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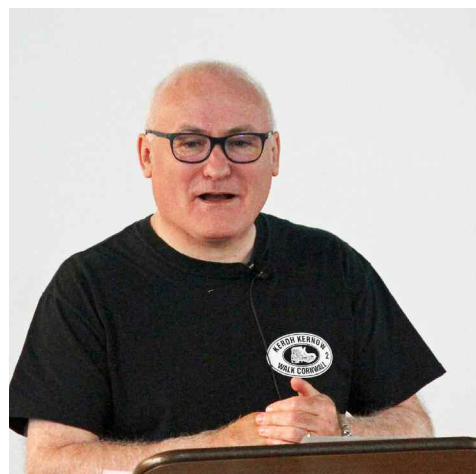
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Paul Preston, TFM's chair of trustees writes...

Dear Praying Friends

At the Prayer Conference last week, I explored a little of the history and of what we are at the heart of TFM. I described this as our DNA and then realised that was an anagram of "Dan". We are now so much more than a group of people supporting the work of a gifted evangelist. I wrote in the last letter how TFM has shaped us into a people that go and do mission ourselves because that is what we are. We long to give an account for the faith that is in us. We try to persuade others (2 Cor 5:11) and we make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:5-6). At the prayer conference I observed that we have many Calebs among our number. Caleb was 85 years old and his strength and courage for service was undiminished. But in Joshua 14 we see that Caleb was also an example and motivation for a new generation. And

indeed, we must build a new generation of those who actually do mission with the courage of Caleb. Engaging with the church today and operating in the world of today requires an organisation and their leader to battle things such as GDPR legislation, have mastery of social media and relevant peer networks. And we must do all of these in the strength that the Spirit supplies. So again, it drives us to our knees.



The Prayer Conference was, as usual, a remarkable encouragement hearing what God is doing in mission in our streets. It was a blessing to hear from John Hibberd about new ways in which the church is growing in the UK. We should never

be discouraged. One of the things John mentioned that stuck with me was the success seen with building new expressions of church among folks for whom attending a typical modern or

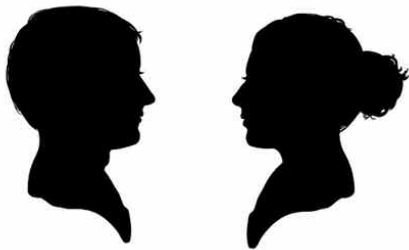
traditional Sunday meeting or service is just not a realistic expectation. At TFM we are all about going beyond the camp. I am encouraged too to hear how Roger has been involved with The Turning approach to outreach on the streets, bold and ambitious public outreach is fruitful.

So please pray on as we search for a leader. And please pray too for Roz as she builds teams of younger people.

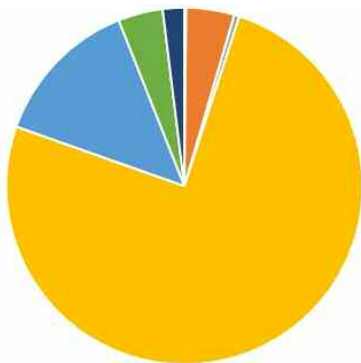
Paul

The Future

God willing, by the time you read this we may have appointed a new leader for TFM. This is a step on a journey to form a new and expanding team for TFM. New evangelists and support staff; new roles we haven't even thought of! We ask for your ongoing prayers for discernment to build this team.



Where does the money go?



- SCE
- Mission and training
- Purchases
- Salaries
- Overheads
- Other expenses
- Designated gifts

Income in 2017 was £202,522

GDPR an update

Thank you to everyone who submitted a completed consent form.

