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as they engage in mission

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

Dear Partners

In our last newsletter I concluded by asking you to pray on as we search for a new leader. And praise God, prayers were certainly answered!

We had a manageable number of really excellent candidates, at least three of whom would have made excellent leaders and I found the decision tough.

When we went through the applications and The Revd. Tim Hall's name came up, Roger Murphy said, "we didn't see that one coming" and I had a sense this was God at work. The other leading candidates would all have brought excellent capabilities to TFM and I do hope we can work with them in future.

After much prayer we felt it was right to select Tim. Of course, he is not the same person as he was when he worked for us as Administrator many years ago. The Lord has grown him. He is well networked so has good contacts and as a minister of three churches in a very large parish he has a good understanding of how TFM can evolve in providing on the ground outreach.

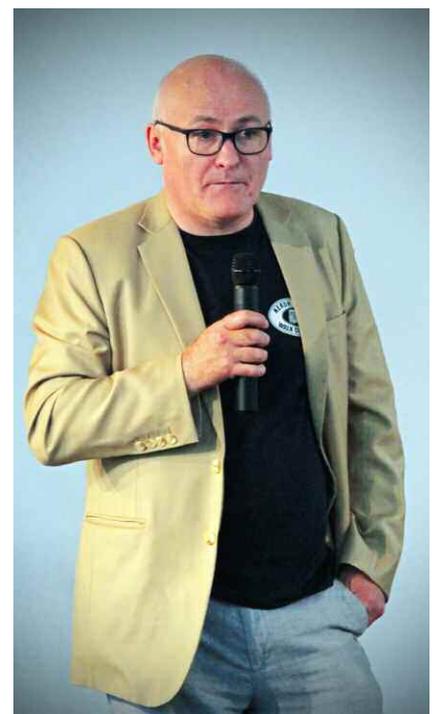
I praise God for the call that Tim and his wife Georgina have responded to. They

are both people of spiritual power and of prayer and God has given them a desire to make Jesus known.

We look forward to supporting Tim and it is now my prayer that we will be needing to employ more evangelists! (Matthew 9:38).

What a faithful God we serve.

Paul



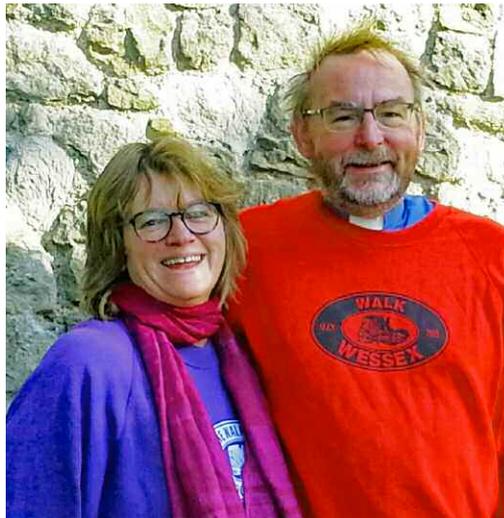
Tim Hall, TFM's new CEO, introduces himself ...

I guess the easiest way to write an introduction is to divide life into sections, so:

In job terms, I was a vicar for the last 18 years, for the last 6 years in Sheppey, Kent; prior to that 8 years deep in the beautiful Suffolk countryside: Coddendam, Crowfield, Gosbeck, Hemingstone and Stonham Aspal to be precise – before that a curate working near Ashford, Kent.

In family terms, I am married to Georgina (thirty years this year!) and we work together in the parish. We have two children – Floss was married this year and now lives with Josh in Buckinghamshire, whilst our boy – Berry – has just begun a course at All Nations, he continues to follow his call to be a missionary.

In leisure terms, I still love working with wood, doing a bit of upholstery,



reading, lately I've been growing flowers (for Floss's wedding!) – and the best brewery in the world is still Adnams of Southwold.

