

THROUGH FAITH MISSIONS

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Newsletter



March 2018



Annual Conference



Roz writes ...



GDPR



Breaston

Paul Preston, TFM's chair of trustees writes...

Dear Praying Friends

I was drawn to TFM in 1991. My wife brought home from work a flyer a colleague had given her. Before me she placed this vision of faith. Either God was going to move in power and I would know Jesus working in the world today as I read He worked in the New Testament, or it would be a fake drama. What do you think happened? My home church prayed and sent me off and along with many my faith was transformed on the first Pennine Walk of 1000 Men. Of course you know Godot walked on stage larger than life and death.

Actually I never heard the letters TFM until nearer Walk Cornwall by which time Paula was doing some voluntary work in the office and I learned how both the vision, the money and the ability to achieve what is in human terms impossible is forged in faith through prayer.



And so I want to share news of what is happening at the centre of TFM now. During last year we saw a decrease in the number of mission invitations, a drop in income and a slight decline in our number of prayer partners and supporters. Let us not hide from these material facts. In the midst of this very good things indeed were happening. Richard had transformed

the training material, making us much more capable of facing the aggressive secular challenges upon us. Whilst Across Britain was not taking off as fast as we hoped we were learning how to improve the delivery of our mission preparation as a result of aCB.

In October the trustees and staff set themselves aside to seek God about the future direction of TFM. We came away

from this day of prayer with a host of scriptures and renewed fervour to be actually doing missions. Some of these

scriptures are: Joshua Ch: 1 vs 9, Jeremiah Ch: 6 vs 16, Ezekiel Ch: 37, 47 and 43, Hebrews Ch: 11 vs 6 and Matthew Ch: 22.

We have in Richard, Roger, David, Roz and Jim excellent evangelists but the trustees felt that the leadership of TFM requires a full time focus and with Richard being led to more medical work it was time for change. Status quo was not sustainable and not where God was leading us.

Every December the trustees and staff of TFM have a retreat together for 3 days. In December I asked that our agenda be centred around the scriptures from our prayer day that we may pray through them more fully and fashion our plans upon them. Two things happened in those 3 days. We were refreshed in our direction of mission crowned with the

verse Revelation 3 v 8 "See I put before you an open door". We also started to set down what we feel we need from a new leader.

Acting on faith in this, we offered a part time appointment to Roz to bring on board more people in the 18 – 35 age group which we think is a priority for us.

We have begun the process of seeking a new leader and as I write this we are at the stage of starting to review applications and it is possible that by the time you receive this Newsletter an appointment will have been made.

At first TFM was an organisation to support the work of Daniel Cozens. Since the growth of the Walks, it has been much more than that. Many of us have become part of that vision of

sharing our faith beyond the camp. So in a new leader we are looking for more than to adopt another evangelist needing an organisation to support them.

In January this year I have, not by my design, wandered into contact with old friends of TFM and I continually discover the door is indeed open and we must get on with the task before us.

Our heritage is the bold and courageous outreach envisioned by Daniel and made possible by Peter Adams, it is beautiful feet on the ground sharing Christ beyond the church. That is our main thing and our main thing must be our main thing. Our new leader has to make that happen on a scale we have not seen for some years.

With every blessing
Paul

TFM Annual Conference 2018 Saturday 9 June



The poster for the TFM Annual Conference 2018 features a background image of a man speaking at a podium. The text on the poster includes:

- Through Faith Missions**
- CONFERENCE 2018**
- Guest speaker**
- John Hibberd**
Mission Development Advisor
for Sheffield and Rotherham
- Saturday June 9th**
Great Shelford Free Church
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- THROUGH FAITH MISSIONS** logo

Once again TFM will be holding our annual conference at Great Shelford Baptist church near Cambridge. This year our guest speaker is the Rev John Hibberd. Many of you will remember John from his many years working here at TFM. John Hibberd moved to TFM in 1994 from parish ministry in London. He enjoyed nearly 20 years of missions round the UK and in East Africa before moving to Sheffield Diocese in 2014 where he is Mission Development Advisor with a wide brief that includes all aspects of mission and evangelism. John is married to Sue and they have 2 grown up daughters.

If you have not been to our conference before then please consider coming this year. It's a great opportunity to find out about what TFM is doing, to worship together and network with others who have a passion for evangelism and sharing their faith.