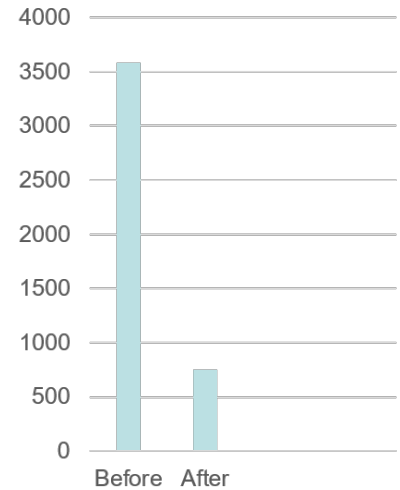
When I started at TFM there was a mailing list of just over 4,000. Over the years this has fallen as people have come off the list. However, we always wondered how many actually read the newsletter and prayed for us. We didn't mean this uncaringly. It's just that we are all bombarded with so much info these days from so many different causes that it is hard to keep up. Post GDPR our list now numbers 685. A huge drop you cry and yes, there will be many who just forgot and maybe when they realise they did not get this newsletter they might re-join. However, as tedious as this whole process has been, we really see it as a positive step. We rejoice in every one of you and thank God for your support and care.

Thanks for your prayers. Thanks for the gifts you send. Thank God that we are all involved in this great task of sharing the gospel.

David Baslington



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TFM Annual Conference 2018

On Saturday 9 June we gathered at Shelford Free Baptist Church for our 2018 conference. Paul Preston, our chair of Trustees, opened the conference and spoke about our plans to recruit a CEO to lead TFM forward and our need to look to the future and build up a younger team of staff and supporters.

Our guest speaker for the day was John Hibberd, who many of you will remember from his earlier time with TFM. John is now Mission Development Adviser for Sheffield and Rotherham. John talked about his work locally and filled us in on the bigger picture of what mission work the Church of England is doing across the UK. It was encouraging to hear the importance that the Church of England and its Bishops were now placing on the task of evangelism.

Staff members Roz Haycock, Roger Murphy, Jim Fleming and David Culhane filled us in on their mission work over the last year with Roz in particular asking for support to recruit younger team members in the 18 to 35 age range for a mission planned in Hungerford during the summer. (see article on page 6)

The talks from the conference were recorded and are available on the TFM website.



Roz writes ...

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for all your support. There have been many people over the last two and a half years who have shown their love in many ways: some have faithfully been praying week after week, others have had the unfortunate privilege of hearing me moan when things have been difficult. Some have said lovely encouraging things when I have seen them at our Prayer Partner's Conferences or on mission. There have also been those who have sent me written support via email, social media and/or letters in the post. I may be 25 and have a phone that I struggle to leave alone, but I do still appreciate receiving a good hand-written letter that has had a lot of love, time and effort put into the making of it! When I can, I also like to take the time to sit and write a letter to someone. Thank you if you have been one who has made me sit down and reply to yours! Support is an important thing for everyone to receive. Some get theirs from their loved ones. This might be family or friends. Some people find that their church is where they find people who get alongside them during difficult times, possibly through a bereavement or a marriage or relationship breakdown. Many get support from carers or other healthcare professionals. There are various and often surprising places and situations where we find ourselves either giving support or receiving support. For example, if you lead a house group or a bible study, this is a way of supporting others in their spiritual growth, or simply offering to pray for someone is a way of saying, "You know what, your health and wellbeing means something to me and I really care about you."

I think that Jesus is a good example of how it is important to build a good network of people we trust and can rely on. It is possibly true that Jesus didn't need a support network the same way we do, being fully God, but also being fully man through His incarnation even He had His 12 disciples whom He had fellowship with, ate with and laughed with, just as you would expect a group of friends to do.

Jesus could have simply used His support network as a 'market research' tool to be able to fully receive the human experience and to fulfil His duty as the Lamb, but He didn't - He used it for much more than that. Jesus wanted to be able to relate to us on a personal level. He took on the role of Rabbi, or what we would know as Pastor or Priest. He made sure to use His support network to His advantage. This is probably why He was able to be so effective in inspiring people to follow Him. Jesus made sure that He did not only receive fellowship from His friends but also gave in return. For example, He offered Zacchaeus the opportunity to dine with Him. A hated man felt pure love and acceptance, possibly for the first time in his adult life, and because of the love and care Jesus shared, Zacchaeus repented of his sins. The Bible tells us that Jesus had three years of ministry, but before His ministry He would have begun to build up good relationships with those around



Him and He made sure that He had a good reputation for caring and loving people just as they are. These relationships meant that He was able to be even more effective in sharing and teaching what He knew. Jesus needed this to be the case so that what He knew about the Father wouldn't be lost when He returned to Him in Heaven. He knew that if the world was to have hope and true salvation it would take more than just Him, the Son of God to go and tell the world what they must do. He needed His supporters and friends to take on this task after He had gone back to His Father.