In God terms, I became a Christian because of the testimony of a girl I met

on a train - we subsequently married and Georgina and I have been following Jesus ever since. This journey has led us all over the country, with some of the most influential years being the five years spent working as Administrator for Through Faith Missions from 1994: - I have subsequently served on many mission teams and been a Trustee for a number of years.

And now Georgina and I find ourselves in a really interesting place – following God outside the safety of the Church of England; buying our own house – in Wisbech – and looking forward to leading Through Faith Missions.



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Hungerford Mission 9 - 12 August

Dave Cooke writes ...

Although it was hoped that the Hungerford mission would include a young adult team, unfortunately, this didn't work out. However, Roz felt that TFM should honour the booked mission and so with the help and support of Mike and Ali Saunders, she pulled together a team she knew: George Martin, Linda Tudor, Steve Brown and myself. Roz led a very good weekend. The Friday morning started with refresher training for the team - everyone got something from it.

In the afternoon, the team was paired up and sent out to do door to door work. Our time on the doors was very fruitful. Friday evening was Film Night; the film 'RISEN' was shown. At the end of the evening George Martin gave a short talk and everyone but one took a KGP. Linda Tudor had joined us by then.

On Saturday morning, we had team time and work for the day was sorted out. We all went door to door until lunch time; after our break two went back on the doors and three worked the main street of Hungerford. The afternoon was rounded off with cream teas for everyone.

A drama had been worked out for use in the main service on Sunday, so an hour and many laughs later it was good. Most of the team went to the local pubs where young people were engaged in conversation. Linda had brought a quiz/game with her that went down very well - good conversation starter.

At the Sunday morning 8 o'clock service the team was given a five-minute slot. An appeal was made, and five people made a response.



After breakfast, in the main service at which the team played a big part Steve did the reading, George, Linda and Dave played the drama and Roz preached. Roz is gifted at speaking; she ended with an appeal and about twenty people responded.

Overall, 98 KGPs were given away.

Praise GOD the Glory goes to HIM.

Take a look at the TFM Facebook page to see a couple of short videos taken during our visit to Hungerford.

Roz writes ...

In September I was on mission with a team in Chatteris. It was the week of my birthday and that of a fellow team member as well. For me it was lovely to celebrate with a group of friends. Being on mission for my birthday has been a habit that I have picked up over the last few years. I think that over the last five years I have had at least three on mission, if not more, but really is there a better way to celebrate than by offering new life through Jesus Christ to people?

Witnessing and being a part of what God has been doing this summer has been amazing. June saw a team of four of us head up to Scotland, scouting out what God wanted us to do. We had spent the previous 18 months praying, but other than that nothing was prepared in

advance. We heard God say go, so we went. We went with no plans and no maps - nothing but a car and a couple of changes of clothes. One of the team members had been praying for God to give us signs that we had heard Him correctly, and boy did He do that for the entire week we were there! We left nearly every morning not knowing where we were to sleep that night, but by lunchtime we had often received a phone call saying, 'Sure you can stay with us,' or, 'Yes, you can sleep in our church hall,' which was often very well kitted out and had everything we needed, including access to showers. The numbers 55, 88 and the words 'No Negative Thoughts' also ring a bell and God really did have a laugh with us and weren't we grateful for it! It was a fantastic week and if we had any doubt that God wouldn't be true to His word, we now KNOW that our Father in Heaven really is Jehovah Jireh, God the provider.

That was only the beginning of summer: between then and the time of writing this, the team that joined me in Hungerford had a wonderful time. Although I was the only young adult in the team, we still had a lovely time, sharing the gospel



message with young adults in the pub and a really great time on the doors.

At UCCF Forum this time there were only three in the team, but God allowed us to pray for over 150 students and have plenty of contact details to follow up this coming year. Please do pray that these connections stay red hot by His Holy Spirit. Personally, I was amazed how everything fell into place as we applied for a stall only a week and a half before we were due to attend. I know God wanted us there; it was easy to see why and I am interested to see where He takes us on this journey.

