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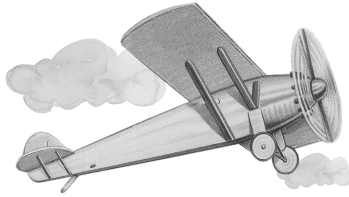
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This book is a 20 day devotional focused on world missions. Each day you will be transported to an inspiring global mission project: from building a school in Paraguay to a refugee camp in Myanmar, from church planting in Cuba to supporting churches in the nuclear shadow of Fukushima. Each day you will discover a new global mission project supported by one of our Anglican Network in Canada congregations. The daily reading includes an ANiC mission project, a Bible reading and a prayer.

Beginning on February 1st use this book as a 20 day count down to World Missions' Sunday on February 20th. Or use this book any time of the year. Celebrate all the great things being done in Jesus' name by our parishes around the world..

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What part does God want you to play in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth? In other words, where are your “missional feet” taking you? Are your feet walking to an elderly neighbour’s house to check on them during the Covid isolation? Are they taking a few bags of groceries to the local food pantry to help those food deprived? Are they under your desk as you participate in a Zoom conversation with a global partner or as you pray with other Anglicans on a Global Prayer call? Our feet, including mine, haven’t boarded as many airplanes or walked on foreign soil for as many mission trips last year, but we need to keep our focus outward, praying about where our physical and our spiritual feet can take the gospel to our dark and hurting world in 2022 and beyond.

— **Archbishop Foley Beach**

Anglican Church of North America

Will you join me February 1st through the 20th in reading an entry from this booklet each day? Take time to thank God for what is being done and pray especially for those who are to be reached by each project. I know we will be inspired and encouraged daily by the creative and generous global mission work which is being done..

— **Bishop Charlie Masters**

Anglican Network in Canada



## Special Thanks

My thanks to all those who made this book possible. A special shout-out to all those who responded to my request for mission accounts so readily in the midst of a very busy Advent season! Your quick response has enabled me to have this book published and in the hands of ANiC members by the middle of January. You submitted so many great mission accounts that we have added 2 bonus days, for a total of 22 days of inspiring readings! Thanks to Amy Bennett and Allegra Printing & Design in Barrie ON for their design work.

My thanks to Canon Garth Hunt for writing all the daily prayers. It will be exciting and powerful for all of us to be praying together for each of these mission projects and their sponsoring parish. Thanks to Garth & Margaret for some proof-reading. Grateful thanks to my wife Diane for her encouragement plus proof-reading. Any errors or omissions are entirely my responsibility (and I would welcome corrections, as well as updates on these mission projects). Most of the global projects undertaken by our parishes are posted on the Missions page of the ANiC web site. At the back of this book is more information about some of our Diocesan wide initiatives.

— Canon Brian McVitty

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## 20 Days On Mission — Introduction

Being “on mission” globally is one of the five priorities of the Anglican Network in Canada. This past year I've been collecting global mission stories from parishes and individuals from coast to coast. As you'll see in this book, there is an amazing amount being done by our members in mission initiatives around the world. ANiC is definitely having a global kingdom impact for Jesus. This book is an opportunity to share & celebrate what we are doing in global missions.

My other objective in producing this book is that we would be inspired to do even more in global missions. There may be a project in these pages that you would like to be involved in, if so, please contact the church or individual. Or it may be that you will be inspired to undertake a brand new global mission initiative.

A further benefit of this book is that it will give us a daily, common, prayer focus for the first 20 days of February. Each day we will be praying together for one ANiC parish and their mission project. I think that this will be powerful. My special thanks to Canon Garth Hunt who has written a special theme prayer for each day! Our thanks to Garth for sharing his gift of intercession with us in this way. As Garth reminds us, “The success of all real missionary effort is dependent on prayer. The life and spirit of missions are the life and spirit of prayer. Both prayer and missions were born in the Divine Mind.... The key of all missionary success is prayer.” (quoting E.M. Bounds)

This book can be used at any time of the year, but it has been designed for the first 20 days of February as a count down to World Mission Sunday on February 20th. Beginning February

1st, each daily reading will inspire you with a report from the front lines of world missions and the daily prayer will equip you to be fervent in prayer.

For the “On Mission” Diocesan priority this year, our theme verse is from Hebrews 10:24 “let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.” The objective of this book is to stir us up to more love and good works globally.

The 20th day of February is World Mission Sunday when every congregation can celebrate and fundraise for the global mission initiatives that they have undertaken. Special resources for World Mission Sunday are available to every congregation from the Anglican Church in North America at <https://newwineskins.org/worldmissionsunday>

Please see the back of this book for more information on the following:

- Youth Mission scholarships worth \$1000
- Anglican Relief and Development Fund – Canada
- Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC)
- Cuba Church planting with the Reformed Episcopal Church
- The New Wineskins mission conference on September 22–25th, 2022 in North Carolina

Welcome to 20 days on mission; together we will travel to mission projects around the world!

— The Rev. Canon Brian McVitty (Barrie ON)

Canon for Global Missions — Anglican Network in Canada

## **Bishop Charlie Masters**

For a number of years throughout the Anglican Church of North America, a Sunday near the end of the Season of Epiphany, has been set aside as World Mission Sunday. This year the date is February 20, 2022. I hope you and your congregation are going make that an important part of your plans for the New Year.

Our Lord Jesus has commissioned us to be not only focused on our own backyards but to be “on mission” in the world, loving our neighbours and bringing His good news to all nations. We may seem small but we have much we can share, and much we can learn from our brothers and sisters on mission around the globe.

I am extremely grateful for the work of Canon Brian McVitty, as chair of our “On Mission” Priority. It has been a joy to see on our website the growing collection of summaries from churches describing the global mission projects they are supporting and partnering with. I’m excited about the two youth scholarships of \$1000 we will be providing this year; and now for this mission focused book Canon Brian has prepared for us.

Will you join me February 1st through the 20th in reading an entry from this book each day? Take time to thank God for what is being done and pray especially for those who are to be reached by each project. I know we will be inspired and encouraged daily by the creative and generous work which is being done.

What a joy it is that God, who loves the world so much that he sent his only Son, our Lord Jesus, calls all of us to be ambassadors for him in this needy world!

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Every blessing,

+Charlie

The Right Reverend Charlie Masters

Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Network in Canada



## **Archbishop Foley Beach Anglican Church in North America**

Epiphany greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! As I travel around the world, I see expressions of the Church in a variety of forms from church plant launch teams gathered in a living room, lay catechists leading Sunday worship in nursing homes, congregations meeting outside under an African acacia tree to those gathered in more

traditional church buildings, large and small. Wherever believers in Jesus gather to worship, pray, study the Scriptures and fellowship together, there is the Church, the Body of Christ!

We don't just exist for ourselves, however. As William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury during WWII, famously said: "The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members." We are all "on mission" to take the Gospel to those who aren't yet Christians. Though we hope that you see every Sunday as "Mission Sunday," we do designate a particular day to celebrate World Mission Sunday together. This year World Mission Sunday is February 20th, the seventh Sunday after the Epiphany and here are some helpful resources: <https://newwineskins.org/worldmissionsunday>

This year, we also encourage you to highlight the opportunity that we have in 2022 to gather with other mission-minded believers at the triennial New Wineskins Global Mission Conference. The conference will be held September 22–25 at Ridgecrest Conference Centre in North Carolina and promises to be an ideal time for us to take our next steps in mission together. The theme is **One Mission** and, as we gather for four days of worship, prayer, teaching, networking, and fellowship, we will build new partnerships and be equipped for both local and global mission.

In Jerusalem in the summer of 2018 at the third gathering of Gafcon, we were collectively encouraged by our rallying cry: "We will proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations!" With the growing strength of the international Gafcon movement within the Anglican Communion, we are more aware than ever of

what God is doing around the world to expand His Kingdom and how we can join Him on mission!

— The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach  
Archbishop and Primate of the  
Anglican Church in North America



## **Anglican Global Mission Partners**

In 2003, the Anglican Global Mission Partners (AGMP) was formed to provide a network for biblical, mission-minded Anglican entities to advance the Gospel globally through collaborative relationships. Those entities include mission agencies, parishes, dioceses, missionaries, theological institutions and jurisdictions in North America committed to global cross-cultural ministry.

Over the past 18 years, AGMP has encouraged and equipped the Church to keep its focus on Jesus and his Great Commission. The AGMP tagline is From the Church to the World! Fruit from the AGMP network includes:

- Strong Global Partnerships throughout the Anglican Communion worldwide

- World Mission Sunday, an official part of our annual liturgical calendar
- Agape Year, an Anglican gap year with a cross-cultural emphasis, for 18–20-year-olds
- A Mission Match web tool can help a missionary inquirer find the best mission agency match.
- Consolidated mission resources on the [newwineskins.org](http://newwineskins.org) website
- Every three years we organize the New Wineskins mission's conference. See the back of this book for more information on the conference.
- The relationships between and among the AGMP partners and Anglican parishes, dioceses and now the province, through its new Global Mission Initiative (GMI), are deeper and more collaborative than ever!

The Anglican Network in Canada has just become a member of the AGMP and Canon Brian McVitty has joined the ACNA's Global Mission Initiative Advocates team!

— Jenny Noyes

Executive Director of AGMP and of the New Wineskins Conference  
 Anglican Church in North America





## The Importance of Prayer in the Work of Missions

Many excellent books and articles throughout the history of the Church have been written on the vital importance of intercessory prayer in evangelism and mission work. Rather than attempting to communicate my own thoughts on this subject, here are just a few helpful quotes from others who have paved the way through prayer to fruitful missions.

The great 19th-century missionary to China, **Hudson Taylor**, knew the power of prayer in missions. Preparing for his mission, he declared, “When I get to China, I will have no claim on any one for anything. My claim will be alone in God and I must learn before I leave England to move men through God by prayer alone.” He challenged the church to pray for missions with these words: “Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit’s power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources, and too little to the source of power.”

