



# MISSION NEWS

Spring 2014

Trinity Church Network

## Connecting people with people through Trinity's Mission Partners

When Jesus described in public what he came to earth to do he said *"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"* **Luke 4**

The Trinity Church Mission Partners are all in the business of bringing good news to people in Dublin and around the world. Our Mission Partners know people in places where there are great physical, spiritual and emotional needs—they work through and with these local partners who may be a church, an NGO or individuals.

The Trinity Mission Partners connect us to these places, these communities where God is working to heal, to give hope, to help with everyday life—where Jesus is bringing life to the full (**John 10v10**).

**We can be part of this work** that God is doing. **How?**

**By praying** believing that God hears us and answers our prayers;

**By giving financially** to help resource that work—the *April Coffee Bar is for Tiglin Challenge* and *May Coffee Bar is for ACET* ;

**By asking God to keep changing us** to be more like Jesus, ready to bring good news wherever, whenever, however he asks.

### ACET

(AIDS Care Education & Training) is made up of Christians passionate about improving the health and well-being of those affected by HIV in Ireland and playing our part in reducing the incidence of HIV in Ireland.



The way we imitate Christ means that we can be found in the most marginalised of communities addressing isolation, challenging stigma and breaking down barriers of fear through relationships deeply rooted in mutuality and equality. This is achieved through a wide range of projects in which we care, support, train, resource, equip and see the wonderful transforming power of God. We would love you to join us by praying, supporting us financially or volunteering. For example, our Youth Project looks to break the cycle of stigma and shame by creating intentional and safe spaces for children and youth to process the story of HIV within their families. We are in need of funding to help this project move forward this summer. For more details on how to support us **please come and talk to Richard Carson or Lynn Caldwell** (pictured)



### AMAN (Berber word for water)

The ministry of AMAN is primarily to village dwellers in remote mountainous regions of North Africa. In the initial years AMAN had workers on site but at present involvement is primarily by prayer and teams of Irish Christians visiting the town and villages where relationships with local people have previously been established. These visiting teams are involved in prayer walking, sharing their faith, bringing humanitarian aid, ministering to impoverished children, and supporting/encouraging local believers. In a country where only a tiny percentage of people are Christian, and where many have never heard of Jesus, the ministry of AMAN is seeking to display the beauty and righteousness of Kingdom of God. Becoming a Christian in this setting can be dangerous and isolating.



Please pray for those courageous ones who have discovered Jesus and now love and worship him as their Lord & Saviour.

**A prayer team will be visiting North Africa during Easter.** If you would like to pray for the work of AMAN or be involved on a visiting team please contact Paul Rothwell or Declan Keenan (via the Trinity Office).

### DCM

DCM—Dublin Christian Mission runs youth and family work through After School Clubs, Outreach Clubs, Bible Study Groups, Alpha Groups and Schools work.

We work in the city centre, Ballyfermot, Crumlin and Drimnagh.

Once a month DCM have church meetings for the families that they have contact with in their premises in Chancery Place.

DCM also runs the Lighthouse in Pearse Street which is a Homeless service providing hot meals, clothes, sleeping bags and Counselling services.

DCM connects with other Christian Services and Agencies in the city such as Teen Challenge.

There are a number of Trinity members who are on staff in DCM—such as Eoin Finnegan, Marie Greenhalgh and Declan Keenan.



## Hearts in Motion

We have just come back from a trip to Chennai, It was great to see how all the work with the street children continues. When speaking in the church, I was struck by how many of the congregation I knew. Kids who used to live in the shelter, now all grown up, married and coming to church with their children. It's a real testimony to all the work that goes into these kids.



We visited a new area where the people, who previously were living in the slum have now been re-located by the government. 65,000 people living in flats, each family in a room of 3x4 meters, with no running water. This place is dangerous for those who can't defend themselves. Our hearts are ignited again when meeting those who the Lord has put on our path. Plans for building the new shelter are slowly commencing too.



**Contact:** Jonathan & Tamar Kerrigan or Email : [tamar.kerrigan@gmail.com](mailto:tamar.kerrigan@gmail.com) for more information

## Jobcare

We are delighted to announce that Jobcare is 20 years old this year!