Chatteris again hosted a fruitful mission this summer. The locals and the TFM team gelled together well. During the week, God went above and beyond all my expectations for the mission as He showed us what can

really happen when people step out in faith.

For more information on the missions this summer please do have a read of the articles elsewhere in the newsletter.

This summer has really been mind blowing and God has shown us all that He is ready to do something special in this nation over the next few years. I'm certainly excited to see what He has in store. Please do pray for the future with the Warmington group of churches, the Stilton group of churches, Huntingdon, Stratford, University and College Christian Unions and for the local connections God is building here in Peterborough.

As always, many thanks and blessings,

Roz



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JOSHUA - Call to Prayer

Tim Hall, the new CEO for TFM, has called us to join together weekly to pray for the work of TFM.

Tim writes:

'May I ask all prayer partners to pray with us at 12 noon each Thursday – wherever they are, pause and pray JOSHUA!'

J Jesus must be central to everything: His call for all to turn to Him must be all important

O (We need) **O**pportunities to preach the Gospel

S **S**upporters – pray for strengthening existing relationships with;

- churches
- people of influence
- and for the formation of new relationships

H **H**uman resources – all those who work for Through Faith Missions

U **U**s – each of us, that we may have opportunities to speak of Jesus and courage to take those opportunities

A **A**ccounts – Through Faith Missions needs finance



UCCF Forum September 2018

Roz reports from the UCCF Forum and was accompanied by Professor Peter Haycock and George Martin.

After a year out, TFM returned to the University and Colleges Christian Union's (UCCF) national Forum in August, with a stall in their exhibitor's tent called 'The Hub'. Our aim was to get the name of Through Faith Missions out there. Much to the delight of the team, we had more engagement on the stall than we had anticipated, and God really blessed the week as we were able to do much more than just that!

Fortunately for us, UCCF is a very evangelistic organisation which exists purely to share the Good News of Jesus Christ across universities. This meant that our stall seemed rather relevant in the context of the week and all that had been shared by the speakers in the main meetings: 'Go and do mission'. It helped that our stand was also rather artistic with fish trapped in a net saying the words of Jesus in Matthew 4:19b, 'Come and be fishers of men.' Many people said to us, "Oh, you're the stand with the fishes!" From the moment the doors opened it seemed as though God sent a constant stream of university and college CU Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and other committee members to us. Many, once they



heard what TFM do, were keen for us to work with them at their Christian Unions and also some of them were thrilled to hear about the possibility of coming on Area and Walk style missions with us. They all wanted to know how to share their faith and have the opportunity to do it and practice it in real life situations.

We came away with contact details from over thirty CUs. As a mark of how well the students engaged with us, we offered to pray for them before they left us, and most were very willing to take this up, in particular wanting prayer for improved organization, boldness and increased motivation for evangelism in the CUs when semester starts in September/October. We prayed with well over 150 student leaders from about fifty-seven different universities.

From the discussions with the students, it seems that there may be quite a lot of potential for TFM to become involved in sending people to talk to the CUs about evangelism, providing speakers for evangelistic meetings, and training up the CU members for evangelism prior to their events and with a little more encouragement, even joining us on mission one day. As Professor John Lennox said to the meeting on the last night, the students at Forum have the possibility to change the world for Christ; the three of us believe that TFM could have the privilege of helping them do this.

Roz Haycock



TFM Conference 2019 - Saturday 22 June

Book a date in your diary for the 2019 TFM annual Conference.

We will be holding the conference on Saturday 22 June in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Please consider joining us for a day of worship, prayer and testimony. There will be a chance to meet Tim Hall, our new CEO, hear reports on all that has been happening at TFM and our plans for the future. Full details in our next newsletter.



Chatteris Cambridgeshire Mission 22 - 30 September

George Martin reports:

I had the privilege of going to the Chatteris mission at the end of September and as always God moved in marvellous ways.

