pedro and Annu Santos, continue to work at Beit Immanuel (BI) in Tel-Aviv-Jaffa. Our allocation to CMJ will support the work of Pedro Santos and his family. CMJ seeks to help Jewish people to recognize their Messiah. In Israel CMJ supports several congregations of Jewish believers, and through its heritage ministry brings some understanding of faith in Jesus to many thousands of Jewish visitors to its historic sites. In the UK the society is seeking to support churches in areas with a large Jewish community, and is training evangelists to engage with Jewish believers. Like many other charitable organisations CMJ is facing financial challenges due to the pandemic.



Bible Society For over 200 years Bible Society has been working to bring the Bible to life; to help people around the world engage with it, relate to it, and make sense of it.

In some parts of the world, the Scriptures are difficult to access or are simply unavailable. In this country, the Bible is readily available but has lost its significance and its value is unrecognised by millions. Bible Society is working hard here at home and in key areas across the world to change this. They take the Bible and find ways to translate and distribute it, create digital formats, advocate for its place in society and help people relate to and make sense of it in their everyday lives.

Bible Society are doing everything they can to help individuals and communities to engage with the Bible because they believe that when they do, lives can change – for good.

That single mission drives a huge range of activities. In some parts of the world, bringing the Bible to life focuses on Bible translation and distribution projects, so people can experience the Bible in their heart language, especially in China, Middle East and Southern Africa.

Elsewhere it focuses on leadership training, or literacy programmes, or interfaith dialogue. Closer to home, in England and Wales, it focuses on advocacy effort, schools outreach and devotional resources. Against a backdrop of widespread Bible indifference, they are working across society to help adults and children recognise the value of the Bible.



Church Mission Society (CMS) We are a community of people who have been set free to follow God's call in mission. Thousands of people from all walks of life are part of Church Mission Society – praying, learning and acting together in pursuit of that call.

We believe every Christian – and ultimately every person – is called to join in God's mission and has the potential to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world. We all have a part to play.



Church Army Church Army evangelists work as part of the Anglican communion in areas of great need in the UK, Ireland and elsewhere. Typically, they work among drug and alcohol addicts, sex workers, and single mothers. They often work in socially deprived communities such as at Kidbrooke and Eltham where our link partners, Nick and Helen Russell, are based. In February 2021 Church Army appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Ven. Dr Peter Rouch.



Open Doors – serves persecuted Christians internationally.

In Nigeria, India and across the world, the spread of coronavirus is having a devastating effect. Coronavirus restrictions mean that many persecuted Christians no longer have income and can't buy food. On top of this, Christians are often ignored when official aid is distributed. They desperately need your help today.

Believers from Muslim Backgrounds in Sudan continue to face pressure from the government, despite the recent changes. Pray for their protection and for Open Doors partners discipling them.