**E.M. Bounds** is noted as a foremost authority on the importance and power of prayer. In his book *The Essentials of Prayer*, Bounds wrote this: “Prayer has a great deal to do with missions. Prayer is the hand-maid of missions. The success of all real missionary effort is dependent on prayer. The life and spirit of missions are the life and spirit of prayer. Both prayer and missions were born in the Divine Mind.... The key of all missionary success is prayer.”

The story of **Elisabeth Elliot** is well known. After her husband, Jim Elliot, was killed in 1956, she returned to Ecuador to reach the very natives who had martyred him. She became a very

successful missionary to these unreached people. She stated, “Prayer lays hold of God’s plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit’s prayer.”

— The Reverend Canon Garth Hunt

National Prayer Coordinator, Anglican Network in Canada

*Quotes taken with appreciation from ANM (Advancing Native Missions)  
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## **Prayer for World Mission Sunday**

*The following prayer is the Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany (ACNA BCP page 604) and is an excellent theme prayer for these 20 Days On Mission..*

Almighty God, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer for Mission Projects

*The following prayer can be used for mission projects and societies. (BCP page 651)*

Lord Jesus, you commanded us to make disciples of all nations: Bless all those who work together for the spread of the Gospel [especially \_\_\_\_\_]; make them faithful and true witnesses to proclaim your glorious Name. Send down the grace of the Holy Spirit upon all your people, that we may give cheerfully of our substance for the evangelization of the world, and that the light of your truth may shine brightly in every place. Hear us, O merciful Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end. Amen.



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“Why is it that some Christians cross land and sea, continents and cultures, as missionaries? What on earth impels them? It is not in order to commend a civilization, an institution or an ideology, but rather a person, Jesus Christ, whom they believe to be unique”  
— John Stott

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## DAY #1: Vancouver to Myanmar

### **Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver. B.C.**

— Bishop Stephen Leung (Nona Leung and Jenny Au)

One of our international projects is the Karen Anglican Ministry at the Border (KAMB) which operates several boarding houses to provide shelter, food, care and adult supervision for externally displaced Karen children on the Thai-Myanmar border. The Karen people is one of the oppressed ethnic tribes in Myanmar. These children, some orphaned, have crossed the border for a better chance of a decent education outside their homeland, which is still very much in turmoil up to now. Good Shepherd Vancouver has been supporting this ministry since 2011, fully funding the needs of the boarding houses as an Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada project. We have been able to raise compassion and support from the community at large through our biennial fundraising concert From Thy Bounty.

In 2011 and 2015, Good Shepherd Vancouver sent short term mission teams to share Jesus' love and His gospel with the children and youth living in the boarding houses. We had the opportunity to work closely with the KAMB leaders and the Anglican Church in Thailand.

In 2011 **Jenny Au** was on the mission trip. Reflecting on this experience, Jenny writes: it was my first time joining the Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd's mission trip to the Thailand Myanmar Border. It started my first experience and connection to the group of children and teens from

Myanmar who were classified as displaced & refugee status living in poverty and or/ orphaned due to a long history of ethnic conflicts in their country.

These groups of displaced Karen people are still suffering from the consequences of the past civil war in their country and today there are still estimates of over 200,000 people still displaced by war and violence with no clear path to return home or for a safe and sure future.

I saw the local brothers and sisters at the border, and also the Anglican Church in Thailand, working very hard even under limited resources to try to provide a safe and productive daily life and a glimpse of hope to the children. This touched and inspired me a lot. The experiences of working closely with them were very powerful and memorable. Even when we did not have a really common language to communicate, the Lord empowered everyone by the Holy Spirit so that we could communicate with each other, share the gospel together to the Karen children and pray with the families during our visitation. Simply, it is a ministry that spans across nations that continues beyond the mission trips.

Despite the difficulties, I can see that these brothers and sisters are relying on God through prayers, putting their trust in God, serving others in love and sharing the gospel in partnership. It expanded my horizons and brought me hope and joy in witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel.

This definitely encourages me and challenges me to see my life circumstances differently. One of the things I realized that has been changed was that I treasured my daily resources

including the abundance of nutrient food we have here in Vancouver. I realized that I usually over ate and didn't see the food as the value of sustaining me so that I can do the work God has given me to do. I therefore began to eat moderately with this renewed perspective.

Further, when I came back to Vancouver, I began to pray asking the Holy Spirit to help me see what God is doing in my life so that I am led to opportunities to share the gospel boldly with joy, love and hope in partnership with brothers and sisters."

Update for 2022: We have been receiving the KAMB quarterly reports from the boarding school. Despite the impact of the pandemic on the country and schools, we are glad to hear that the students are doing well at the boarding houses with the opportunity to learn, worship and do chores for their daily living. We are glad to be able to continue this work in partnership with the Church of Thailand extending another two years of financial support to the KAMB project in 2022.

Another key ministry for us is planting Asian and Multi-cultural congregations. Under the leadership of Bishop Stephen Leung the Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC) – a ministry of the Anglican Network in Canada launched in November 2009 – is a mission to facilitate the development and growth of Asian and multicultural Christian churches in Canada. In November last year we rejoiced with the ordinations of the Rev. Li Shen and the Rev. Angel On-Kay Tong. Rev. Li is now serving a Mandarin congregation and Rev. Angel will be planting a congregation in the Burnaby area. See more at the back of this book or go to <http://www.ammic.ca/>

**Bible Reading:** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” — Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV

**Praying Together Today:**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, our hearts are frequently burdened by the plight of so many thousands of people in Myanmar that we see on the news media. Our deep concern is especially for the children and youth, often left to forage for themselves. We give You great praise for the raising up of Karen Anglican Ministry at the Border (KAMB) to run places of shelter at the Thailand/Myanmar border. May those that minister there be empowered by Your Holy Spirit to impart to those under their care such a sense of safety and love that all will know for certain that You will never leave them or forsake them. We thank You also for the ministry of AMMiC in establishing and strengthening local multi-ethnic churches in North America. May Your rich blessing and protection be upon these expressions of obedience to the Great Commission; in Your Name, Jesus, we ask these things. Amen



## DAY #2: Sault Ste Marie to Egypt

### Church of the Good Shepherd, Sault Ste Marie, ON

— The Rev. Richard White and The Rev. Earl Burke

**Melissa Wong** writes: This report is limited to the last five years of short term mission work. My husband, Gordon Wong, answered the call to volunteer as a dental specialist. He volunteered me as his dental assistant. One year, it was a week in the Dominican Republic. Another year was two weeks in Ecuador. Both mission trips were with Health Teams International Canada. I did not join Gordon for his planned month of March 2020 at CEML Hospital in Lubango, Angola to be with our friends, Dr. Stephen and Peggy Foster. It was just as well, borders were closing down in Angola, Namibia, South Africa and Germany due to COVID-19 as he worked his way back home. By God's grace, he got the last seat on the last flight out of Namibia. Imagine our dilemma if I had come along.

Volunteering for short term missions is a privilege as well as an eye opener. A willingness to serve opened up opportunities to help. In my case, it was endless cleaning dental instruments and preparing patients for their procedures, often calming frightened patients young and old alike. One time I thought "Oh dear it's raining inside the makeshift dental clinic." No rain, just my perspiration dripping on the floor from working under humid sticky conditions.

What did I learn from volunteering on short term missions? I can give up my comfort zone and survive. I learned the hard lessons of patience, of responding with kindness rather than reacting with annoyance, and mostly to cultivate a grateful



heart along with a sense of humour, often at my own expense. And I even learned to appreciate my husband's skills at extracting teeth with minimum discomfort to the frightened patients. Mostly, trusting the Lord Jesus that He can use a willing heart to show the Gospel in action. (see also Dr. Gordon Wong on Day #8)

**Bible Reading:** “Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” — Isaiah 41:10

**Praying Together Today:**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the willing hearts of Your servants, Gordon and Melissa, and for Your provision and answered prayer on their behalf. We pray for the many hundreds of other Christians engaged in short-term missions, especially in our current Covid environment, that You would grant them protection in body, soul, and spirit, and that they would heed Your word to not be afraid, but to depend fully on Your strength. In Jesus' mighty Name, we pray. Amen.



## DAY #3: Toronto to the World

### Christ the King, Toronto ON

– The Rev. Keith Ganzer, and the Rev. Dr. Glen Taylor

Christ the King has a Mission Committee of four persons who select our mission partners, communicate with each one on a monthly basis to encourage them, and distribute funds from our annual mission budget to their sending organizations. The mission partners, in turn, send us their prayer requests, and our intercessors pray for them during our Sunday services each week.

We currently have five mission partners:

- The Rev. Jacob Cole, in The Gambia, Africa, who is taking a four year course in Christian Studies at the University of The Gambia. CTK is providing Jacob's tuition expenses as well as covering the cost of his travel, books and photocopying.
- Norm and Audrey Henderson, Canadians, serving at the CEML hospital in Lubango, Angola, where Audrey is a nurse and Norm is the IT guy. The Hendersons helped plant a church in a small nearby village, Candjambumba.
- Student Ministry, through Power To Change, which sponsors the Relevant Series at the University of Toronto and other universities, providing a week of lectures followed by Q&A periods on topics relevant to young people, from a Christian point of view.
- A couple for whom we have prayed and supported financially since our inception, who are fluent in Arabic and have served in several African countries but now teach

English to Arabic-speaking refugees in London ON with a Christian witness.

- The pastor of the Hesus Community Church, which serves three small villages outside Yangon, Myanmar, who has an extensive caring ministry for the Buddhist people in these villages and beyond.