I took a conscious decision to let Roz lead with me being her support, which worked well. The outreach was well organised by Ev Tate and Wendy the vicar, with the door to door being particularly fruitful. The healing service, with Roz speaking, was very well received with a lot of people coming forward, including members of other local denominations.

One thing that came up again and again was the desire by local Christians to reach out to their community. A suggestion was made that a divorced and separated course should be run by the church as that seems to be, as they say, where people are itching. One lady said that when her husband left her no one came to see her, and she felt completely on her own.

All in all, a good mission with locals taking full part including door to door work.

While we were in Chatteris we were allowed to go up the church tower on Friday evening - what a view of the fens and Ely Cathedral we had. During our time up there, we made a video which we put onto the TFM Facebook that night. To date it has had over 400 views, with over 100 while we were still on mission. The future?

“a good mission with locals taking full part including door to door work.”

When I got back, I received an email from David Robbens of Ambleside asking if I knew anyone who wanted a Flash Mission, as he had ten people trained up to go to Newcastle on 6 October for a week-long mission and it had just been put back to March 2019. I emailed some local clergy and left it at that.

At 12 noon the next day, I was emailed by David to say God is good and the team were going to Ulverston for a week.

At 2 pm, Rev Anne Hindle emailed 'Yes please!' Roz is leading a week-long mission in her five parishes next Holy Week as a result.

Next, my vicar said Yes, he wanted a mission but in May 2019. Then the new vicar of a large local town said Yes, he would, and could Roz visit him to discuss it, which she has done.

Amazing all from one email.

The following is a short statement from Wendy Thomson, the Anglican minister in Chatteris, and her take on the mission.

The September mission in Chatteris was a time of tremendous breakthrough. Guided by Ev Tate, the people of Chatteris planned for the mission without really knowing what would be involved. They opened their homes and their hearts to the TFM team of ten people led by Roz Haycock when they came to town. The week was packed with activities. Intercessory prayer walks and prayer meetings were held in conjunction with the door knocking and special guest events. It would be fair to say that the mission took regular church members outside their comfort zone. Some even left town on holiday. The other churches, except the Catholics, wanted nothing to do with it. But in the end, God overruled. The TFM team were warmly welcomed, 1202 houses were visited of which 530 had conversations. Special events brought new people out and God moved in miraculous ways during a healing service and the Sunday Harvest Service held at the end of the Mission. Throughout the week, confidence grew in the 'home team' as many started to see prayers answered and God at work in new ways. Since the mission, Church attendance has gone up and many new people have joined midweek groups. Church members have a bigger vision for God's kingdom coming and many have said that they would like to plan for another mission again soon. For me personally, I especially appreciated two things: (1) the impact on the Catholics and seeing a deepening desire for growing their own faith and (2) I enjoyed the times of prayer with the team. They came alongside us, interceded for us and prayed for God's will to be done in this place. It was such an encouragement to know that the TFM team were not doing it to us, but were joining with us, enabling us to do mission together. I thank God for all that has been accomplished, both seen and unseen, during the recent mission. Thanks be to God!



Warmington Group of Churches

In September, the local Anglican Vicar, Anne, George Martin and myself met together and worked out a plan to introduce the idea of mission to her group of churches.

Currently the plan is:

1. With a small local TFM team, visit all of Anne's five churches, performing a short harvest sketch, short gospel message and make an appeal.
2. Join the five churches again during their Christmas activities, once again bringing the gospel message through a short sketch.
3. Finally, join the churches in 2019 for their Holy Week activities leading up to Easter as a week-long mission with a larger TFM team.

The first step of this plan was to visit the churches in October. I felt called to make this visit a weekend trip, not just the Sunday. Therefore, we planned that on the Saturday we would prayer walk around and in each of the churches. The Tuesday before the visit, George, Dave and myself met for our usual weekly prayer; we had a pray and a play around with ideas for the sketch. We felt led to use Jesus' words, "The fields are white unto Harvest," taken from Luke 10. I then pulled a few words together to explain the story and to bring in the gospel and an appeal.