This is where you and I come in. Over the years our parents, friends, teachers, ministers and even our house group leaders have taught us the Good News of Christ and have encouraged us to go and tell the

important Good News of Christ to those we meet on mission, but also to our own support networks. I often say that this is the group of people I find it the most difficult to reach, and I know that I am not alone in this, but it doesn't mean that these people are any less important than those we meet on mission. You never know, they might even join us on mission one day! I wonder who is in your support group who doesn't know Jesus or who is struggling with their faith right now. Do you think that you could be the person to lead them to Christ or could you be the person who helps them to rebuild their trust in Christ? Maybe you are the person who is struggling in your faith - do you need supporting? If so, please go and talk with someone about your struggles, maybe even ring up an old friend from mission whom you have been meaning to call. God gives us all a support network for a reason and there are people He has connected you with whom He really wants you to talk to! It might even be someone you are not expecting, so I urge you to pray and ask Him who it is that He has waiting just for you. Then be brave enough to go! (Matthew 28:19)

I would also like to mention that my current employment with TFM will come to completion at the end of August. Please do pray for my future, whether it continues to be with TFM or with another organisation. Over the last few months, several people have mentioned that they would like to receive other mails from me; if you would like to keep in touch after August please do contact me, by sending a letter to the office or emailing me using roz@throughfaithmissions.org, letting me know that that is what you would like. Of course, until September you can always sign up to receive TFM's weekly Prayer Mail.

Thank you for your ongoing support towards me personally and of course for TFM.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

Roz



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Walk Uganda 2018

Kevin Granville, Team Leader Walk Uganda, reports:

We very quickly found out how Jesus removes obstacles we are not aware of. UK Border police and Ugandan Customs raised their issues, but we kept our focus on Jesus. A major event on our trip out was to pray and put on Gospel Armour at Istanbul Airport, Turkey, a Muslim country.

We arrived at Mukuno, our first Mission Centre, working with Life Changing Ministries. Our friend Bruno had set up the Mission, arranged the timetable, arranged accommodation and introduced us to our host Pastor Godfrey. Open air gospel presentations (Crusades) were happening at two locations simultaneously, the Church and Friendship Village an area for really deprived families looked after by Pastor Roberts. At the Crusades a stage is built, loud music, 3 or 4 dance groups, people giving testimonies with the gospel being preached by one of the team. Visits to schools, hospital and visiting needy families was the normal day's work with a visit to a local prison, so plenty of opportunities for thirsty Evangelists. One highlight for Dave Cooke and myself was when we came across a disabled young boy. A wheelchair he had with flat pneumatic tyres was a lifeline for him which needed repair. An hour later Dave and myself £25.00 lighter but a destitute family overjoyed that Jesus had blessed them.



The team split after the first week one team going West, the other going East led by David Robbins. The West team arrived first at Nakaseke hosted by Pastor Daniel Kato. We were blessed with opportunities to visit the bars plus the normal visits to schools, hospitals, needy families and a prison. The bar work was a new ministry for the team: it was impressed upon Pastor Daniel last year it was something we wanted to do. This proved to be very successful in the gospel being proclaimed in Satan's house, some responding: we leave the follow up to Jesus and the local Church. Opportunities to preach at Church, hospitals and schools gives everyone a blessing by seeing many come to Christ. The evening Crusades follow a much-used programme with people being encouraged to come forward for prayer. One continual prayer request is for school fees and another is wisdom for passing exams. Meeting people in such a way gives a window into the challenges they face. We quickly realise how much faith the African person has. The main highlight for the team would be the opportunity to baptise the recent born-again believers. We used Rev Paul, a young curate from Judy and Sydney's Church, to give a teaching regarding baptism by full immersion to which he did an excellent job. The water pool we used did not look too healthy but as far as I am aware no one received any medical issues. In the junior schools a parable from the Bible, usually the Wise and Foolish Builders, is enacted while the Prodigal Son is used for secondary schools and the prison.