Christ the King also has a Christian outreach to International Students in downtown Toronto led by the Rev. Marion Karasiuk and the Rev. Roger Ong. We cover the salary of our 'evangelist' and his out of pocket travel and hospitality expenses for this ministry. He, together with volunteers leads an ESL Bible study on Monday evenings and a Canadian Culture Conversation Class with a Christian witness on Wednesday evenings. He is bilingual – English and Mandarin.

**Bible Reading:** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” — Matthew 28: 19

**Praying Together Today:**

Most merciful Father, Jesus commanded us to pray that You would send forth labourers into the harvest. In the Great Commission, he instructed us to go and make disciples of all nations. We give You great thanks for each of these ministries associated with Christ the King, Toronto; Christian men and women responding in obedience to Your Word. We ask Your rich blessing upon each one, and the provision of all their respective needs. May they see great fruit from their obedience – fruit that remains! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **DAY #4: St. John's to Guatemala**

### **Church of the Good Samaritan, St. John's**

— Archdeacon Darrell Critch and Bishop Don Harvey

Our international work is almost exclusively through Arms of Jesus Children's Mission in Guatemala <https://www.armsofjesus.org/>. We send a team every other year and since the launch of Good Samaritan Church we have sent 6 Mission Teams to Guatemala where we have built 38 houses, and have invested over \$300,000 in this ministry. Our next mission team will go to Guatemala in 2023.

Bishop Don Harvey was on two of those house-building missions. In the year that he turned 80 years of age Bishop Don and Trudy went on their own to Arms of Jesus. Bishop Don writes about that experience: "my wife Trudy never had been to Guatemala, but felt as if she had, from the various accounts she heard from me and others on our jubilant returns. I had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday looming and so, in lieu of any other form of celebration, we went to Guatemala, not as tourists, but to be a mission team in our own way. Indeed, we have the record of being the smallest Team they ever had organized.

But it worked incredibly well. Pastor Luis met us at the airport and the next day we were brought to our hotel, not far from the Arms of Jesus school. Otto, whom I knew so well from previous visits looked after our transportation each day and from time to time provided wonderful translation (which was not always easy when dealing with someone with a Newfoundland accent). Most of our days were at the school,

mingling with the students, especially the very young ones, and having our meals with the staff.

It was a wonderful week for us both, and as so many others have said on their return, we received much more from our week there than we were able to give. None of us will ever forget the experience of watching these children worship (it gives a whole new meaning to the word) and of being hugged by a beautiful child every time you crossed the campus.

Our own little sponsored girl, Alizon, ran up to us the morning we arrived and later we met with her parents and little brother. Her smile has been etched into our memories, and as we pray for her as one of our family, we also give thanks for Dr. Sam Martin and his dedicated staff whose vision made all of this become a reality.

Sadly, covid 19 which has ravaged Guatemala as it has the rest of the world, certainly has had a dire effect on what the school and mission can do. **But it has not stopped it**, and much has been organized to carry out this ministry to children from their homes to which many are confined. When this plague becomes just a memory, the work at Arms of Jesus will continue with increased vigour and determination.

It is my prayer, that while I never will even try to help erect another house, I may make at least one other visit to see dear friends and help re-establish and build on a foundation so lovingly laid. **May His richest blessings be on them all!**

**Bible Reading:** “And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the

children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”<sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. “ — Mark 10:13–16

**Praying together Today:**

Dear Lord, we are once again so grateful to You for the ministry to children through the Arms of Jesus Children’s Mission in Guatemala. We know through Your word that children have a very special place in Your heart, and we are so blessed by the accounts of those caring for them. We thank You also for Godly leadership through example that Bishop Don and Trudy have demonstrated in their visits there and for the commitment to the Arms of Jesus Mission by the people of Good Samaritan Church in St. John’s. May this partnership in ministry continue to flourish and may many children discover Jesus as their Saviour and Friend. All this we ask in His mighty Name. Amen.



## DAY #5: Langley to Cuba

### **Church of the Ascension, Langley. BC**

— Fr. Ken Deeks, Fr. Mark Tubbs and The Rev. Richard Roberts

At Ascension Church we allocate 5% of our income to missions. Our International projects include, the Africa Community Technical Service (ACTS), a mission organization working in partnership with the Church of Uganda. They provide clean drinking water to rural communities. The Rev. Richard Roberts worked for them for 12 years as the program manager and their board chair is a member of our congregation.

In 2017 **Patrice Weibelzahl** was on the ANiC mission team to Cuba to visit the church plants. He reports on their partnership with one of the Cuban congregations: “Please be advised that Ascension Anglican Church in Langley, B.C. has continued to support the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Cuba for more than five years. Currently the funds sent are directed to the support of The Rev. Pablo Ulloa Caballero and his family. Pablo is ordained as an REC minister and dedicates his life to teaching the gospel and providing encouragement to Church members. In May 2021 it was reported that there were about 60 individuals affiliated with his house Church. As with many in Cuba, Pablo and his wife have had COVID-19 and are slowly recovering from its long term effects. He has helped others who are in isolation with food and pastoral care.

Along with Bishop Trevor Walters, Claudia Dorrington (REC), Barclay Mayo, and others from ARDFC (Anglican Relief &

Development) I visited several of the Cuban Churches in 2017. I was deeply moved by their perseverance for the sake of the gospel despite many hardships which sadly have intensified due to COVID, including food shortages, and medication scarcity.”

**Bible Reading:** “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.” — 2 Corinthians 4:9

**Praying Together Today:**

Dear Father, we thank You for the commitment of the Church of the Ascension, Langley, to the churches and peoples of both Uganda and Cuba. Bless their ministry in providing pure drinking water and other vital resources for survival. We pray for healing grace for those stricken by Covid-19 and Your Spirit’s comfort for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones to the pandemic. Jehovah Jireh, we ask You, the God who provides, to meet the needs for these servants of Yours by providing the necessary food, medical supplies, and vaccines for distribution to those in desperate want. Thank You for hearing our prayers, O Lord. Amen



## DAY #6: Vancouver to Malawi

### **St. John's, Vancouver. B.C.**

— Canon David Short and Bishop Elect Dan Gifford

St. John's has several global mission initiatives. One of these is support for the Diocese of Upper Shire, Malawi. Malawi is a land-locked nation in south-eastern Africa. Often called "the warm heart of Africa", it is politically at peace but economically very poor. With a population of 17 million, they have a low average life expectancy, and the average income is less than \$1 per day. About 11% of the population is affected by AIDS and there are over one million orphans. Most people depend on agriculture to earn a living.

The Anglican Church came to Malawi with the missionaries in 1861. The Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire (ADUS), one of four dioceses, is located in an area that extends south from the southern end of Lake Malawi to the country's second largest city, Blantyre. Within its 33 parishes there are 285 church outstations, all led by 33 priests plus 10 retired priests who help. Besides the training for lay and ordained leadership, the diocese is expected to solve problems of poverty – health, pastoral needs, education and politics. To this end it runs 2 national secondary boarding schools, 38 primary schools, 17 secondary day schools, a blind school, a nursing college, 2 hospitals and 8 health centres.

How are we Involved?: St. John's has had a partnership with the Diocese of Upper Shire since 2003. Under the Missions Committee, the St. John's Malawi Committee meets regularly and is in regular communication with people in the Diocese of

Upper Shire. We encourage each other in living the gospel and each year St. John's allocates money to support the diocese. This includes support for priests' salaries, seminary training, the position of Sunday School Coordinator and supplies and equipment to facilitate the spread of the gospel. In times of crisis, such as floods and drought, we have supported the people with relief funds.

**Bible Reading:** "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." — Ephesians 4: 11-12

**Praying together Today:**

Almighty God, You have provided gifts of various ministries for the equipping of the saints and the building up of the body of Christ. Our hearts are so encouraged as we read of these very gifts being utilized in the Diocese of Upper Shire, Malawi for evangelism, pastoral care, education and training. Thank You for the commitment of the people of St. John's Vancouver to this ministry. May the financial, emotional and spiritual needs of the diocese in Malawi be met and may there be great joy at the fruit of their endeavours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

## DAY #7: Victoria to Mexico

### Open Gate Church, Victoria BC

— The Rev. Andrew Hewitt

We have three global mission initiatives:

1. Precious Jewels Ministry: The founders of this organization are two amazing women Joke' Bergink and Lori Anderson. Many years ago they dedicated their lives to helping the poor in the Philippines and Uganda. Check out the website: Precious Jewels Ministry ([preciousjewels.org](http://preciousjewels.org)) They have strong connections with the people of Open Gate Church but they are supported by a number of different churches and denominations. They both lived with the poor near a garbage dump in Manila but now they are handing over the work to the local people. They also pioneered a lot of work with orphans in Uganda.
2. Since 2015 we have had a Cuba Partnership with the REC Church. We support the Rev. Franklin Hamilton at Resurrection church in Florida, Cuba.
3. Mexico Mission in Vicente Guerrero (On the Baja peninsula ): They own a centre on the Baja peninsula where our mission teams stay. We have sent a number of mission teams that have helped build houses and schools in poor communities.

**Bible Readings:** “Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity.” — Acts 9:36

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father

is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." — James 1:27

**Praying Together Today:**

Almighty God, You who through Your word in James 1:27 urged Your Church to care for widows and orphan as a sign of true faith in You, we ask for Your blessing, provision and protection over the Precious Jewels ministry and many others like them who care for street kids and those in places like Mexico City where thousands of kids live on the garbage dumps. Thank You for the many servants of Yours who, like Dorcas, sacrifice personal comfort to reach out with the love of Jesus. May the parish of Open Gate Church, Victoria be blessed by the prayer and support of these ministries. Amen.

