

MISSIONARY REPORT 2021

I am grateful to all the members of the Missionary Committee who have worked hard to support all our missionaries both practically and pastorally, by regular communication with individual missionaries, managing finances or looking after prayer letters and the display board. However, it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of one of our members, Barbara Hunter, whose funeral was held in the church on the 10th January 2022. Barbara, who had served as a missionary nurse was our secretary for a number of years. We are grateful to God for her faithfulness, wisdom and quiet Christian example but know that she is now with the Lord whom she served.

The missionaries we currently support are:

John and Sarah Kennedy (Hope International School, Cambodia)

Henry Bell (WEC Leadership Development)

Rob and Kyla Cuthbert (Ambassadors Football, Senegal)

Avisai and Jude Suarez (WEC UK)

Luke and Karis Carson (London City Mission)

Jonathan and Nicola McCracken (ECM Claremorris)

We owe a great debt to all of our mission partners, particularly as over the last two years they have sought to serve the Lord in very trying circumstances but it remains a great privilege to support them.

Rob and Kyla Cuthbert:

It was wonderful to welcome Rob, Kyla, Jacob, Manuela, Daniel and Micah when they returned home for a short 3 week visit during the Christmas holidays and to hear about the progress that was being made as regards Rob and Kyla's new plans with the development of a pitch at Sanghe and the construction of a new home there as well at establishing a link with the nearby ITES Bible College.

Luke and Karis Carson, Henry Bell and Jonathan and Nicola McCracken:

Luke's work at Pentonville and Karis' s ministry through King's Cross Church have been progressing despite the pandemic restrictions. It was really encouraging to hear an update from Luke at one of our morning services. Henry has an influential ministry around the world as he mentors and advises new missionaries or missionary leaders. He also continues to be involved either remotely or in person with WEC conferences and projects.

Jonathan and Nicola have now completed 25 years in missionary service with ECM, a wonderful achievement. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication they have shown throughout this time. They continue with the church planting work in Claremorris as well as developing other ministries locally.

John and Sarah Kennedy, Jude and Avisai Suarez

John and Sarah continue to lead busy lives in their respective roles within Hope International School, Pnomh Penh. Due to travel restrictions they have been unable to visit N. Ireland for the last few years but thankfully, they were able to visit Sarah's parents in the USA last summer which also provided them with a much needed break from their work. They are planning to come to N. Ireland this summer.

While Avisai continues to use his carpentry skills and his involvement with International Meeting Point in Belfast to reach others, Jude also has sought to build relationships with the international community through coffee mornings using the new church coffee area. These have had a very encouraging start.

As ever, we are extremely grateful to the congregation for their faithful and sacrificial giving over the past year. It is a great tribute to them that, despite the difficult economic circumstances many are experiencing, the level of giving remains very consistent. We also wish to express our gratitude for a generous bequest from the estate of the late Mrs Edna Robinson that was recently given to the Missionary Fund. This will be very valuable in financially assisting those involved in missionary work.

In a needy world, ravaged by a health pandemic and the current war in central Europe, we are grateful for the gospel which declares that **“the grace of God has appeared, bring salvation to all people” (Titus 2 v 11)**, and for all those who play a part in sharing that gospel with others.

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