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Nepal
Human Development Community Services; SD Church

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South Sudan
Dioceses of Ibba, Kajokeji, Maridi & Yei

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inside out outside in

One Christmas morning, we had to join the church service by satellite link-up.

Well, maybe not by satellite, but as a child, it was a strange experience to sit in the church hall, face a 'big screen' (big screens weren't so sizeable in the mid-80s) and join in songs and prayers that were taking place next door, in the main church. It was like watching Songs Of Praise – you're joining in, but you're not really part of it, you're not 'on the inside'.

The size of my childhood church required two Sunday morning services and created a Christmas morning quandary – how early do we need to go to secure a seat at the main event?

Jesus had much to say about who is on the inside, who is at the party.

One Sabbath, he was dining at the house of one of the prominent religious leaders (Luke 14). It was a spicy experience for his host and the other 'insiders'. On the menu were some stories by Jesus to contrast *their* approach to hospitality with the way of welcome in God's Kingdom.

After advising them to revisit their guest lists, Jesus shares the Parable of the Great Banquet, where the founder of the feast is left frustrated by the various excuses from his initial guests. He responds by sending his servants out to the streets and alleys of the town, to bring in 'the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame'.



When there's still room for more, the master extends the invitation to the rural roads and country lanes, saying: "...compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."

The Incarnation is both an Outside-In and an Inside-Out event.

God's Kingdom breaks in to the here and now; the Word of God, the eternal Christ, takes on flesh and blood in the form of Jesus; the 'true light' comes into the world.

Through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus transforms us from the inside-out. He offers us forgiveness and newness of life – changing us at our very core.

But Jesus also shows us a different way to live. He leads us inside-out, beyond ourselves, beyond our comforts and securities, to love and serve those in the margins. He calls us to share a message of hope and welcome... to invite people into God's Kingdom... to bring the Outside In.



Roger Cooke
Editor



loving hospitality

The welcome at the heart of mission

In July, former CMSI Trustee **Rev Dr Paddy McGlinchey** joined Jenny Smyth and Archbishop Michael Jackson on a partner visit to Burundi. On his return, Paddy wrote the following reflection on the transforming power of true hospitality.

Towards the end of my period of undergraduate study I caught the bug for what you might term 'relational evangelism.' Reflecting back on this unexpected development, I realise it was inspired by the welcome I received from Christians on my university campus. They shared their food, their company and ultimately their very personal experience of Jesus with me. The vibrancy of their faith stories and the obvious transformation in their lives challenged me to see Christ as a living Person and not just a religious figure from the past. No wonder, then, that my own

discovery of Christ should propel me into the same kind of relational outreach.

The role of welcome or hospitality in that very explicit evangelistic ministry mirrors the action of God in every aspect of mission. Jesus may have 'preached' the Kingdom but he also embodied God's hospitable welcome to all-comers. His table fellowship with 'sinners' and his desire to connect with excluded groups brought something new into the mix, so to speak. Hospitality and welcome tell us that whatever is happening, what we are experiencing is not the 'same old, same old.'

Loving hospitality

Hospitality is the litmus test for all effective mission.

There is a generosity and a sense of being present for others, which speak of a Kingdom and a set of values far removed from normal expectations.

Hospitality is the litmus test for all effective mission. Wherever the Church seeks to live out the 'five marks of mission', the tell-tale evidence of this being achieved is the presence of a palpable welcome and hospitality undergirding its ministry. Thus, whether it's proclamation, teaching, responding to need, struggling for justice and reconciliation, or caring for the creation - the Church is being the Church when love, openness and generosity characterise its doings.

The Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin is tasked with forming ministerial students for future ministry. The mission statement of the college is 'Sharing Christ through generous grace, scriptural integrity, compassionate outreach and loving hospitality.' My almost ten years of ministry there have witnessed us endeavouring to genuinely incarnate those values in our life together. We strive, especially, to make CITI a place of welcome because this will be the first sign that all those other values are being lived out too. It has been a blessing for us to practice hospitality and to create an atmosphere where people know that they are entering a place of peace.



One of the most insightful reflections on this theme was offered by Henri Nouwen in his classic book, *Reaching Out*. Here he distilled what I think is the essence of missional hospitality. Does this ring true for your life and my life, for the mission projects we are involved in or support? Nouwen writes:

'Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.'

Jenny Smyth, Archbishop Michael Jackson and myself discovered something of this kind of missional hospitality on our recent trip to Burundi. It expressed itself in different contexts and unexpected ways.