The venue has easy access by car from the M25 with Cambridge bus and railway stations close by. Registration will be at 9:30am for a 10:00am start and the day will finish at 4:30pm. Cost for the day will be £15 which will include tea and coffee, please bring your own packed lunch. You can book your place by visiting www.throughfaithmissions.org/conference2018 or by cheque to the TFM office made payable to Through Faith Missions Ltd.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Roz writes ...

Many of you will know that in the New Year my job role with TFM changed. I now serve as an Evangelist and have been set the task of recruiting and encouraging 18-35 year olds to join us on mission. If you are a well-seasoned TFM team member and have been on a mission in recent years, then you will already know that this is an age bracket in which we have only a few volunteers. That is why this year I have been given the task of setting up and running a short mission for young adults in the summer of 2018.

In order to achieve this, I will be looking to recruit young adults who are enthusiastic about evangelism and sharing their faith in Jesus. Do you know anyone who fits this description? If so, please do let them know about this new initiative and ask them to contact me on roz@throughfaithmissions.org.

Although TFM is currently struggling for team members in this age range, I honestly believe that is not because Christians of this age are not interested in evangelistic outreach, or that they are not passionate about the gospel message. On the contrary, I think that actually the answer is that they have not yet had the opportunity to take their passion and callings further. This is where TFM comes in.

If you have or you know someone who has been on a TFM mission, you will know that it provides many lay Christians with opportunities to serve God in ways that often are not available in their home church. TFM missions are a unique place where lay Christians sign up to go and live out the Great Commission (Matthew Ch: 28 v 16-20). Often on mission team members are put into challenging situations where there is nothing to depend on but their faith in God and, as you can guess, He always turns up. I can't tell you how many times I



have heard stories of how team members have turned up on mission and found out that they have arrived somewhere with no planned timetable set out, no place to rest their heads at night or no food to fill their bellies, but after a time of prayer and singing praises to God, whatever their need has been, God has always provided.

It is stories like this that get me so excited to go on mission, as during our time there we aim to live out the Acts of the Apostles. They were told to go without an extra bag or staff and they went with their trust in our faithful God. It is when missionaries follow in their footsteps that we hear such great stories.

Above are all things that experienced members know and love about TFM missions, and it will be a great privilege to pass the knowledge that we have learnt and experience that we have gained over many years to the younger generations. I will be keeping you all up to date on how this is

playing out with regular updates in the weekly emailed Prayer Mail, so if you don't already receive this, please do visit our website or contact the office and ask to be added to the mailing list.

In the meantime, in February I will have joined the Walk Uganda 2018 team and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for his workers over there. Please do keep on faithfully praying for his workers, both here in the UK and abroad, also praying for those whom he wishes to hear the story of salvation offered by his dear Son, Jesus Christ.



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Please don't ignore the letter that came with this newsletter about data protection. Yes, it might be irritating particularly if you have to do this for a number of organisations. However, we take the safety of the personal information we might hold on you very seriously and want to do the right thing.

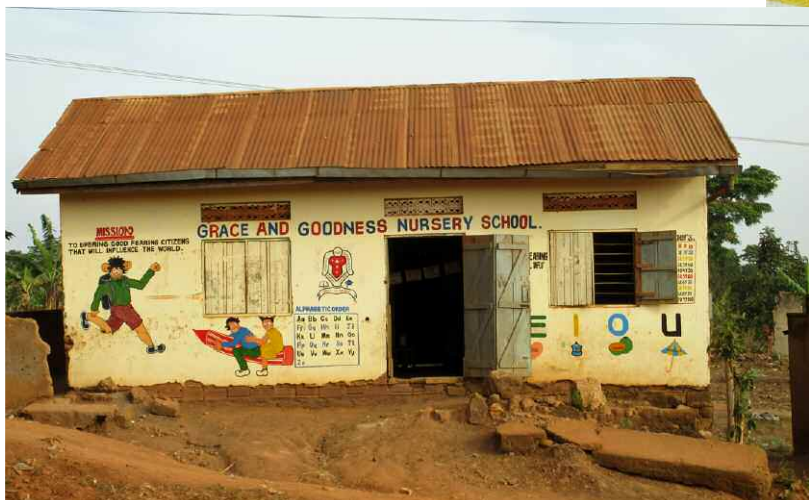
We value your support and don't want to lose touch. We are incredibly grateful for your interest, prayers and financial support. **If you don't reply, we can't send you information about what we are doing.**

Please complete and send the letter as soon as possible. You can also respond online at www.throughfaithmissions.org/gdpr



Walk Uganda 2018

The team from Walk Uganda have just returned back with some wonderful stories of how God blessed their time there. A full report will be included in our next newsletter.



