



Through Faith Missions (TFM) exists to encourage evangelism, serving local churches and Christian organisations and involving many other Christians in the task.

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The Great Commission



Jesus' clear commissioning of His disciples remains our key TFM task today. Matthew 28:16-20 gives our prime directive and job description. *Everything* else is secondary.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This instruction is universally known as **the great commission**. God is made manifest in Jesus and we are to look to Him for all things. He is our prototype, and He is the firstfruit of the eternal harvest (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus is telling us that we are to follow Him *because* **all authority on heaven and earth has been given to Him**.

Consequently, the disciples' task is to "go" (not sit still – and definitely not while complaining about the state of the world) and tell the good news.

So far this year TFM has facilitated Missions in Wolverhampton (supporting five churches), in Norfolk (open fields) and supported outreach at the Download Festival. In each setting we reach out to those who have little or no idea whom Jesus really is. That's TFM's all-consuming task – none other. Jesus is our King of Kings – something of a theme in this Coronation year. In all of this we plant our feet firmly on His glorious promise,

*And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.*

Looking forward to seeing you on a mission somewhere, soon!

Dan Holland – Lead Evangelist

TFM Conference 2023



With guest speakers from the local churches and other mission news,

Will you join us for worship and praise as the TFM family?

www.throughfaithmissions.org/conf2023

TFM Leadership

As reported in February, Tim and Georgina Hall have moved on from TFM. Please see our website for the formal announcement but we do say again, here, a big “thank you” for their dedicated service over the past four years. As TFM enters into a changed organisational structure we can now clarify leadership tasks and roles for the present period. Dan Holland retains the evangelism remit, but his job title is now Lead Evangelist, recognising that others bring evangelism skills and anointing to TFM, yet require leadership and direction which Dan will provide.

Dan now oversees all mission opportunities, albeit we encourage those developing missions (especially non-core team, and ‘open fields’ type missions) to keep the office team well in the loop, as communication issues can undermine mission objectives. David Baslington and Tao Hu continue in broadly unchanged roles, except that both ‘report to’ and support Dan. Job descriptions will be reviewed at an early opportunity.



In May the staff and trustees took the opportunity to meet, as a team, at Pilgrim’s Hall under the mentoring of Bible teacher Chris Hill (CL Ministries). We had a lovely day of prayer, reflection, ministry and Bible teaching, where Chris focused on the transition of ministry from Elijah to Elisha, as well as the big showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Much for us to think and pray on!

Please pray especially for Dan as he matures under the Spirit’s guidance into his expanded task.

Kenya 2024



Dan Holland, representing TFM, will be joining forces with UK based charity Evangelistic Medical Missions Abroad for a mission to Rosegate, a suburban community just south of Nairobi in Kenya, in late January and early February 2024. Looking beyond this to future years Dan hopes to take a TFM team to Kenya.

Re-establishing TFM's connection with East Africa, this mission will include street evangelism, gospel meetings in a recently planted Deliverance Church as well as free healthcare for local residents. TFM Trustee Tony Males will coordinate the medical side and Dan the outreach.

Our hosts will be James and Margaret Gikwa, with whom Dan and Tony spent an enjoyable few days in February 2023. They live and breathe the gospel day in and day out, are wonderful hosts and mission co-ordinators and have become good friends.

Please consider supporting this exciting mission through prayer and giving. Pray that God will call the right people to be part of this composite team, that many in the Rosegate community would receive healing for their bodies as well as their souls, and for James and Margaret as they prepare the ground through their ministry.

Tony Males – TFM Trustee

Norfolk Open Fields Mission

What I imagined would happen changed. I rang local contacts only to be told they were both leaving for pastures new before Easter. Good start?



The idea then appeared of having two teams one along the coast, one walking parallel inland. Maureen Keepin led the coastal team of Paul Hamilton and David Pickavance while I was with Tom Robinson, Ev Tate and Christian Hughes, a first timer. We were very blessed with the weather and people to talk about Jesus Christ.

On the Wednesday morning I felt God say to me, you're not trusting me for everything. As I dressed at 7.30am, I saw Christian talking to a man at the door of the church. I heard the man say 'You must come to ours for a shower and you can have breakfast'. What an amazing God we have. The man also gave us supper that night and breakfast next morning as well as offering to let us use his washing machine. Good measure pressed down and running over.

I realise this type of mission, which has very loose arrangements, is not for everyone but I love it.

We did about 150 questionnaires gave away 200 plus KGPs and spoke to lots of people who, I doubt we would have reached otherwise. I pray we never got in God's way on this adventure.

Lastly I must thank our Prayer Warriors ably led by Lambrini and Mark Featherston, we know that their prayers bore much fruit. Thank you.

You can read a longer report at www.throughfaithmissions.org/news

George Martin

Big questions right now

Developing the conversation with partner churches – TFM aims to hold more rounded conversations with potential partner churches and perhaps see some of these become part of an expanded church-based supporter network.



Up-coming Missions God willing we still have two major missions in the last quarter - Basingstoke in September and Winchester in October. A mission in Kenya will be supported next year, we hope.



Next generation Missioners we increasingly need to seek out the rising generation to provide fresh blood amongst the voluntary missionary family. We are actively planning to reach out to a younger generation of voluntary missionaries.



Prayer partnerships we want to expand the prayer support task so that pray-ers can be part of the spiritual battle ahead of, during and even after, missions. Tao Hu is working on this.

Wolverhampton Mission



So much to say – but no space! See the website for the full story.

www.throughfaithmissions.org/news

Finance – the £10 challenge

We want to give profound thanks and praise to God for His faithful provision for all we need. Through Faith means living 'on the edge' in terms of finances. TFM has never been rich in monetary matters and perhaps that situation best allows God to graciously express His purpose and His affirmation of what we do. We depend on Him, not on finances.



Nevertheless, it is true that TFM expenditure stands today at approx £2K a month more than income and this is not sustainable. We know that all our supporters are faithful stewards of time, prayer and of resource. There are many legitimate and urgent Kingdom calls on Christian giving. We have hundreds of people on our mailing list and the point has recently been made that if all those who presently do not give were to donate just £10 a year, our budget deficit would be eliminated!

So the appeal is simple and urgent. Would you prayerfully consider opening a standing order for a minimum of £10 a year if you are not presently a regular giver?

TFM give thanks, praise and honour to God for all His provision. All the glory goes to Him. He is

Jehovah Jireh – the Lord Who provides.

We do encourage all our supporters to pray into and consider carefully whether God may now be calling you to stand with us in this matter of finance.

Download Festival June 2023



A team of 6 worked alongside the wider chaplaincy, always in pairs and in liaison with a dedicated prayer team of hundreds. Prayer requests were continually fired back to them. We needed to keep foremost in our minds that we were there as chaplains, not evangelists. None-the-less we circulated the site being as friendly and helpful as possible but we had to allow festival goers to approach us. We were there to listen, not proselytise – and to let Christ in us shine.

There were many excellent conversations and the TFM team excelled. There were many marvellous moments of God's Kingdom breaking in.

God gave us favour with the festival organiser who came personally to thank us for the chaplaincy and to ask us what we needed for next year. God willing, we'll be back in 2024, maybe with a bigger team!

You can read the blog, a full report and see lots of photos at www.throughfaithmissions.org/news.

