

## **Richard Scott's testimony**

“ I was converted aged 14, but fell away at university, only returning to active faith aged 26. By then I'd qualified as a doctor, and have worked as a surgeon, GP and evangelist in India and parts of Africa, as well as in the UK. Since becoming a GP and moving to Margate in 1998, I have been particularly interested in the spiritual aspect of health, presenting the Gospel in thousands of consultations and seeing patients move forwards and make commitments to Christ. Working with TFM since 1999 has hugely enabled my work as a GP-evangelist. I have been a team leader since Walk Isle of Wight (2001), and have worked with TFM in Maasailand, Kenya, since 2002. I also completed the SCE course (2004-6).

The last few years have been especially interesting! Having become a trustee for TFM, I was warned by the General Medical Council for discussing faith with a patient and then developed bowel cancer in 2011, necessitating much treatment. Now fully recovered, God's blessing allowed me to write 2 books : "Christians in the Firing Line" and "God - I've got Cancer". I am founder of Evangelistic Medical Missions Abroad (EMMA), with teams going to Liberia this year and the Amazon in 2015. God has also granted me other writing and speaking opportunities, including at this year's Christian Resources Exhibitions at Sandown Park.

For some years, I've prayed to be more significant in our nation. Taking me at my word, God allowed bad things to happen so that His Glory might be manifest. He has also answered my prayer to become a full-time evangelist by unexpectedly opening a door to become leader of TFM, following John's departure. I pledge to work in conjunction with the other staff to meet the challenges ahead, using existing methods and in new ways as we seek to reach this country with the Gospel. “