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"The man or woman at home who prays often has as much to do with the effectiveness of the missionary on the field, and consequently with the results of his or her labour's, as the missionary." — R. A. Torrey

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## DAY #8: Sault Ste Marie to Angola

### Church of the Good Shepherd, Sault Ste Marie, ON

— The Rev. Richard White & The Rev. Earl Burke

**Dr. Gordon Wong** writes: Through God’s grace I was accepted into the residency training program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Toronto General Hospital. After many years of clinical practice in Sault Ste. Marie, the Lord spoke to me: “Gordon, the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into my harvest”. My wife, Melissa and I took God at His word, and we went on our first mission trip in 2000 to the Muslim province of Ningxia in northwest China. Certainly, we provided oral and maxillofacial surgery treatment, but more importantly people knew that we cared for them because Jesus loved and cared for them. God graciously provided opportunities for us to go on many more mission trips. In the last five years, we have served in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Angola.

The most recent trip to Angola in March 2020 was at the special request of Dr. Steve Foster at the CEML Hospital in Lubango. Steve had attempted the removal of a jaw tumour on a woman 10 years previously, but the massive tumour had recurred. We were able to resect the tumour completely and immediately reconstruct the jaw with titanium metal plates and screws.

However, with the COVID-19 pandemic imminent, I had to return to Canada one week early. On the day of my departure from Lubango, the Lord gave me a verse, Isaiah 26:3 “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he

trusts in you". The Lord kept me in perfect peace as I navigated my way home through the confusion of the Lubango, Windhoek, Johannesburg, Frankfurt and Toronto airports. The impact on my life was that my faith was exercised as I followed in obedience to His call. (see also Melissa Wong on Day #2)

**Bible Reading:** "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." — Isaiah 26:3

**Praying together Today:**

Gracious Father, we thank You that You indeed are faithful to keep Your promises. Thank You for keeping Gordon "in perfect peace" during his time of fruitful ministry. May we, too, have the grace to keep our minds fixed on You and to drink deeply of Your Peace that passes all understanding and which only You can provide. Thank you for the many mission initiatives of the Church of the Good Shepherd and may they continue to serve you around the world. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but it's sending capacity." — Mike Stachura

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"If you take missions out of the Bible, you won't have anything left but the covers" — Nina Gunter

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## **DAY #9: Sault Ste Marie to Cairo**

### **Church of the Good Shepherd, Sault Ste Marie, ON**

— The Rev'd Richard White & The Rev. Earl Burke

The Rev. Richard White writes: “It’s an awe-inspiring thing to sit amidst the ancient ruins of Jabal Al-Qal'a and look across the Jordanian capital of Amman. Jabal Al-Qal'a (Citadel Mountain) includes the ruins of a pagan temple, an ancient Muslim palace, an early Byzantine church, a mosque, and the Citadel. That was where I was sitting. That was the site of the fortress of the Ammonites, the site where David’s faithful soldier Uriah the Hittite was sent into a bloody battle to die, the site of devastation and ruin. As I looked down on Amman I felt a cool disquiet. Below me was a city of four million Muslims and a smattering of Christians, nestled in a region famous for its iron-clad laws against proselytizing. I would learn quickly that God knows what He’s doing!

It was 1985. Linda and I had left our careers as teachers in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario to come to the Middle East. That was the year we fell in love with the Muslim Middle East, the year we began Arabic-language studies, the year we got the first hints that we were grossly under-funded, the year when we began to learn how to “live by-faith” – in a strange land with three children that Linda discovered would need to be home-schooled.

Our mission society was Episcopal World Mission (EWM), based in North Carolina. It was so small that it had only one salaried employee – a business administrator of sorts. Its director was the Rev Dr Paul Walter, who would later become an ACNA

priest and church planter. EWM was unabashedly evangelical at a time when neither the ACofC nor the Episcopal Church USA encouraged evangelistic missionary work. EWM was unique. We raised every cent of our own support by visiting and speaking in Anglican churches from central Florida to northern Ontario. Once overseas we learned how to become cross-cultural. After Arabic studies, we moved from Jordan to the island of Cyprus. There we worked under the oversight of the Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, we assisted an Anglican clergy to do church planting, and I joined a street team that did evangelistic out-reach to Muslim tourists. In our final Cyprus years we were seconded to Youth for Christ Middle East which did youth retreats and training in the Middle Eastern region.

If this sounds autobiographical, I suppose it is, but it's really the story of God's calling and provision. We left the mission field in 1991 to attend seminary at Wycliffe, Toronto. We were flat broke, but in His abundant grace, God provided every cent needed to complete our Master of Divinity degrees. He provided a diocese that embraced us, the Diocese of Algoma. We retired in 2014, and learned that God had more in store. Syrian refugees came to North Bay where we live. I met them while tutoring an ESL class. Their Arabic dialect was the same as we had learned in Jordan!

Then, without any prompting on my part, I was invited to return to the region to lead Anglican congregations in a string of countries – the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, and most recently Egypt. God has instilled in us great love for the Middle East and we've discovered that such love for an adopted culture is a shared experience among those called into overseas missionary ministry.”



**Bible Reading:** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” — Romans 10:13–15

**Praying Together Today:**

Most merciful Father, Your love for the peoples of the entire world is both awe-inspiring and yet humbling. You sent Your Son for all of us and You call specific individuals to preach the Gospel in every language and region. As Richard White has shared, You also impart a love for the peoples of the regions to which You send them – Your love and compassion for those for whom You died. We ask You for a mighty outpouring of Your Spirit upon the Moslem nations of the Middle East. Reveal Yourself through the preaching of the Gospel to hearts eager to respond to the Truth. This we ask, in the Name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## DAY #10: Barrie to Cuba

### Celebration Church, Barrie ON

— The Rev. Paul Simons

In 2014 our “Do Something” Committee undertook a new and exciting international project in Cuba. ANiC congregations were invited to partner with a Reformed Episcopal church in Cuba. Following our first visit to Cuba in 2014 we decided to become a partner with San Marcos church in Moa and to support the New Eden farm project. Our donation of \$4,800.00 CAD each year assists with the salaries of the clergy and the farm workers. The profits raised on the farm assist the church financially and will contribute towards the staffing salaries for future years to come.

For several years members of our congregation have visited our partner churches in Cuba including: Michael Tweedle, the Rev. Peter Williams and Cam & Jane McKenzie. Michael and Peter both visited the farm project travelling overland on an ox cart. On these mission trips we have delivered medicine, Spanish bibles, prayer shawls and water filtration kits, and attended worship services.

In January 2020 it was Gay Welsman who was on the team. The annual ANiC team visits various partner congregations and attends the Cuban Synod meeting. Reflecting on her experience of being on this mission team to Cuba, **Gay Welman** says: “we were a team of nine people, five from Canada and four from the United States. We landed in Havana and our objective was to visit many of the parishes and their clergy as we drove east across the island; to deliver the

medicine, water filtration kits, and other supplies; and to attend the annual Synod in Moa.

Two events had a deep impact on me. The first was a visit to a remote rural congregation. I remember that we had to move quickly from our Mercedes Benz van into a tin wagon pulled by a farm tractor. It drove us along some deeply rutted rural roads. We stopped in front of a very small wooden house. This was the deacon's farm church. There were chairs set up in the living room plus people listening through the open windows and doors. The deacon of the parish gave a very passionate sermon. We were very warmly greeted at the reception in the back yard.

The other event that deeply touched me was a visit to the Bishop's wife. Not all of our team were able to attend the Synod sessions. During one of these Synod sessions Claudia Dorrington and I were asked to visit the Bishop's wife and to pray with her. Her illness has left her blind and very weak. It was quite moving to visit her and to pray for her.

I got a hint of what St. Paul was doing when he journeyed to various places in Israel, Greece and so many other locations. He met with opposition but despite the opposition new churches were established and Christ was lifted high as people understood God's love and mercy toward them. Paul spent much time in his epistles encouraging and teaching new Christians and they grew and flourished despite the obstacles.

I had a sense of this while in Cuba. God's way is to show a path through the desert to His people especially when there seems to be no way. God will make a way!"

**Bible Reading:** “And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.” — Mark 16:20

**Praying together Today:**

O Lord, You have a deep and profound love for the people of Cuba who have suffered so much. Thank You for the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church there and for the opportunity for Celebration Church, Barrie, to participate with them. Father, You have promised to “confirm the message by signs”, and we ask that there might be a mighty outpouring of Your Spirit of Revival upon this land. Bless those that minister in love and bless those that hear the Gospel with the gift of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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I rejoice to say that much work and partnership IS taking place around the globe, but there is much more still to be done to inspire and encourage us to participate in God’s global and great commission.  
— Archbishop Foley Beach

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## DAY #11: Marlborough to Ghana and Montreal to Cuba

### Holy Trinity, Marlborough MA

— Archdeacon Michael McKinnon

While our main focus is on local outreach we have the following international projects:

1) We financially and prayerfully support a Christian Missionary to East Asia (who was associated with AMMiC). His/her name and identity is not disclosed for their safety. We are honoured to help support such a courageous Christian missionary who places the Lord and the Good News of life and salvation in Jesus Christ before his/her life.

2) We financially and prayerfully support a sister congregation, "St. Mary's Anglican Church, Kumasi, Ghana." We have a longtime member who belonged to this church before moving to the States. We are committed to praying for one another. We help support them financially and they have sent altar frontals and stoles which we utilize regularly.

3) We financially and prayerfully support a Christian Ministry in Israel. CMJ Israel began in the 1800s, is Anglican, and is affiliated with the ACNA.

**Bible Reading:** “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.” — Matthew 19:29

### **Praying Together Today:**

Almighty God, our merciful Father, through the centuries You have called men and women of faith to proclaim the Gospel and to meet the needs of a hurting world. We pray for the ministries that You have specifically asked the parish of Holy Trinity, Marlborough to support. Protect these faithful servants of Yours from all assaults of the enemy, provide for their practical and financial needs, and grant them discernment and vision for the future of their work. All these things we ask in the Name of Jesus who lives and reigns with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **St. Timothy's Anglican Bible Church, Pointe-Claire QC**

— The Rev. Dan Endresen

**Bob DeJean**, our Missions Committee chairperson reports:

In our evangelism and our service we seek to move outside ourselves to impact our community and our world with the good news of the redemptive and transforming power of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a community where people from all walks of life feel welcomed, loved, and encouraged to grow in their faith and in good works. We support the discovery and use of each Christian's spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ.