We witnessed it in the joy of a wedding celebration in which we were the unexpected guests of honour. We were drawn into it as we spent time with Bishop Seth's leadership team in Matana and sensed the vibrancy and welcome at the heart of that community. We saw it expressed in the creation of farming co-operatives where parishes shared not only their practical wisdom but their lives of faith. There, love and hospitality were not only bringing practical transformation but drawing outsiders into the fellowship of the Church. Finally, we encountered it in a new Christian university in Bujumbura, where we shared in the lives of the students who privileged us with their sustained attention and warm encouragement.

The lesson learnt afresh in all these experiences is that hospitality is the hidden key to effective mission because it embodies the attitude of a loving God who came in search of us.

crossing bridges together

Partnering for peace in South Sudan

In October 2017, CMSI hosted **Crossing Bridges** - a peace and reconciliation event in Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

One year later, CMSI facilitated a second **Crossing Bridges** conference. This time, the location was Arua, Uganda and the guests were drawn from our South Sudan partner dioceses, along with representatives from some of their link parishes in Ireland and USA. As the following reflections and quotes testify, it was a significant time of learning, listening and growing together.

Linda Abwa

CMSI Partnership Coordinator

"I want to be able to tell our story and for people to listen"

This is how Bishop Hilary (Yei Diocese) responded when I asked what he wanted from a peace and reconciliation conference. And so, we took on the task of putting together

a week-long programme which would give space for our partners to be heard, and to learn from each other.

I was overwhelmed by the quality and depth of the conversation and sharing which took place throughout the conference. Frustration, pain and suffering were often the topics of discussion.

And yet, throughout the conference, there was an overwhelming sense of dignified passion and hope that the Church can still work effectively for change.

Bishop Emmanuel (Kajo Keji Diocese) spoke passionately of the power of faith to interrupt the cycle of conflict:

"If you take away arms by forced disarmament they will find another weapon – it is minds and hearts which need to be disarmed. This is what Jesus can do!"

We discussed the quiet diplomacy of the Church: pastors assigned to go without fanfare to difficult areas and meet with perpetrators of violence in the hope of promoting peace; pastors as the only people who find courage to respectfully remove bodies from the street, hoping, but never sure, that wearing their vestments might protect them from gunfire.

Children's education and protection was a huge part of the conference, demonstrating the heart of the Church to change the story for the next generation. There was a strong sense of action on these things; a call for qualified people not to wait for the UN but to start teaching under the trees, an emphasis on football as a way to focus young people away from despair and violence, and also the understanding that singing together and meeting as a Church is an important type of trauma mitigation for communities.

Interwoven in the calls to action there were always stories of suffering, many of these stories were the personal experiences of the bishops and their families, but always the conference turned back to the hope held in faith.

In closing, Archbishop Justin confirmed what the conference conversations were suggesting to me:

"The little light in the darkness of South Sudan is the Church..."



Allan Bond

Ballyrashane & Kildollagh Parishes

I cannot begin to write words that reflect just how important this visit has been. We leave with new friendships and partnerships renewed with Ibba and all of the Dioceses of South Sudan.

We have built bridges, joined hands and stood with the people of South Sudan as they have recalled some of their darkest moments. We have met face-to-face with many of the people behind our prayers. But most of all we have worked together to support, encourage and advance God's kingdom.

We continue to stand with the people of Ibba and South Sudan as they face many challenges in the months ahead and will continue praying for them and for the work of CMS Ireland.



Billy Smyth

Former CMSI Mission Partner

I visited Rhino Camp last year and was deeply moved to see people who were our friends and neighbours while we lived in Yei now back in refugee camps. I was honoured to have the opportunity

to support Linda as she organised and facilitated this conference: my small contribution to my brothers and sisters in the Yei region.

The trip has had a deep personal impact on me, memories I will hold onto for a long time, and what my appetite to want to do more.

As a result of this visit, we are better equipped to inject a fresh impetus into our parish encouraging our Church members to pray & support the partnership in which ever ways God presents to us.

Rev Patricia Johnson

Diocese of Albany, USA

Although Albany has had a relationship with both Yei and Maridi Dioceses for almost 20 years, we have not been able to visit our partners since 2012. This Peace and Reconciliation Conference allowed us to listen and to pray with our partners like never before.