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This year we say THANK YOU to some Good and Faithful Servants who served Jesus exceptionally well, Judy and Sydney Millar, Clare and Christopher Nobbs. They have decided that now is the time to stand down from mission to Uganda. Without their faithfulness and willingness to serve Walk Uganda would not be happening. They have carried the yoke for long enough. It is now time for a change to happen with regards to Uganda. The Walk will only be for 2 weeks instead of 3. We tested two teams this year which worked so there is no reason why we cannot have 3 or 4 teams. TFM is driving for younger people to get involved and we will need experienced TFMers to join them.

If you are interested in joining the team for Walk Uganda 2019 I ask that you fast and pray now and ask Jesus does He want you to go. You must have the call of Jesus.

David Robbins, East Team Leader, reports

Spirit of God was with us!

There had been, before our arrival and during our stay in Uganda, much prayer by local churches and you lovely TFM supporters and it was glorious, thank you. We were greatly saddened when in week 2 we learned that Ali would not be able to join us as had been planned. The Archbishop of York said recently on mission in Cumbria; "Here in the UK we talk about the weather, football and 'things'. In Uganda people talk about God and Jesus!" It was a great blessing for all of us on the East Team to be involved in talking about God and Jesus practically on a minute by minute basis throughout each day. On streets, on roads and tracks, in prisons, schools, hospitals, at seminars, medical missions, crusades and in churches, and we had absolutely amazing times doing 'hut to hut' visiting.

Mornings on week 2 usually started at 5am when we could hear the church prayer and worship team from the lead church about a mile and a half away 'unashamedly blasting' out their worship and prayer in true Ugandan fashion at distortion level max+. We had many memorable school assemblies in the last two weeks, some huge and some small. Mostly these took place in the open under trees. The smallest about 60 pupils, the largest almost 2000! Many gave their lives to Jesus. At one small secondary school we acted the death and restoration to life of Lazarus. The school, about 60 pupils, included 2 Muslim girls. When Dave had given the talk and made an appeal the first hand to rise was one of the Muslim girls. We visited prisons and remand centres where we also used the story of Lazarus. Most were quite amused when Lazarus had died and was wrapped in loo roll for grave clothes – even more so when Jesus called out 'Lazarus' and loo roll flew everywhere. But the amusement turned to joy as many prisoners and prison staff gave their lives to Jesus. On week 3 we began to feel the presence of an oppressive spirit and we all prayed like crazy just before one school assembly. Immediately before the



assembly started a furious squall blew through and we all felt at peace again. As a measure of what God was doing 'Bishop Fred', who we were with almost full time during week 2 and 3 (we co-opted him as an honorary team member week 3), tried to keep a record of souls saved. We believe his tally was a bit over enthusiastic at 800+ just in week 2, but it gives some measure to what God was doing.

We had a few 'team medical incidents', but all were supported with much prayer both locally and in the UK, and we praise God for healing for all these incidents. In weeks 2 and 3 we took nothing except the word of God. No gifts of text books, no cash donations, no food parcels. Just God's word and the power of the Spirit. God is good – all the time, if we surrender to His will and let Him guide us!

So if you are in need of a shot in the arm, a spiritual injection, an enthusiasm upgrade, then get yourself on a team and do some stuff for God and Jesus; either in Uganda or here in the UK.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us both here and those we walked with in Uganda.

Dover Mission 15 – 24 March 2018

This was a joint mission with a team from TFM and with Roger Morgan and his Kent based team. The mission was supported by thirty local church members and a small team of five from Brazil who helped with the schools work. The local team included a homeless man who recommitted his life during the mission, served us meals and worked with us on the doors. His faith had initially sparked after surviving a motorbike accident aged 29. A low point recently saw him helicoptered from a cliff, but this week gave him hope for a better future. Local churches involved included the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic and the Living Well and Ark churches. Preparation for the mission saw a number of training sessions prior to the mission given by Richard and Roger Morgan.