St. Tim's began in 2021 to contribute to a mission church in Cuba, through the Reformed Episcopal Church. We correspond regularly with Pastor Miguel. Our hope is to meet in person if that can be arranged.

St. Tim's is helping in the organization of a church plant in St. Lazare. Once the various legal barriers have been surmounted, they will be a dynamic new church in a growing area.

We feel called to do more, so this is a work in progress.

**Bible Reading:** "At the present time, your abundance will meet their need, so that one day their abundance may also meet your need, and thus there may be equality,"  
- 2 Corinthians 8:14 (NET)

**Praying Together Today:**

Most merciful Father, we are grateful to You for awakening the desires of the people of St. Timothy's Church to "move outside ourselves to impact our community and our world with the Good News", and we thank You for their mutually beneficial relationship with a mission church in Cuba and the church plant in St. Lazare, QC. Prosper these ministries, we ask You, and lead them to other such gospel endeavours as they respond to Your call upon us all through the Great Commission. May Your Name be glorified in all such activities. This we ask in the Name of One whose death and resurrection made the gift of salvation available to all who would put their trust in Him. Amen.

## Reflection

We are now half way through this missions' book. The following are a few reflection questions based on what you have read so far:

1. What mission account has most impacted you, and why?
2. Is there a mission project (or a missionary) for whom you pray regularly? Who? Why do you feel a connection to them?
3. Write out a Bible verse that speaks to you about world missions:
4. What will your congregation be doing to mark World Mission Sunday on February 20th?
5. Do you feel inspired to become more involved in world missions? If so, How?



## **DAY #12: Canada to Paraguay**

### **Anglican Relief and Development – Canada**

— Michael Tweedle – Executive Director

Educational opportunities help break the cycle of poverty in low-income neighbourhoods. Paraguay has a young population, with children ages 1 to 14 making up almost a quarter of the 7 million people living there. Asunción, the capital of Paraguay, is the most populated city in the country. It is organized geographically into districts, including Zeballos Cué, where 70 percent of the population are school-age children.

Some time back, Redeemer Anglican Church and the Anglican Church of Paraguay refurbished the Pepe Semillita preschool building in Zeballos Cué, creating a primary school that has since been officially recognized by Paraguay's Ministry of Education. Now named El Redentor School, it has since grown from 11 preschoolers to 70 students from preschool to the third grade.

Through the generosity of ANiC donors, the school is now beginning construction of a second level to almost double the capacity of the school. This will allow the school to eventually serve students from preschool to ninth grade, teaching them Christian values and helping them gain an understanding of the Christian faith. The construction will be completed in time for the return of the student in March, 2021 (the end of their summer holidays).

### Life Impact:

This construction will benefit about 165 people, some in multiple ways:

- 110 students will experience a Christian education
- 55 children will benefit from weekend activities, including 40 children who will take part in the Saturday Bible club and 15 youth who will play soccer.

The total amount required for this project (and now fully funded, thank the Lord) is \$86,599 USD. For more information about this project and ARDF-C go to: <https://ardfc.ca/>

**Bible Reading:** Now the Lord said to Abram, "... I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you..." — Genesis 12:1-20 (ESV)

### Praying Together Today:

Merciful Father, we are deeply grateful for the varied ministry of ARDF-C, a God-given opportunity for the churches of ANiC to sow back into some of the nations whose Anglican leadership stood with us in episcopal oversight and prayer support in the very early days of our formation. Specifically, we thank You for the major expansion of the El Redentor School in Asunción, the capital of Paraguay, and for the sufficient funds to make this project possible. Bless these children, we pray, and those who teach and mentor them in the Gospel. May they indeed be a blessing to their community and a beacon of light in the darkness around them. In the Name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

## DAY #13: Abbotsford to Cuba

### Holy Cross Church, Abbotsford BC

— Canon Barclay Mayo

(Cuba Mission Society co-ordinator)

As the Cuba mission society co-ordinator, I have been the point-person for communication with our church partners in Cuba. While you may have read news reports about the turmoil and hardship in Cuba, the reports I was receiving last summer were heart rending. There were acute shortages of food, fuel and medicine. The Cuban government changed their currency so that prices for basic necessities rose significantly and the monthly stipend from the government was reduced. All of this happened in the midst of covid! I received the following from one of the senior clergy in Cuba:

“Brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord be poured out on you is our daily prayer. I am sending an update on the status of the Diocese at the request of my friend the Reverend Barclay Mayo.

Our church is subjected to the will of the government that is going through its worst political, social and economic crisis, delivering us with innumerable repressive measures and an uncertain future for the people in general and especially for the most orthodox Church by a number of resolutions that they go against basic gospel doctrines.

The virus is still very active throughout the country, the official media reports an average of 9000 infections a day

and 90 deaths, but we all know that the reality is three times worse.

This situation has led to the collapse of the health and funeral system, exposing the reality of our situation to the outside world. All of the clergy continue working pastorally with each family, and in the midst of adversity the church expands and consolidates. Last month we baptized a family of four. Brother Jesus has been of great help in this work.

I want to share with you my very sad experience today. As if that were not enough to have been on the verge of death at home without any medical attention, having to stand in long lines to buy food at \$4.50 (to the state) so that my children can have something for breakfast.

As if that were not enough to deal with all kinds of deficiencies and cries before the eyes of God begging for the lives of the people around us, I then also have to pay a fine of \$2000 just for riding my motorcycle ??? !!! So, my brothers, they have fined me, because it is now forbidden to use all types of private sector transportation.

Before concluding this report I want to send a big hug full of good feelings for each of you from our brothers. We long for your visits, your prayers, your smiles, etc. But we know that we are united in Christ, that this world is changing and the Word of the Lord is being fulfilled in our lives. Until we can meet we pray a lot for you. God bless you!!!”

During this covid crisis the Cuba Society has continued active in our support of our partners in Cuba. Bishop Walter Banek

chairs our regular meetings and through the hard work of our treasurer Nelson Buffet, plus the assistance of one of the Canadian banks, we have been able to continue our financial support.

Bishop Charlie Masters made an appeal to the ANiC clergy in June and two more parishes became Cuba partners in 2021 and one more will begin in 2022. Thank you so much! As well, through the generosity of many “over-and above” donations we have also sent emergency relief funds. Bishop Charles & Claudia Dorrington continue to inspire us with their fervent intercession and support of these clergy and congregations. (See the back of this book for a full list of the ANiC partner churches)

**Bible Reading:** “Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me”.

— Mathew 25 34–36

**Praying Together Today:**

*This prayer was written by Bishop Charles Dorrington:*

Almighty Father, Creator of all things, Shepherd of all people, Who has brought to Cuba the work of the Reformed Episcopal Mission Diocese of Cuba, help us, we pray, in the Ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the Bishops and Clergy, and the People of the churches, church-plants and home missions. May they grow in faith and trust in You

as they open Your Word to those who have walked before in spiritual darkness and not heard of the salvation of souls through the saving blood of Jesus Christ. Pour upon them the continual dew of Your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## **DAY #14: Port Perry to Honduras**

### **New Song, Port Perry. ON**

— The Rev. Creighton Friedrich

We believe that every person who comes to New Song Church is called to lead a missional life, serving Jesus Christ wherever He has placed them. We want to equip you to do just that.

New Song Church is actively and intentionally involved in mission work, both in our local community and in other parts of the world. We help to support several people engaged in full-time mission work and encourage parishioners to become involved themselves.

We support Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coxen Hole community in Roatan, Honduras. The Rev's Nelson Meija and

Kara Thompson-Neija write: “Our ministry is base on Ephesians 4:12, Perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, to continue to establish the Episcopal/Anglican Church in the Bay Island and to reach as many of the local population to became followers of Jesus Christ as possible. It is our hope that we can lead the people to live a better Christian life by providing the spiritual support and resources to help them grow and learn and serve our God.

In addition, our church building is designed to be used as a Hurricane shelter in case of emergency. Many local people find solace in our building, seeking spiritual support, friendship, parenting advice, and advice about life in general. Our building has hosted many events (besides church services) since it has been built such as: comfort and community dinner, sewing classes, temporary free medical clinic, youth events, etc...

We would like to continue finishing this building to make it as comfortable as possible to maximize it’s use for the community of Coxen Hole and it’s surroundings. Praise the Lord!”

We give all glory and honour to the Lord for your partnering with us. Without your support and especially your prayers, our ministry would never have been possible. We give our heartfelt special thanks to all of you for your sacrificial giving.

We pray that even though we live in a time of unprecedented changes in our personal lives and church communities, all of us will have a blessed new year full of the assurance that God is leading us through the hard challenges we are facing.

Certainly it has been a difficult experience this year, but things are better on the island. Since we are no longer locked down on Roatan, islanders, especially those working with tourism, are finding ways to survive until tourism returns. There are still many families in need, but it is not quite as desperate as before. At the moment we are moving the kitchen to a smaller space with the purpose of cooking once a month to support families in need.

For many reasons, these past 2 years have been very eventful. We were faced with challenges no one was prepared for that changed the way we live and how we connect with each other. We welcome 2022 with many expectations for ministry and life in general. Your prayers and continued support enable us to continue touching people's lives with Jesus' love."