My understanding of the challenges facing our partners was deepened by hearing them talk very honestly about their daily experiences, and the burden of their trauma. It was genuine, authentic, raw, and holy. They were allowed to share in a safe, neutral space. I think it made it easier for them, than if we had been able to visit them in their homes.

It was difficult to visit the camps, and even more difficult to realize that they may be the 'lucky ones'. Life is even more unstable at home. The challenges they face seem unsurmountable. But they stay. They give.



They love. And they pray. They trust that God will not abandon them, no matter how difficult and horrible it gets. "To live is Christ, to die is gain."

I am praying that this visit will strengthen our link with Down and Dromore, and Maridi; and also, with CMSI. I look forward to being able to pray with purpose, give voice to their stories and their concerns, and to give practically to the projects they propose. Right now, in the Diocese of Albany, we are very inward-focused. I pray that people will hear these stories and be moved to consider all of God's children, not just those in the US.

Image top: Billy and Linda at the conference.

Image bottom: Patti presents conference certificate to Archbishop Paul Yugusuk (Central Equatoria, South Sudan)



impact

cmsi near you

The New Year sees the CMSI staff team take to the road again for Impact – our series of roadshow events.

Each Impact event comprises:

- A one-hour programme of news and stories from CMSI and our partners
- A chance to chat with CMSI staff and other CMSI supporters over a cuppa
- An opportunity to pick up resources for your parish – including the new Children's Resource

We'd love to see you at your nearest event. And why not bring along others from your church? It's a great way to introduce them to the work of CMSI.

Impact Belfast

Monday 21st January,
7:30pm. St Stephen's Halls
(Millfield).

Impact, Ballymena

Sunday 27th January,
3pm. St Patrick's Halls.

Impact, Bushmills

Wednesday 30th January,
7.30pm. Dunluce
Parish Centre.

Impact, Cork

Sunday 27th January,
3pm. Canon Packham
Hall, Douglas.

Impact, Enniskillen

Sunday 10th February,
3pm. St Macartin's Halls.

Impact, Dungannon

Wednesday 23rd January,
7:30pm. St Anne's Halls.

Impact, Dromore

Thursday 24th January,
7:30pm. Dromore
Cathedral Halls.

Impact, Dublin

Monday 28th January,
8pm. Kill O' The
Grange Halls.

Impact, Bangor

Monday 11th February,
7:30pm. Ballyholme
Parish Halls.

**Look out for further information at the start of January.
Or visit our website for further details.**



New children's resource launching Jan 2019

OUTSIDE IN

Changing lives in Nepal

Looking for fun and inspiring Sunday school material for your children and young people?

Something with good-to-go lessons, activities and movie clips?

Something that explores Bible stories and teaches about the Global Church?

If so, CMSI's Children's Resource is the ideal thing for you!

Our 2019 resource, *Outside In*, focuses on Nepal and explores how the Church there is reaching out to share God's love with others. Your children and teens will discover how CMSI's partners are embracing people 'on the outside' and inviting them in to God's Kingdom of grace, hope and healing.

With four weeks of material, including DVD films, activity workbooks, crafts and Messy Church suggestions - this is a great way to help develop a real interest in global mission.

The Outside In resource pack will be launched on 21st January.

Materials can be ordered on the CMSI website or from our offices or they can be picked-up at any of the Impact roadshow events.

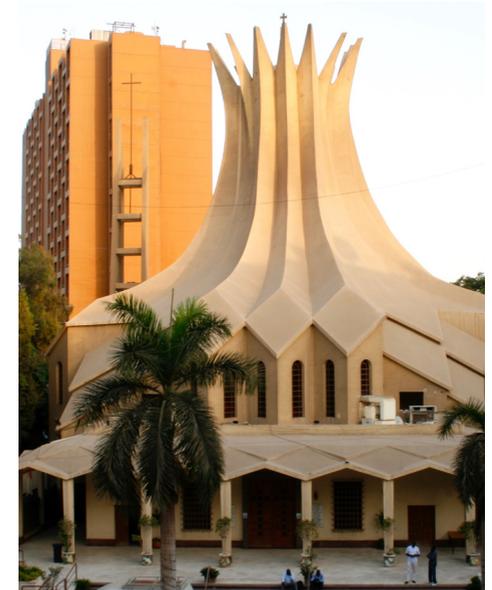
new life on the fringes

Welcome and care in Cairo

Arriving late on Sunday night after delayed flights, I was very glad to be welcomed to the diocesan guest house, a place I had last visited in 1984 when the beautiful cathedral opposite was under construction. Shaped like a Bedouin tent, it symbolises a place of hospitality, rest and refreshment for journeying people.