Door to door and schools work progressed well during the week despite very low temperatures and snow on the first Saturday and was helped by a number of local ministers joining in who knew a number of those we met on the doors. Wednesday evening saw a CVM men's night with a talk and a band. Thursday saw a large youth event with 118 young people. Fifteen responded and four gave their lives.



The Friday evening event was a talk given by the Bishop of Chile, Alf Cooper, who talked about miracles and the miraculous rescue of thirty three miners from 700 metres underground that had made the news headlines a few years ago. He showed the video of the mens' release. The mission concluded with a final afternoon service on the Saturday which allowed the mayor and local pastors involved in the mission to be honoured for their support and, held at the same time, a children's event was really well attended.

Overall it was an excellent mission with predominantly door to door work. God blessed the local churches with unity and the large numbers of locals who took part. It is hoped that door to door work will continue with a repeat mission in 2019/2020.

Richard Scott

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August Mission for Young Adults

I am sure most of you will know by now, at least I hope you do, that this summer TFM are running a mission for young adults aged 18-35, to encourage them to sign up and join us on evangelistic mission. There are plenty of young adults out there who would love to have the opportunity to go on mission and share their faith in Jesus. The difficult task is to find them. Being only one person, I have only a certain number of avenues and contacts that I can personally call upon. However, the good news, other than Jesus Christ has risen, is that we have you lovely people who absolutely love mission and evangelism. You, our volunteers and amazing supporters, are the perfect people to speak with young adults in your church and in the churches in your community to tell them why mission is an awesome experience and inspire them to join us this summer, and if not this summer, then to sign up to putting their names on the list for other missions that will be coming soon.

Please do get involved in spreading the word! At the time of print, there is not long until our final training session for this

summer which is 20-21 July at St. Mark's in Basford, Newcastle-under-Lyme, but if there is enough interest I don't see why we cannot run another training session and mission in the near future. It might be a challenge, but I know that we all enjoy a difficult challenge, otherwise we wouldn't be involved in mission and evangelism!

If you do find a keen young adult, please ask them to sign up through the Eventbrite page by searching 'Through Faith Missions Young Adults' in the Eventbrite Search bar, or to contact me using roz@throughfaithmissions.org or by phone on 07403 089411.

Thanks again for getting on board and supporting in whatever way you can, whether it be through inviting young adults or praying for them and for the mission weekend, 10-12 August in Hungerford.

Blessings,

Roz Haycock

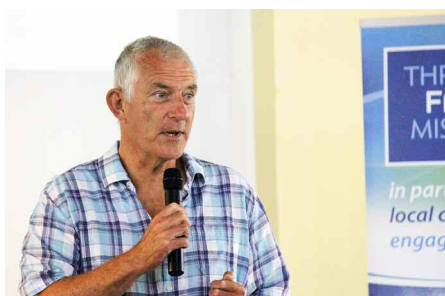
'mission is an awesome experience'

Roger writes...

David Culhane and I led a second mission in six months in Hungerford during Holy Week with a small team and amidst appalling weather. There was a mixed response to our message but some very positive steps of faith. Sadly, the take up on the follow up Alpha Course was disappointing and Rev Mike Saunders is reviewing their approach to outreach and mini missions.

Jim Fleming and I visited Bishop Ferran in the South of Ireland in April to lead a training day for the churches which went well, and we both preached in local churches and saw responses to the Lord. The planning is taking shape slowly and we have around thirty churches engaged, and we are starting to recruit team members across Ireland so that we can plan for the mission outreach in Harvest 2019. We plan two further visits before that.

Emmanuel Church Bicester continues its follow up to our mission last October, with around half of those who responded engaged in the church. At a recent



Pentecost Invitation service another nine responded to Christ and we prayed with many families. They have recently started a new Alpha course with ten people.

We had a good mission in Eastbourne – see report below.

The local area mission continues to go well around Seaford with two recent events, a Golf Club dinner and invitation service bringing in many guests and some of them responding to the Lord. Follow up is ongoing as we have further outreach events including a Father's Day service, BBQ in a home and a men's breakfast followed by a Harvest outreach at the end of September leading into Alpha courses. The Cabin outreach is

growing well, and we have just started a monthly 'Sundays @ The Cabin' which is a clearly Christian based event which has gone down well as we aim to build Christian community.