**Bible Reading:** "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40:

**Praying Together Today:**

Good Lord, we thank You for the commitment of the people of New Song Church, Port Perry, to a missional life and to reaching out to "one of the least of these" in the Name of Christ. We thank You also for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coxen Hole community in Roatan, Honduras. Like so many nations, Covid has ravaged Honduras. We cry out to You for Your mercy upon the people of Coxen Hole, asking You for healing for those stricken by the pandemic and provision for the many struggling to provide for their families because of increased unemployment. May the ministry of Emmanuel Church be fruitful in both assisting those in great need and in



spreading the Love of God through both their actions and words. We ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.



## **DAY #15: Canada to Cambodia**

### **Anglican Relief and Development – Canada**

— Michael Tweedle – Executive Director

ARDF Canada's newest project is a Church Plant and Girls' Dormitory in the Anglican Church of Cambodia.

The Anglican Church of Cambodia seeks to establish a new church in Phnom Penh Thmey. It will be located in a growing municipality in the suburbs of Phnom Penh. This will allow the diocese to provide church and discipleship services to members, train church leaders, conduct youth and children ministries, and support community development programs to meet the needs of the congregation. The new church plant will host worship services in Khmer and Chinese languages and is projected to serve 100 to 150 people in the first year. After three years, the church is expected to be self-sufficient.

The diocese will also establish a hostel for girls from surrounding poor villages so they have safe accommodations while attending high school in town. Currently the church can house only four girls, although they have received requests to house more. The new hostel will expand the capacity to 20 girls. An additional staff member will be added to care and guide the girls; the girls will pay a monthly fee and contribute to community life by cleaning and cooking for each other.

Anticipated Lives Impacted: 200

Projected cost: \$47,150 USD

Please pray for the girls who will have access to education in town because of the new dormitory. Pray for the Cambodian clergy as they launch the church plant and seek to reach new believers in this community.

For more information about this project and ARDF-C go to: <https://ardfc.ca/>

**Bible Reading:** “But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him.” — 1 John 3:17-19 ESV

**Praying together Today:**

Gracious and loving God, once again we thank You for raising up churches and Christian educational facilities that will reach youth with the Good News of Christ. We think specifically of ARDF-C's latest project in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The provision of safe residence for girls receiving life-changing

Christian education is such a blessing for them, something that we in the West too easily take for granted. Bless also, we pray, the clergy of the Anglican Church of Cambodia as they plant strategic parishes. Give them wisdom, discernment and protection; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



## **DAY #16: Vancouver to Fukushima**

### **Church of All Nations, Vancouver BC**

— The Rev. Shihoko Warren

Church of All Nations under AMMiC has taken seriously our call to be part of the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)

Our parish consists of people with Japanese backgrounds and people with other ethnic backgrounds, who have a burden for Japanese mission. More than 99% of Japan's 126 million don't know the Gospel. As you see, Japanese Mission is greatly needed to complete the full Body of Christ.

Church of All Nations has been committed to Japanese mission, creating networks with local churches in Japan,

organizing annual mission trips to Japan (pre-COVID), supporting pastors, missionaries, and Christian artists in Japan.

We have a particular burden for missions in Fukushima, where the catastrophe of the Nuclear Disaster occurred in March 2011. Over the past decade, Church of All Nations has supported people, churches and pastors in Fukushima. We have visited there annually to share the Gospel, as well as continuing to provide financial support to local churches. For the 10<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Fukushima last Lent, we organized online prayer meetings with pastors in Fukushima and continue to support them, even though we cannot visit in-person during covid.

Canada is actually a significant mission field for all nations! Many Japanese people come to know Christ and become Christians when they are living abroad outside of Japan, as they are free from the pressure of Japanese society, religious customs and cultural practices. Our community here in Vancouver has a great opportunity to reach out to the Japanese people with the Gospel.

Church of All Nations has also focused on “**proclaiming the gospel to the whole creation**”. In response to the great destruction of God’s beautiful creation in Fukushima, our community has been leading a Creation Care ministry, called ‘New Eden’ over the past 8 years. This gardening / farming ministry has reached out to first generation immigrants and refugees from nearly 30 different ethnic backgrounds.

People from Japan have also visited New Eden to learn from it as a unique evangelistic model. Pastors, Christian workers

and artists from Japan also visited New Eden as a place of spiritual rest and retreat. We intentionally grow produce to share with the lost, homeless, the sick, hospices, senior homes and people with special needs. Our people joyfully cook meals with our produce and use this to reach out to the people.

Church of All Nations continues to participate in Christ's mission to the world through our unique ministries! We are open to joyfully share our resources for the Japanese mission as well as our New Eden Creation Care model.

**Bible Reading:** "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." — Mark 16:15

**Praying Together Today:**

O Lord God, Creator of the universe, no place on earth is a stranger to You because You created it all. We thank You for raising up the Church of All Nations and for putting on their hearts the people of Japan. Thank You for the creativity in various forms of evangelism that You have birthed in them, especially the New Eden Creation Care ministry. Father, bless them with meeting all their need, both spiritual and temporal, as they seek to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation"; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen



## DAY #17: Windsor to Angola

### **St. Aiden's, Windsor ON**

— The Rev. David Pennylegion

At St Aidan's we support various missionaries and mission organizations. We believe we are called to support the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world by proclaiming the Word in our words and deeds. If you have an interest in mission work we encourage you to contact us to discuss how you might fulfill your calling.

Serving in Mission (SIM) from Norm and Audrey Henderson:

We are on our second career (at least!), in Angola, Africa working with CEML, a hospital in the southern city of Lubango. Norm provides IT and admin/logistics support and trains others, Audrey applies her community nursing background and mentors CEML's nurses. Together they run Alpha courses and serve the local church. Along the way we spent most of 2010 in Porto, Portugal to learn Angola's official language, Portuguese.

Early today, Easter Saturday morning, we were overjoyed to witness the baptism of five adults plus eight young people in the river near the church plant where we are involved. We have taken on a role as spiritual mentors for the four adults from the Heva community, so before the baptism we had two sessions with them to stress that they were going to follow Christ's Easter path by dying in the river waters, and come back to life as new people with a new character, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Francisco nearly missed out: nervous about the baptismal requirement to verbally confess, he skipped his meeting. However this morning he appeared and made his confession. Another woman asked for baptism but her family forbade her: a promise made at birth to the local witch doctor binds her in a debt. Demonic traditions in this culture often hold people back from the kingdom of God; but Jesus died to set such captives free and give them new, abundant life.

Norm continues fully employed to say the least! The Hospital Information System is making slow progress; pray with us for a breakthrough in staff acceptance of the need for care and accuracy. We are thankful that the Pharmacy inventory is now in good enough shape that we can begin ordering on a planned basis rather than in reaction to shortages.

Pray that God will guide implementation in the wards and consulting rooms, involving a lot more staff. To no-one's surprise, equipment breaks on a recurring basis! Today emergency power failed in the operating rooms; this was quickly resolved, but needs review and a definitive solution which may mean more money. The sterilizer needs a US\$10,000 overhaul to get out of the current cycle of failures and repairs; hospitals in the west do this at least yearly and we haven't done it in six years. The oxygen generator is running at 60% rather than 95% purity and requires major parts (US\$25,000). The list goes on... Please pray that God will meet these needs.

**Bible Reading:** "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." — Jeremiah 17:14

**Praying Together Today:**

Eternal God and Father, we are so grateful to You for the ministries of Your faithful servants around the world. Today, we think specifically of Norm and Audrey Henderson, and their current work in Angola at CEML hospital (Centro Evangelico de Medicina de Lubango). Anoint them, we pray, as they bring vital, practical experience to the nurses and much-needed help to the logistical side of running a hospital. We pray for the funds required to upgrade older equipment that is failing and putting lives at risk. Thank You for the fruitful evangelism that accompanies their practical assistance. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

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“Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is—where life and death, sin and grace, heaven and hell converge.” — Robert C. Shannon

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## DAY #18: Toronto to Burundi

### Christ the King, Toronto. ON

— Alexis (university student)

Alexis is a university student who wrote the following about her recent mission experience: “for the majority of the school year of 2019–2020 I was in Burundi, East Africa, teaching missionary kids at Kibuye Hope Academy. The team there is made up of a group of international and local doctors who have partnered with a university in Burundi to help to train local medical students.

During my time there, when I wasn’t teaching, I was able to go up to the hospital in a medical intern role and observe the work that was being done there. Burundi does not have any residency programs for doctors and so they are unable to learn the skills of specific specialties the way that doctors do in most developed countries. The team of missionary doctors is working to help teach these additional skills as well as helping to do the work of providing medical care at the hospital.

For me personally, I was most impacted by the people that I met during my time in Burundi, both the international team members and their children as well as the local doctors, nurses, medical students and translators. I am still in touch with many of them! I have too many specific memories to mention, so I’ll just pick two.

The first is a memory of a patient in the ophthalmology unit who had just had cataract surgery and had gone from near-blindness to sight. She literally was dancing for joy in the

middle of the office! Especially in rural areas of Burundi, impaired vision has a huge impact on quality of life and life expectancy. That means that cataract surgery, which only takes about 15 minutes, is very literally life changing.

The other memory I'll share is that of attending a Bible Study with local medical students and doctors. In small groups we would work through a chapter of the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan (the French translation) and share experiences from our lives that related. Hearing stories from the lives of people who had had very different life experiences than mine, and seeing their faith, was very impactful for me.

Though my time there was cut a few months short by the pandemic, I was so thankful for having had the opportunity to work alongside and partner with such an incredible team of people. I know this experience has become a part of me and continues to shape me."

**Bible Reading:** "Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow." — Jeremiah 31:13

**Praying Together Today:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the testimony of Alexis who, like many other young Christians, has given months of her life to Your service in foreign lands. Thank You also for this specific medical ministry to the people of Burundi. The image of the woman dancing with joy at her restored eye sight following cataract surgery is a wonderful metaphor of a new believer in Jesus seeing the Kingdom for the first time! Pour

out Your blessings upon this ministry as their need requires; in the mighty Name of our Saviour, Christ Jesus. Amen.