There is a sense of the prophetic in the architect's vision for the building. Who could have imagined that 40 years later, sheltering under the skirts of the building, you discover so many little projects supporting refugee people, poor folk, the strugglers disenfranchised by war or circumstance, coming together to make and create new opportunities for themselves and their families. I chatted with folk, listening to their stories and finding connections.

Looking up, you see the Bedouin tent rising up into a dramatic royal crown. Curious, I crept inside the wonderful building to discover some lovely paintings, and hanging from the centre a chandelier shaped like a crown of thorns. A reminder of Jesus, the suffering servant; a reminder that we are called as a people of God to care for those on the margins as a tribute to Jesus, our redeemer King.



A wonderful example of this concern for those on the margins is Refuge Egypt, the diocesan programme for Sudanese refugees. Practical and committed, the staff provide a range of services from food relief to literacy, schooling, life skills and peace initiatives. Dr Maged and Hayat spoke enthusiastically about a youth football tournament they held last Saturday made possible by gifts from CMSI link churches. Ten teams entered and much fun was had by all! Sharing God's love through acceptance and care.

Church of Ireland parishioners have also been supporting the Nuba Bible Institute, where folk from the Nuba Mountains in Sudan come for theological training. It was wonderful to meet some of the tutors and students and to hear their stories and aspirations for ministry in some of the most challenging places – places of war and hardship, places where speaking the name of Jesus can be very dangerous...places on the margins.



Adapted from an October blog by Jenny Smyth



moving in from the edges

Small steps towards transformation

How can we draw people in from the margins to experience the fullness of life within God's family? CMSI Mission Partners Ronnie and Maggie Briggs share two stories from Kajiado Diocese in Kenya to remind us that even simple responses to need can make a big difference.

David

David is one of our staff colleagues at the centre at Oltiasika, where he has been faithfully working for more than 16 years. He is an active Christian and is keen to help out in any way possible within the Church.

David has never been to school and so could not read nor write. Because of this, he found that he could not hold any leadership position within the Church. He found himself on the edge of all that was happening in the Church and unable to fully exercise his gifts. This went on for many years and he was at a loss what to do.

When we started a new adult literacy class in Oltiasika, along with Rev Naftaly, David was

one of the first to attend. So eager was he that he actually went through two classes to make sure he had the best possible chance to learn to read and write.

Today, David often leads church services. He stands up front, reads out a Bible passage to us and then goes on to expound it. As we listen, we just know that he is being led by the Spirit.

David was marginalised by lack of education, but by participating in our literacy programme, he now feels included in church leadership and is able to express his gifts in a way that influences and impacts people's lives.

Image: Maggie with Mariam and Rev Naftaly



Mariam

Mariam was sick for many years. Her husband had died of HIV/AIDS and she was unable to look after her children, so they were taken to other relatives to be cared for. It then transpired that Mariam also suffered with HIV/AIDS and was very ill. Her poor health caused her to be in the margins.

Mariam had very little means of caring for herself; she had no source of income for food or medicine. As a Maasai, she would normally have had a few sheep and goats to sell to help buy food and other essentials, but because of her circumstances she had no livestock. She was more or less confined to her house and therefore depended entirely on what others thought to give her.

Mariam was one of the beneficiaries of a recent restocking programme that we ran within the diocese. She received two goats and one sheep. Initially she was surprised that her name was included in the list and then she was almost

Image: Ronnie with David

overcome by what she called the great wealth she was given. She was a good steward with what she had and soon the three animals became four, then five and then she was able to begin selling one or two in order to buy good nutritious food, and the all-important medicine necessary to improve her health.

Mariam, although not completely better, is able to look after herself and her children. She is a member of the women's group in church and sings in the choir. She has the most ear-piercing whistle that we have ever heard and loves to mix it into the choir singing as often as possible. Mariam is no longer in the margins because of her health. She is part of a loving, caring and supportive church family that has restored meaning to her life.

Simple solutions to the problems that we experience here in Kajiado can have an incredible impact on the lives of people. As we reflect back over the years we can see how being faithful in the small things can have a long-lasting impact on the quality of lives of the people amongst whom we live and work. This is a great privilege.