We have just been involved in 'The Turning' across East Sussex which has seen thirty churches go out in pairs on to the streets for an hour per day for a week yielding a good number of commitments to Christ. We saw thirty in Seaford and Newhaven. It was a great blessing based much on the old Evangelism Explosion method of approaching people with 2 questions;

- → Do you know that God loves you?
- → If you died tomorrow would you be sure that you would go to heaven?

It was clearly an anointed time and Christians were empowered by the Holy Spirit which saw many lives changed both inside and outside the church. One to one follow up is currently being undertaken for all those who responded.

Future Dates

30 June / 1 July	'Outreach' weekend – 'Any Questions' evening on Saturday, and an all age invitation service on Sunday with Paul and Paula Preston in Chigwell, Essex.
7 July	Men's breakfast – sharing my story from a Chelsea football hooligan to a Christian!
22 July	Sundays @ The Cabin
29/30 September	Harvest Outreach Supper on Saturday, and Harvest Invitation service on Sunday, in Seaford
3 October	Alpha courses; two adult, day and eve, one town wide Youth Alpha in Seaford
28/31 October	Sundays @ The Cabin – Light Parties
3 November	Men's breakfast, Dorking
25 November	Sundays @ The Cabin



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Finding Hope Mission

St Elisabeth's Church, Eastbourne
24-27 May 2018

Roger Murphy, David Culhane and a small team of six led the 'Finding Hope Mission' weekend over the May Bank Holiday weekend alongside Rev David Gilliard and the home team. It was a good weekend with around 30 adults and 15 children responding to the gospel message. The door to door visiting was fruitful with the home team joining the TFM team on the doors with some response to follow up. The 'Any Questions' panel raised some interesting questions and response. The three Home group meetings were good with a younger couple responding to the Lord.

FINDING HOPE



The Quiz night, Family fun day and Barn Dance were very well supported and a good number of guests from the area attended with some also responding. The Sunday services were good with some responding, and with many receiving prayer for healing and other matters. It was interesting to note that some were saying that a weekend like this may not have been possible a few years ago but His timing is perfect and 'with God all things are possible'.

Much credit to all the home team, with particular thanks to Mandy, for all the hard work everyone put in. Please continue to pray for David and the team as they follow up those who responded and invite them to an Alpha Course on June 20.

Roger Murphy

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Hope for Hungerford

25 March – 1 April 2018

Roger Murphy and David Culhane led a team of eight in a Holy Week mission alongside Rev Mike and Ali Saunders. This was as part of an ongoing partnership between St Lawrence Church, Hungerford and TFM. Other churches were involved from Hungerford town. It was a very cold and wet week, but the team rose to the occasion and the door to door work was good and generally fruitful. The Palm Sunday services went well with responses to the Gospel and enjoyed a visit by Master Baker Henry baking some hot cross buns and explaining their origin. Roger had the privilege of sharing the meaning of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day with 400 children at the local primary school across three assemblies. Question time alongside the local Bishop brought up many controversial issues!

On Wednesday the mission found favour with Tescos who donated a large quantity of hot cross buns and the team went to Hungerford Station at 6 am, in the pouring rain, to hand them out with a serviette with an Easter message on and a copy of the Hope Easter magazine. The team also attended local walks and rugby matches in the rain, managing to gossip the Gospel. The Good Friday service was well attended and again, in the rain, the open-air witness at the Town Hall was well supported with over fifty there and many Roman Catholics responding to the message. The showing of the film 'The Shack' on Saturday evening was very moving with six outsiders responding to the Gospel challenge after the film.

On Easter Sunday morning, there was a large turnout with over twenty people responding to the Easter message and the

evening service was again well supported. Overall, despite the weather and many other challenges, there were around sixty responses who are being followed up and have been invited to the Alpha course which started on 17 April. Please continue to pray for Rev Mike and Ali Saunders as they follow up from the mission.

