

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Michael and Helen Chatfield in Trinidad

USPG Mission Companions

In their own words

‘The Church suffers from a shortage of ordained ministers, which has particularly affected the Parish of Chaguanas. The congregations need encouraging and building up, and we need to revive the church’s social and evangelistic work.’ Michael Chatfield



Trinidad factfile

Capital: Port of Spain
Languages: English, Patois, Spanish
Religion: Christian, Hindu, Muslim
Export: Petroleum and petroleum products, liquefied natural gas (LNG), methanol, ammonia, steel products, cereal, sugar, cocoa, coffee, citrus fruit, vegetables, flowers

USPG in Trinidad

USPG has been working with the Anglican Church in Trinidad and Tobago since 1836. USPG supports three Mission Companions, as well as Michael and Helen, Richard Owen will be working in Trinidad from 2008.

About this Project...

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Trinidad is an island of contrasts, oil reserves enable many to enjoy a higher standard of living but this wealth is not evenly distributed with one fifth of people living below the poverty line and homelessness, violence and drug-related crime on the rise. People need a sense of hope. USPG Mission Companions Michael and Helen Chatfield are working with the Church in Trinidad and Tobago to develop outreach programmes for the marginalised people, helping to bring communities together.

Michael, who was born in Trinidad, is a parish priest, leading three churches in worship and evangelism. Helen teaches music, computing and drama at Holy Family Preparatory School. They share a passion for those ignored by society, especially young people.

They are based in one of the island’s fastest growing urban areas, Chaguanas, where there is a diverse community with people of many faiths and nationalities. It is also a community where there are many social challenges, including crime and drug abuse.

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