The Sunday went extremely well, as the churches openly received their visitors and the team were even offered to be hosted for lunch. Having a meal together was a great opportunity for us to get to know the congregation better



Poster Enclosed

We would really like to remind everyone that TFM is alive and active - so please can you put the enclosed A3 poster up in your church or hall (obviously do ask for necessary permission first!)

and, likewise, for them to get a better understanding of who TFM are and what we do as an organisation - food and fellowship, just like Jesus modelled time and time again in the Gospels.

Sunday morning was an early start, as we met together as a team at 7 am. We prayed for the day's activities and ran through the sketch one more time. We were aiming for 7-10 minutes altogether and it seemed to all work really well. It certainly touched many hearts across the five churches, as people responded to the prayer and lots of booklets were handed out throughout the day.

At three of the churches, we were also joined by the diocesan officer for stewardship. Peter is a lovely guy who has a real heart for Jesus and for souls to be saved. He did a great job when speaking about how it is our responsibility as Christians to fund the ministry of Jesus, not so that our church buildings can be maintained, but so that more souls can be reached and given the offer of new life with Christ. Personally, I feel that he really hit the nail on the head with his talk. He also shared a little bit of the testimony of his calling to the job. He only started in June and it is obvious, just by meeting him, that he is in the right place. If it all works out, he might even be joining us in 2019.

As we had all started leaving one of the services, a lady came up to us said that she had prayed the prayer of commitment and wanted to be prayed for to be filled with the Holy Spirit. So we sat her down and prayed, and praise be to God for He really did pour out His Spirit on her. She received a touch in her heart with a warm feeling washing over her, which brought tears of joy, calm and comfort. It really is so humbling and a special experience to witness someone's first encounter with God's Holy Spirit. Thank you, God!

After all that went on that weekend, we, Anne and the churches are looking forward to Christmas and what God is planning for next year. Please do keep these plans in your prayers over the next few months.

Roz Haycock

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 Can we help in reaching out to your community with the good news of Jesus? Through Faith Missions has over thirty years of experience in partnering with churches and training in evangelism.

We can provide a team for a day, a weekend or a week, we can work with your church in every kind of outreach, prayer walking or mission; we would be delighted to work with you for the short or long term –

Contact Rev Tim Hall, Through Faith Missions' CEO, to find out more about how we can support you.

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Roger writes...

Well it has been a great summer down here on the south coast with plenty of sun, sea and lovely warm days!

I have been mainly engaged in local evangelism and outreach in the Seaford area. We enjoyed 'The Turning' in June with a good number of responses but alas the longer term follow up was disappointing in terms of the numbers wanting to go on from our initial contact on the streets. We have been looking at other ways of outreach including using the TFM surveys across the area.

At Seaford Baptist Church I have headed up a year of outreach, running Lost for Words in Jan/Feb, organising and speaking at a few evangelistic events during the Spring and Summer and at Harvest with around forty responses. We have just started an Alpha course and there have been

around twenty of those wanting to attend. It is a process of change which is gradually coming together.

I have also been involved in leading a team and developing the Cabin outreach on an estate of great need in Seaford. The two weekly after school clubs for junior age children are going well with an average attendance of fifteen at each. During the summer holidays we ran a weekly club for both adults and children which was really successful in developing relationships with around eight families attending every week. We have also opened a Sundays @ The Cabin monthly all age Christian outreach and five families regularly attend. We are planning a Light Party around Halloween.

Please pray for the right approach as we develop small groups for those interested in exploring Christianity.



At TFM we are entering a new era as Tim Hall takes up the lead role and we look forward to discovering the Lord's plans for the future.

On a family level we are fine, Jill has a new family worker colleague at Waves and we are looking forward to our family coming over from New Zealand to join us during the Christmas period.