There are many things that can cause any of us – wherever or whoever we are – to feel that we have been moved to the margins. But God has the best in mind for us and our lives and all He asks is that we remain faithful and steadfast in our belief and to actively live out Jesus' words in Matthew 6:33 –

'... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'



preparing for the margins



A reflection by CMSI Mission Partner,
Keith Scott.

As I write this, Lyn and I are back in Ireland for Home Assignment. We will be returning to Zambia in January. This is a time to take stock and reflect on what we have been doing.

In many different ways Zambia is 'on the margins'. A good many people we talk to are not so sure they know where the country is. It's a country that does not often appear in the news. Our next-door neighbour, Zimbabwe, was in the midst of a 'definitely-not-a-military-coup military coup' and the lead item on the Zambian news was that the President had just opened a new toll plaza. Our economy is mostly an off-shoot of the giant South African economy or occupied by ever-expanding Chinese enterprises.

As people involved in theological training Lyn and I have to prepare our students for ministry in the margins. Wherever there is a need in Zambia, we find our former students.

One of our former students is church planting in a deep rural area. Another is in a scattered rural parish in Eastern Zambia, where he has to make his own living as a teacher. A third is looking after a secondary school at an old mission station far into the bush. Others are in parishes where people are crammed together in Zambia's notorious 'compounds', or townships, many struggling to make ends meet on a pound or two per day. Truly the Anglican Church in Zambia is a Church of the margins in the margins for the marginalised.

Our students are, inevitably, involved in meeting needs; developing the capacity of their parishes to become self-sufficient and self-financing; helping to raise up God's people to meet the challenges they face.

It might be something simple, like providing space and people to run a small pre-school group – offering a low-cost/no-cost solution for parents as they look for work or get to their market stall or street vendor's pitch in town. It might be a larger, more complicated project: to provide food security in a rural community or offer some kind of skills training to increase

people's chances of finding employment or at least making some kind of living. Then there are the enduring challenges of the aftermath of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, offering inclusion in the face of stigmatisation, comfort in the face of fear, hope in the face despair.

The need for clergy is desperate, so the ordained staff in the seminary have to take on some local parish duties. One of our colleagues commented that in his township parish he found only four people who could read and write. He managed to raise enough money, some of it from his own pocket, to send about a dozen members of his parish to school for the first time in their lives.

To meet these challenges and many more, our students have to learn to be creative and flexible in their thinking. They must find inventive ways to identify and engage with local needs, to raise the necessary funds and to run their cherished project on a shoestring budget. They need to be people of deep empathy with those around them. They need to be people of deep integrity and reliability. They need to discover the spiritual resources that will allow them to find God in the most challenging of circumstances.

These are the skills we have to help them develop in 'theological training' and formation for the ministry of the Church.

In our turn, Lyn and I have been well challenged and stretched. We too are having to learn to be flexible and creative, to deal with the challenges of a different culture and with all the uncertainties which go with living in a majority-world country, a place on the margins.

We have learned to empathise with our students as they go through the experience of education and, inevitably, change. We had to find new and creative ways of getting skills and concepts across to our students, to identify



and engage with their needs. We have needed to find within ourselves the spiritual resources to know God at work in our own lives and the lives of our students. And yes, we have to raise funds, and run projects on very tight budgets.

In the past twelve months we have put in two boreholes to supply water to the Seminary. This has been a real blessing to everyone on the site. A reliable supply of clean running water has made a huge difference after several years of struggling with an increasingly erratic supply from Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, who used to provide all our water.

The next budget will involve building a new library for the gift of 16,000 books which we have received through the good offices of a friend in the USA.

In all this we are learning, along with our students to live in the margins...with the marginalised...for the marginalised. Perhaps that should not come to us a surprise. The God who has emptied the divine self in Jesus Christ, to become a slave, to die a miserable slave's death on the cross has chosen to "pitch his tent" in the margins...with the marginalised...for the marginalised.



CMSI Mission Partners in car accidents

Many of our readers will already be aware that in recent months, both of our Mission Partner couples – the Scotts and the Briggs – suffered serious road traffic accidents in Zambia and Kenya respectively.



In September, Keith and Lyn Scott were heading to Lusaka when the engine in their X-Trail vehicle packed in and they had to be recovered by two colleagues in the old diocesan minibus. On their way back to Kitwe, with their vehicle being towed behind them, the two vehicles came off the dual carriageway and the minibus ended up over on its side in a ditch.

Thankfully Keith and Lyn were uninjured, but they were understandably shocked and shaken by the incident.