## **DAY #19: Pembroke to Madagascar**

### **St. Luke's Pembroke ON**

— Archdeacon Tim Parent and Deacon Jane Parent

We at St Luke's are involved in missions to the wider world in various ways:

Missionaries:

1) We support a number of Missionaries:

a) Norm & Audrey Henderson, an IT guy & a nurse, working in Angola through SIM in hospital work and church planting. They are members of ANiC from the Ottawa area, and we are often able to have them visit in person but continue to support them year round by email, prayer and finances. They recently did a couple of online presentations which we incorporated in our recorded services. One of our young women went and

spent a month helping Norm and Audrey for her own mission experience.

b) We also have had a direct connection with Madagascar orphanages and training centres through the work of another local ANiC member, Mary Sherwood and her team. Mary has visited St. Luke's on numerous occasions and we support the mission again through prayer and finances.

c) We now have a retired Missouri Synod Lutheran priest (Hank Young) worshipping with us who worked in Sudan for years. We have supported him in the past, and he is now setting us up to partner with an orphanage there in dire need.

d) Andrew Bailey is a Pembroke native active in his own church (Pentecostal I think) whose work in South Africa we support-- he's currently home because of Covid and working with our town's outreach centre for those in need, The Grind.

#### Companion Parishes:

2) We have 3 companion parishes outside of North America with whom we correspond and have a prayer partnership.

a) Bishop Don Harvey linked us up with Christ the Redeemer parish in Recife Brazil. We have had two attempts to have in-person short term missions with them: on one occasion we wanted to send a team of about 8 people to Recife from St. Luke's, and on another we tried to have the Brazilian rector's daughter (aged 22 at the time) come to spend a month with us. Both attempts were thwarted by our respective governments who would not grant visas. We were however able to have their former rector visit us and participate in a service when he traveled with Bishop Don.

b) St. Paul's Rakaia in New Zealand. While at GAFCON in Jerusalem in June of 2018 I met The Rev. Al Drye who was contemplating, along with other New Zealand clergy and

churches, to follow in ANIC's footsteps in stepping out of their liberal Anglican church to form a new jurisdiction within GAFCON. We hit it off and I was able to share with Al our experiences at St. Luke's and coach him a little (although I am sure he has coached me just as much. By November 2018 St. Paul's was born and is now thriving. I meet with Al online every couple of months for an hour, we pray for each other as churches and share news. We sent their parish a banner and a communion set when they were getting started. Al was to have spent a week with us just after Easter last year but unfortunately covid killed that. We have used a recorded sermon of Al's and have sent them recorded material also, and we did do a joint prayer meeting online once.

- c) Also at GAFCON I made a friendship with The Rev. Philip de Gray Warter who has since formed Anchor Anglican Church in Cornwall England. We have not had as close a connection as with St. Paul's, but we have prayed for each other, sent them a communion set, and sent supportive videos to each other. I have an Anchor banner hanging in my office, and we were able to pray together with Bishop Charlie, Phil and two of his lay people at the ACNA Assembly in Dallas in 2019 just before they launched. Again I feel we at St. Luke's have gained more than we have given through this partnership.

We are hoping to send some members on a mission trip in the next few years, as the Lord leads, hopefully in partnership with our companion parishes or missionaries..

**Bible Reading:** “Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.” — 1 Corinthians 3:5

**Praying Together Today:**

Gracious and loving God, You have given us such a tremendous privilege in partnering with You in the spreading of Your kingdom and the redemption of the world. Thank You for the varied outreach ministries that You have led the people of St. Luke’s, Pembroke to support through prayer and finances. Grant each of these missionary endeavours the finances required to fulfill their callings, and abundant and visible fruit of their labours – fruit that remains, as You promised. These things we ask through Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord. Amen

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“God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His Name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.”  
— John Piper

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## **DAY #20: Bonavista to Sudan**

### **All Saints, Bonavista NL**

— The Rev. Shaun O'Connor

All Saints Bonavista has a relationship with Bishop Francis Loyo of the Diocese of Rokon in South Sudan. This relationship started in 2008, just after our bishop had returned from the Lambeth Conference. He had met Bishop Francis during an indaba discussion group and noticed a severe scar on his leg. It had been caused by being strung up upside down by the police after refusing to allow a witchdoctor to conduct a ceremony in the Anglican cemetery. That was what ministry was like in Sudan.

Sandra and I became friends with Bishop Francis' remarkable young daughter, Hannah, who was trying to provide sanitary napkins to young women so that they could stay in school and be healthy. We assisted Hannah not only with the napkins, but also in completing her undergraduate degree in Public Health.

Since joining ANiC, our family and parish of All Saints Bonavista have continued to grow in our mutual friendship, prayer and care with Bishop Francis and his diocese. They are an encouragement to us and support our position in ANiC. St. Matthew's Gander (ANiC) has also shared in this relationship.

Hannah, who is single, has had to care for her three nieces, and yet also contributes her health knowledge and skills in the South Sudanese refugee camps. She is very resourceful. We are currently preparing an application to ARDFC with her for the development of a sustainable sanitary napkin fabrication

facility. We still pray for her to be able to study in Canada and return to serve her country. Hannah calls us her “family.” We exchange e-mails with her and occasionally call her, although contact is not always easy.

Bishop Francis Loyo died in September 2021 and was buried in Rokon, South Sudan. Hannah spoke at the funeral and said that he died peacefully, with some family members about him. He was tired, Hannah said, and ready to die. He was very dear to our hearts.

Hannah, herself, is rundown and suffering from malaria. We hope that she will have the opportunity to grieve and rest herself. She has been trying to establish a 'Loving Arms Foundation' to continue her father's legacy of caring for children and young people. We hope that this can one day be linked with us as a Canadian charity.

**Bible Reading:** “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only ... Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction.” — James 1: 22 and 27

**Praying Together Today:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the great opportunity afforded to the members of All Saints, Bonavista and St. Matthews, Gander in partnering with the Diocese of Rokon in South Sudan. We Christians in “the West” have only a slight inkling of what it really means to follow You in many nations of the world. Forgive us for our frequent indifference and presumption upon Your Grace. We pray for Hannah and those that she cares for. May You be Jehovah Jireh to her and her ministry for children and youth. Protect her, we pray, from all



assaults of the enemy. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen



## **BONUS DAY #21: Toronto to the Gambia**

### **Christ the King, Toronto ON**

— The Rev. Dr. Glen Taylor

Glen Taylor writes about the training of Christian Leaders in The Gambia (West Africa): In 2010 an opportunity arose that is truly extraordinary for a Muslim-majority country: the national university of the Gambia added a major in Christian Studies to its course offerings. Moreover, the approved curriculum is entirely conducive to the Christian faith and is designed to equip Christians for such things as pastoring, growing churches, and teaching Christianity in the public-school system.

When I first heard of this remarkable development, I asked several Christian friends for help by providing much needed start-up funds—which they did. And since then, I have asked these same friends—more of whom are needed—to help provide tuition scholarships that will enable local Christians to

pay the cost of tuition for study at the University (roughly \$1000 Cdn per year), plus a modest stipend of \$200 for such things as travel, books, and photocopying. (Students need the support because a typical wage is around \$6 per day, making tuition more like \$60,000 per year by our standards.)

In November 2021 I made my first trip back to The Gambia in three years. On these visits I meet the students and faculty, I meet with denominational leaders plus there are always unexpected opportunities for ministry and to strengthen the Christian Studies program. My thanks to Christ the King, Toronto and ANiC for your much appreciated support.

During this trip I was able to meet with most of the teaching faculty and met with all of the students. They are very excited about their studies and very grateful for the support from their Canadian sponsors. Additional financial support from Canada allowed me to distribute \$100 to each of the 30 students and another \$100 for each student will follow in the next term.

I have been made an honorary associate at Saint Paul's, Jarjue where I preached on November 14th and brought greetings from all the Canadian supporters. I also spoke on the local Christian radio on two occasions. It happened that the topic was the fall and human sin from Genesis chapters 3 and 6.

I covet your prayers for: for an upturn in economic conditions for the Gambia, since serious challenges can contribute to civil unrest, instability, and quickly turn into a nasty downward cycle. During the past months there have been a number of strikes at the university; we hope the second semester may proceed on schedule, and more students may be attracted to the Christian Studies Program. Please also pray for stamina

and good health for the students, especially as they prepare for and take exams; may they do so with integrity. Pray for ongoing financial needs of our students, as many struggle to make ends meet on a daily basis.

**Bible Reading:** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows – light! sunbursts of light! .... For a child has been born, for us!, the gift of a son – for us! He’ll take over the running of the world. — Isaiah 9:2 & 6. (The Message).

**Praying Together Today:**

O Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! Thank You for this miraculous opportunity in the Gambia to preach the Gospel and to train ministers in pastoral care. We dare to ask You, Father, that there might be similar breakthroughs in other predominately Muslim countries. May Your light burst forth! We pray also for the finances to meet the needs of students and staff, and we thank You for the generous gifts that You have already provided. We ask all this in the precious Name of Jesus. Amen

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"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." — John Stott

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## **BONUS DAY #22: The Gambia to Canada**

### **Christian Studies Program — University of the Gambia (west Africa)**

*The following are two thank you letters sent to ANiC from sponsored students in the Christian Studies program at the University of Gambia (west Africa):*

Praise our God and King, hymns of adoration sing ..... ever sure. The Christian studies program at the University of the Gambia has had a great impact in my quest for a deeper theological insight and an in depth personal spirituality . The course has opened my eyes to the various ways and challenges we face in mission and ministry.

We have, through this course, been able to appreciate working together and appreciating our shared values and our faith in Christ which binds us together. This has given the church the opportunity to send committed and dedicated young persons in attaining a sound theological education spread amongst the different denominations in the Gambia which has helped to boost Christian response in the spread of the gospel.