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Evangelist Associations

There is nothing on earth like serving on a Mission Team... or indeed undergoing Mission Training. Perhaps it's the close quarters sharing – sleeping on the same floor, eating together – perhaps it's the sheer terror of giving one's testimony or going door to door (always improves one's prayer life, as Daniel is fond of saying) – whatever the reason, coming home can often be a real struggle, with a longing to be back out there, on the edge.

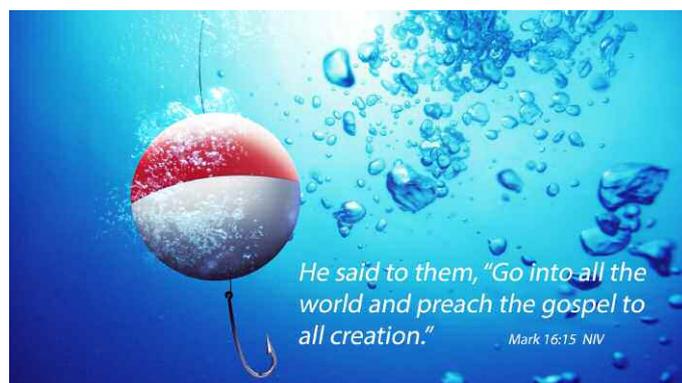
In Hebrews we read:-

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:23-25

And these two things are the background to Evangelist Associations – local gatherings of Through Faith Missions people – the prayer partners, the team members, the supporters, the young and old, those who have been on mission and those who haven't done that yet...

Local gatherings who can encourage one another, who commit to pray together for Through Faith Missions, gatherings that can help recruit new supporters, new finance and, most of all, local gatherings that can discern and find opportunities for the Gospel.

And all this done with good communication between TFM and the Local Evangelist Association, so we all know what's happening, what's proposed, what can and can't be done. So,



He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15 NIV

it maybe that you are already part of a group – let the office know – or you may already know your local people and can form a group – let the office know! Each group could then nominate one person as spokesperson to help with that vital co-ordination.

And as this network builds – so we will have the resources to help one another... so we begin to once again build the foundation for a new Walk...

Would you like to be part of an Evangelist Association? Then contact the office and give permission for David to give your name and e-mail (or phone number) to anyone else in the area who contacts him.

And Georgina and I would love to come and visit your group as and when they are formed – it will be great to meet with you and hear your story.

Tim Hall

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- Please note my address change or email address below (need old address also)
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- Please send me the weekly email Prayer news (need email address please)
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Ugandan Bishops visit the UK

Bishop Samuel Kahuma of Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese in North Western Uganda visited St John's Church Hartley for two weeks in September this year together with his wife Sarah and the previous (retired) Bishop Nathan. They all stayed with a church member in the village. Bishop Sam was so impressed with the "Walk Uganda" mission teams that had visited Uganda annually over the last 18 years period that he specially asked if he could meet any former members whilst he was in the UK and present them with a certificate of appreciation from the diocese.



Sadly, the only people living close enough and able to visit the Bishops were Clare and myself. We were provided with a delicious tea and a chance to chat for an hour on 12 September and the photo here shows (left to right) Bishop Nathan, Sarah and Bishop Samuel. We were updated on the Church of Uganda Diocesan news.

Christopher Nobb

Editor: For many years Christopher and his wife Clare and Sidney and Judy Millar have played a key part in the Uganda missions, but they now feel it is time to stand down and make way for younger team members to get involved. We would like to thank them all for their service over the years and their commitment to spreading God's word in Uganda.

We are hoping to recruit more team members in the future to expand the work we are doing in Uganda. If you would like to get involved in this exciting work and be considered for a mission in June 2020 then contact the TFM office and please think about asking any young Christian friends or family members that you think might be interested.

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9 v 38 NIV

Stop Press..... Plans are now in place for a smaller team, led by Kevin Granville, to go out in 2019 for just two weeks from 20 February to 6 March but we still require at least two more team members. If you want to be considered, please contact the office by 7 December at the latest.