Roger writes...

It is good to be working closer together with my wife Jill in our local church and community around Seaford. We have a new minister who has a real heart for evangelism and many good things are developing.

In November we opened an outreach called 'The Cabin' in a portacabin on a needy estate area in Seaford. We are running a coffee pot drop in, exercise class, after schools club, arts and crafts club and mums and tots. It's growing slowly but we are making significant links with many people in the community which we hope will bear fruit in the



future. We held a Christmas outreach event when over 20 adults and 30 children came carol singing on the estate and then came back for hot drinks, a message about the real meaning of Christmas with many responses and of course Father Christmas. The events are continuing in this Spring term.

For the first 6 weeks of the New Year we completed the 'Lost for Words' course in Seaford training people in evangelism with an average of 50-60 people attending each week. Some lovely stories are emerging of people praying for and sharing their faith with friends and neighbours. We are maintaining the momentum by running 2 'Any Question?' courses and working on an evangelism outreach plan throughout 2018.

I am also continuing to prepare and plan for 4 partnership missions this year with several shorter periods of mission events with teams in Hungerford for Easter and in Eastbourne and Bicester in May. Jim Fleming and I are also working on the West of Ireland mission and have a training weekend booked in April.

I am also preparing for a week of mission called 'The Turning' in East Sussex in June.

Diary Dates

25 March - 1 April	Mission in Hungerford
8 April	Mission preparation day in Bicester
13-15 April	Mission training weekend in West of Ireland
23 & 29 April	Speaking at invitation events at a Golf Club dinner and Sunday service in Seaford
17-20 May	Mission outreach in Bicester
24-27 May	Mission outreach in Eastbourne
3-10 June	Mission outreach 'The Turning' in Seaford and Newhaven



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Missions in 2018

17 - 20 May	Roger Murphy and David Culhane lead a mission to Bicester in Oxfordshire
24 - 27 May	Roger Murphy and David Culhane lead a mission to Eastbourne in East Sussex
16 - 24 June	Richard Scott and Roger Morgan of the Mathetes Trust lead a joint mission to Chesterfield in Derbyshire
23 - 24 June	Roger Murphy and David Culhane lead a mission to New Haw in Surrey
22 - 30 September	Richard Scott leads a mission to Chatteris in Cambridgeshire
6 - 14 October	Richard Scott and Roger Morgan of the Mathetes Trust lead a joint mission to Bedworth in Warwickshire



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- Please note my address change or email address below (need old address also)
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Mission to Breaston

7 – 15 October 2017

The mission to Breaston was a joint team effort with Richard Scott, Roz Haycock, Peter Ivers and Eva McCulloch from TFM joining a team led by Roger Morgan. Unfortunately the vicar of one of the two inviting churches and his family were laid low by a bug, however they recovered well and his son David was able to play his part in an excellent youth outreach event on the Saturday night. This was the first event of its kind, with band and ministry time reflecting Soul Survivor evenings which have so impacted some of the young people there. On Sunday at 7am Richard Scott was interviewed by Radio Derby about the mission and was also questioned on the topic of doctors preaching to patients and was asked about his case with the General Medical Council over the issue. The first Sunday of the mission saw Richard and Roger preaching at a joint churches Sunday morning service with Roger and a member of his team Matt, who is a youth worker, acting out the story of David and Goliath. In the evening was a production of the Messiah by local singing groups with Roger speaking in short bites between the sections. Door to door work began on the Monday with great success, the team having many in-depth conversations and a number of people praying the prayer of commitment. The team were not only able to share the Gospel on the doors but also to pray with a number of people who were worried or distressed.

Roz, TFM's trainee evangelist, concentrated on the children's work alongside Matt from Roger Morgan's team who unfortunately had to pull out of the mission early due to his father's serious illness leaving Roz to hold the fort. Roz spoke at children's uniformed groups and helped out at the Fun Day.

The week saw a number of events including; on the Tuesday Richard giving an evening talk in a local coffee shop called Fintons on the topic of 'Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?', a men's breakfast on the topic of 'How to make your first million' by Gary Rawls, a successful businessman who is now a Methodist lay preacher, a family Fun Day, and a quiz night. The week was rounded off with two services on the final Sunday morning where a total of 17 people responded to the message, standing to confirm their faith.

Richard Scott summed up the week by saying "A wonderful mission, with the highest proportion of responses on the doors I've ever seen."