Maybe you remember that goal by Ray Houghton that made the country roar, the birth of Riverdance, and Nelson Mandela being sworn in as President? The year was 1994. Jobcare ran its first job-seeking skills course for jobseekers.

Since then Jobcare has been dedicated to delivering courses, work programmes and relevant supports designed to help people look for, find, and keep work. 2014 is a year to celebrate in Jobcare: 20 years of good news stories of individuals finding work, becoming independent, supporting their families, achieving their goals, and having self-esteem and hope restored.

We celebrate and thank all those who have made Jobcare such a special place. To stay informed of upcoming celebrations, including our birthday party for staff past & present, sign up



as a Friend of Jobcare (<http://www.jobcare.ie/about/friends-of-jobcare>) or email [helena@jobcare.ie](mailto:helena@jobcare.ie).

## Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed is a ministry of Trinity Church-set up 7 years ago when we purchased the Exchange. It is a soup run that visits the homeless in the city every single Monday Night and **Dougie Hobson** (pictured) is the Ministry Team Leader.



Over the last 7 years many people on the streets have been helped in a variety of different ways. We feed the homeless to show them how much God cares for them and longs for them to be set free from what is holding them down. We listen, talk and pray with them and in return we get a lot of hugs.

Thank you to all those who support this ministry by financing the food and sleeping bags we distribute and by praying for those we meet and for the Mustard Seed Team—we really appreciate it. For more information, **contact** Dougie Hobson 087 2943484.

## Tearfund

We're Christians passionate about ending poverty, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves.

In Ethiopia, 78% of people struggle with an income of less than \$2 a day. In the face of such poverty, hope can be hard to find.

Tearfund Self Help Groups are enabling 1 million Ethiopians to lift themselves out of poverty as group members save, offer each other loans, start small businesses and, in time become self-sufficient.

Many women like Meseret pictured here, have seen their quality of life transformed since becoming part of a self help group. But the most important change for Meseret is that she has encountered Jesus.



Please pray that God will bring life in all its fullness to more Ethiopians through this initiative.

For more information see **Markus & Elke Köker** or [www.tearfund.ie](http://www.tearfund.ie)

## Team Hope

**"Spring time is Team time".**

While we still work incredibly hard at reviewing last years Christmas Shoebox appeal and preparing for the coming years new appeal, we also look at some of the other projects we run here in Team Hope. Our International Sponsorship programme gives you the chance to sponsor children and/or families living in terribly difficult situations across Africa & Eastern Europe.



We are in the process of selecting 'Team Romania 2014' putting together a volunteer camp for those children that are most in need through our Cluj, Romania social care



programme. It's a very exciting time because it's been a couple of years since we last ran a summer camp.

We're oversubscribed already and are now looking at running a team to Africa later in the summer. If you think you might like to be a part or even want to hear more, **talk to Stephen at any stage. 086 2534011** e-mail [sconway@teamhope.ie](mailto:sconway@teamhope.ie)

## Tiglin Challenge Ireland

Tiglin Challenge (formerly Teen Challenge) continues the drug rehabilitation policies of the Teen Challenge programme developed over 50 years in some 280 centres around the world. It is strongly Christian based with an emphasis on young men and women "being changed from the inside out". The programme lasts 16 months in 4 modules of 4 months. Complete deliverance from life controlling substances is the goal.

Trinity Church has had close links with Tiglin Challenge over many years with David McCabe having been Board Chairman and Dr John Latham continuing to serve as a Board Director overseeing medical matters. Joe and Lorraine Kerrigan visit Tiglin every Thursday to meet with participants and our Mustard Seed Team recommends Tiglin to homeless men and women on Monday nights. Tiglin Centre is in a remote location near Ashford off the N11 highway to Wexford. There is accommodation for 24 men in two bed rooms and 12 women. Final phase students live at Carraig Eden Guest House, Greystones and Wicklow town.

Further information from **David McCabe** : 01.2882976 or 087.2334923