This has all been made possible through your good initiative and benevolence. We say a big THANKS to all who make our studies possible at the University of the Gambia. We are now able through your initiative to teach, preach and share our faith confidently and participate effectively in Christian circle debates.

We are very confident with our present lectures and hope that this program be extended to a Masters level. We continue to

pledge our support in this program by making sure that we all excel as we take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you once again! God bless.

— Jacob Okiki Cole (third year student. University of the Gambia)

I greet you and your entire family in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I appreciate God for your prayers and financial support for my education in the Gambia Christian studies program. I am from Liberia and I speak Dan. My name is Emmanuel and I am currently living in the Gambia where I undertake ministry. I remain thankful to you for your concern for the holy ministry of Jesus Christ. May God bless your family and your ministry in Canada.

The Christian studies program scholarship was provided to me as a result of financial support from Canada and has been an added advantage to my ministry work. Your financial support is an honour to me and my family living here in the Gambia.

I am also thankful for the hard working coordinator Professor Benjamin Michael. It was through him that I am able to enrol in the University for these theological studies. They will serve as a gateway to the promotion of God's word here in the Gambia and Africa at large.

Again, I pray for you that God will keep and strengthen you for the good job that you are doing. Thank you truly in Jesus name.

— Emmanuel (first year student. University of the Gambia)

**Bible Reading:** “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove

what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” — Romans 12:2

**Praying Together Today:**

O Lord our God, You are at work all over the world in bringing people to Yourself and preparing them to be workers “sent into the harvest”. Thank You for these two young Africans, sponsored to attend the Christian Studies program at the University of the Gambia. We ask Your blessing upon those in Canada who helped to make this financially possible, and may the fruit of this training truly result in the transformation of renewed minds and a mighty harvest for the Kingdom of God, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.





## Youth Mission Scholarship

This year we are offering two scholarships of \$1000 each for youth under the age of 25 years who will be on a cross-cultural mission team. Visit the On Mission web page <https://www.anglicannetwork.ca/on-mission> for the youth scholarship application form. Being part of a mission team can be transformational and we want to encourage ANiC youth to have a hands on immersive global missions experience.



### Tell us More ....

If your church is not mentioned in this booklet we would love to hear from you. Please send us a one page summary of what your parish is doing in global missions. We will post this on the ANiC website and we will be pleased to feature it in a future edition of this book.

Also, if you have been on a recent mission team or are involved in a global mission initiative we would love to hear your story and the impact that it has had on your life. We want to share and celebrate the global mission initiatives that are being undertaken by ANiC churches and their members. Please send us a one page account of your experience participating in world missions.

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## **A Parish Mission Committee — Check List**

- establish a mission's committee which reports to the Parish Board or to Vestry
- appoint a chairperson who has a heart for missions
- allocate a percentage of the annual budget to outreach & missions (local, national and international)
- ask for quarterly reports from the parish mission's committee
- prayerfully select a limited number of mission projects which connect with your church members
- communicate with your overseas partners each month
- share mission reports with your congregation each month
- seek creative ways to engage children & families in support of your mission projects
- mission committee members pray daily for the projects
- include prayer for the mission projects in the Sunday intercessions regularly
- through the year host representatives of the mission agencies in the parish (or by video)
- fundraise in creative ways
- don't be afraid to ask the hard questions about effectiveness, use of resources and accountability

(see also 7 Habits of an Effective Missions Committee)

## Anglican Relief and Development Fund – Canada (ARDF–C)

At the Anglican Relief & Development Fund Canada (ARDF–C), we believe that Christ’s command to love our neighbours as ourselves is integrally linked to His commission to go into all the world and make disciples.

### \*\* Outstanding leadership:

ARDFC projects are select by a Canadian board – under the leadership of Bishop Charlie Masters – from a list of projects that have been vetted and approved by an international board

of trustees. These trustees are all global Anglican leaders, including Baroness Caroline Cox, Archbishop Foley Beach, and six Global South Anglican Primates.



The Anglican Relief and  
Development Fund Canada

### \*\* Global partnerships:

Excellent global connections, through ARDF, allow us to identify projects initiated and undertaken by Global South dioceses seeking to meaningfully demonstrate the love of Christ in their communities.

### \*\* Building discipleship:

We support community-based projects that strengthen our church partners, incorporate evangelism and reflect Christ-centred values and worldview.

### \*\* Careful stewardship:

Project proposals are rigorously researched then reviewed by the Primates on ARDF’s board who select the projects ARDF

will fund. Completed projects are carefully followed-up to ensure the objectives were met.

**\*\* Proven trusteeship:**

ARDF-C was launched in the spring of 2010 and already, with God's help and the generous support of people across Canada, we have been able to direct \$180,000 to fund four projects on three continents. Total ARDF investments (from Canada, United States, and Australia) has been \$4.9 million in 106 completed projects. In addition, the ARDF was able to send \$1.5 million in emergency assistance to meet urgent disaster relief needs. With the recent launch of ARDF-Australia, we are able to do even more to alleviate suffering and offer health, hope and dignity in Jesus' name.

— Michael Tweedle  
Executive Director ARDF-C



## **Asian & Multicultural Ministries**

Under the leadership of Bishop Stephen Leung, the Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC) – a ministry of the Anglican Network in Canada launched in November 2009 – is a mission to facilitate the development and growth of Asian and multicultural Christian churches in Canada at a time when the country is experiencing phenomenal growth of visibly minority populations, particularly Asian immigrants. The most neglected of these Asian immigrants are:

- The many marginalized immigrants with poor language skills and low-paying jobs
- The growing number of transnational mainland Chinese satellite families

AMMiC seeks to ground and nurture the multicultural and Asian-Canadian Christian communities in the Biblical faith as they face the challenges posed by western secularism and post-modernism and wrestle with the meaning and significance of their cultural heritage. AMMiC has been training clergy and planting churches.

AMMiC also seeks to build partnerships among Asian-Canadian churches in order to mutually enrich, support and challenge one another in Gospel witness. For more information or to donate to AMMiC visit their website: <http://www.ammic.ca/>

## **Cuba Church Planting with the Reformed Episcopal Church**

In July 2003, the the Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada received an email from a man in Moa, Cuba, asking for Episcopal oversight for a small home group that wished to become a church with ordained clergy. This call to action was answered by Bishop Charles & Claudia Dorrington in Victoria B.C. Since this first visit they have travelled to Cuba twice a year training clergy and planting churches throughout the island. In recent years a seminary has been launched to provide theological education.

By 2013 this work was expanding so quickly that Bishop Dorrington approached the Anglican Network in Canada asking if we would partner with them in this church planting mission. Bishop Trevor Walters and Canon Barclay Mayo travelled with the Dorringtons on their next trip to Cuba and thus began ANiC's involvement in this exciting work. In the past 4 years parishes across the United States have also become more involved in this mission. Bishop Walter Banek (Diocese of Mid-America REC) now chairs the Cuba Mission Society meetings.

Each year a team travels to Cuba for about a week to visit parishes, support clergy and attend the annual Synod. Other times through the year smaller teams (or members of ANiC travelling to Cuba for a holiday) deliver medicine, water filtration kits, and clergy supplies. During the past two years of covid our support has been even more crucial.

There are now several ANiC churches which are partnered with parishes in Cuba. Their main role is the assist with clergy

salaries and provide encouragement. The ANiC churches now in active partnerships are:

- Holy Cross, Abbotsford BC: Bishop Willian and Diocesan administration
- St. Matthews, Abbotsford BC: The Theological College and Students.
- Celebration Church, Barrie ON: Moa farm project and St. Marco
- Church of our Lord, Victoria BC: Archdeacon Alexi
- St. Mathew's, Gander NF: Deacon Rolando Roman Garcia
- Church of the Resurrection, Brandon MB (beginning in 2022): Lay Reader Angel Batista
- Church of the Holy Cross, Abbotsford BC: Rev. Ramiro Godales Mendoza
- Open Gate Church, Victoria BC: Rev. Franklin Hamilton Smith
- St. Timothy's, Montreal QC: Rev. Miguel Armando
- Church of the Ascension, Langley BC and Archdeacon Paul & the Rev. Ann Crossland: Rev. Pablo Ulloa Cabellero
- St. Matthew's Abbotsford BC: Rev. Claudio Otero Costafreda
- Grace Church, Calgary AB: Rev. Yudel Perez Valdes

In April of this year Bishop Trevor Walters and Canon Barclay Mayo will lead the first trip back to Cuba since covid to deliver medicine and other supplies.

If you or your parish would like to be involved in this Cuba partnership please contact Canon Barclay Mayo at [barclay.mayo@gmail.com](mailto:barclay.mayo@gmail.com)

## New Wineskins Mission Conference 2022



Back in 1994, New Wineskins Missionary Network discovered that when we bring together the people in the pews with the missionaries in the fields and the mission agencies that help train, care for and equip them, the daunting task of the Great Commission becomes a beautiful thing that we can all participate in

together.

That concept turned into the **New Wineskins Global Mission Conference** that is now the largest international Anglican global mission conference in the world. The 2019 conference hosted over 1,200 attendees from 60 nations.

Held just once every three years the **New Wineskins Conference** will take place at Ridgecrest Conference Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, September 22–25, 2022. The theme is ONE MISSION. All the conference details and the registration links are available on the [newwineskinsconference.org](http://newwineskinsconference.org) website. Come and bring a team!

New for the 2022 conference, some of the keynote sessions will be live-streamed. There will also be pre-conference workshops that will be live-streamed, including:

- Academia as Missions,
- Medical Missions,
- Praying for the Nations,
- United Adoration Songwriting Retreat, etc.

Be sure to join us in person or online as we partner together to reach the world for Jesus.

— Jenny Noyes

Executive Director of the New Wineskins missions conference.  
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