Then in October, we received news that Ronnie and Maggie Briggs had had an accident on their way back from a trip to Oltiasika. As they drove onto a very slippery, newly graded road, their

Landrover spun out of control and ended up on its roof, lodged against a rock.

Amazingly, this was Ronnie and Maggie's first accident in all their years in Kenya. While both of them were injured and badly shaken, we're thankful that their injuries weren't more

serious and that no one else was involved. As Maggie wrote shortly after the accident:

"We have an overwhelming sense of relief that we've been protected in such an amazing way. God is good!"

At the time of writing, Ronnie and Maggie are travelling back to Ireland for a period of rest and recovery. We're thankful for those who have helped to identify a suitable house for them to stay in, bits and pieces for the house and a car for them to use while they're home. We're also delighted that Keith and Lyn have settled well into their own Home Assignment programme – they will be in Ireland until mid-January.

Writing about these accidents on the CMSI website, our Personnel Manager, Gillian Maganda commented:

"I'm struck by just how vulnerable our personnel are on the roads. It's a reminder that we need to keep praying for God's protection over the Scotts in Zambia and the Briggs in Kenya."

Do keep our Mission Partners in your prayers at this time - and if you'd like to donate to their vehicle repairs, please get in touch.

snippets

cmsi news in brief



Teaching and learning in Egypt

In October, three wise men from the East (of Ireland) visited Cairo, to bring their gifts of friendship, curiosity and teaching. Rev Bryan Follis (Hillsborough Parish) joined Nigel Quinn and Rev Willie Nixon (Drumbeg Parish) for a visit to their partners in the Diocese of Egypt.

While Nigel had visited Egypt previously, including on a CMSI team in 2017, it was the first time that Revs Bryan and Willie had been. It was a chance to deepen their partnership links and to learn more about the Church in Egypt and the work of the diocese. The small team also contributed to a clergy training event at a retreat centre run by the Coptic Church.



Extra Guest

Once again, CMSI is encouraging you to think global this Christmas and to embrace 'an extra guest' in the midst of your festive celebrations.

We'd love you to include prayers at your table for our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world – particularly those who have been uprooted from their homes and those caring for displaced people and refugees. We'd also encourage you to make a donation to CMSI's Mission Resource Fund that is equivalent to the cost of hosting an extra person at your Christmas meal or buying an extra gift for under your tree.

We've updated our Extra Guest placemat and our Prayer Menu to help focus your prayers and reflections. See enclosed leaflet for further details or visit the CMSI website.

Sign-up for a CMSI Team

There are still spaces on each of our three 2019 Teams – applications are open until 14th December. This is a great chance to develop your understanding of the global Church and deepen your connections with one of CMSI's Global Partners. Further details are available from our offices or via the CMSI website.

Make it count: community fundraising

We love hearing about the different fundraising events and initiatives that churches are organising. For example, Gilnahirk Parish hosted a lunch after their harvest service on 21st October, and raised **£560** to support their new CMSI link with Bukavu Diocese, DR Congo.

Donaghadee Parish organised a whole harvest weekend in support of CMSI and their partners in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan. The weekend included a harvest concert and a sale of craft items made by the Sunday School children. In all, over **£3800** was raised.



Linda Abwa receives cheque from Donaghadee Parish

In addition to raising valuable financial support for CMSI, these events act as a focal point for community gatherings and they provide an opportunity to share stories of the Global Church as it reaches out to change lives.

We'd love to see more churches across Ireland hosting community fundraising events to support CMSI's Mission Resource fund. In the New Year, we'll be launching **Make It Count** – an initiative to help churches plan and host an event. We'll share more about this in the coming months – and we'll feature it the next edition of *inMission*.

Autumn Family Album

In addition to the various global visits mentioned elsewhere in this edition of *inMission*, it's been a busy few months of events, speaking engagements and get togethers in Ireland. Here are just a few snapshots from the term...



2018-2019



CMSI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER / 10:30AM - 12.30PM

Christmas Drop-in

CMSI Belfast Offices

MONDAY 21ST JANUARY / 3PM

Children's Resource Launch *

Online launch

21ST JANUARY - 11TH FEBRUARY

Impact Roadshow events *

Various locations throughout Ireland

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH / 11AM

Shine – Annual Members' Day

Emmaus Centre, Swords

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER / 7.30PM

Ignite Friday Extra (residential programme)

Dromantine Centre, Newry

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER / 10:30AM

Ignite Conference

Dromantine Centre, Newry

* See inside for further details

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