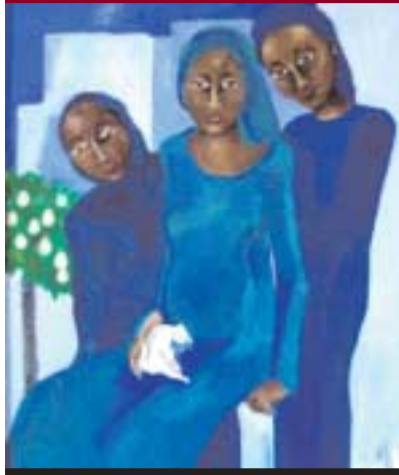


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Zimbabwe church speaks of hope Anglican leaders seek ways to support their church and communities

Anglican leaders in Zimbabwe spoke about their pain and confusion, as well as their hope for the future, when they met to consider how they could best support their crisis-hit nation.

The discussion took place in December at a conference organised by USPG and Lambeth Palace, in Gweru, in Central Zimbabwe. In attendance were the Bishops of Central Zimbabwe, Masvingo, Matabeleland and the Continuing Diocese of Harare, as well as young people and representatives of the Mothers' Union.

The conference concluded with church leaders pledging to support impoverished communities and challenge existing styles of leadership.

According to the Revd Chad Gandiya, USPG's Regional Desk Officer for Africa: 'One of the main outcomes of the conference was a feeling of hope that Zimbabwe's situation can change and that Anglicans have an important role to play in bringing about that change.'

'There was a feeling that if the church can take the lead in conflict transformation and



Settlers in Karoi, Zimbabwe, scour the grounds of a disused farm for discarded beans

problem solving then there's hope that other national institutions could follow that example.'

In particular, conference delegates were encouraged that the Anglican Province of Central Africa was taking action to resolve problems in

the Diocese of Harare, where Bishop Kunonga had been giving unquestioning support for Zimbabwe's leader President Mugabe.

Chad continued: 'USPG is trying to help the Anglican Church to carry out God's mission in Zimbabwe. Our aim

is simply to assist them in their mission, which is the way we work with all our church partners around the world.'

'It was very encouraging for everyone. These dioceses were meeting for the first time in a very long time. The focus was on conflict transformation and

principles of good leadership in all areas of life.'

The joint USPG-Lambeth conference initiative was able to obtain financial support to set up a number of diocesan income generation programmes, including candle making, poultry rearing, and market gardening.

But Chad commented: 'USPG's assistance for the church is not just financial. We are also telling the church in Zimbabwe that they are not alone because they have friends around the world, and we stand in solidarity with them.'

Among those supporting the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe are the Dioceses of Southwark and Rochester, both of which have Companion Links with the country.

There are plans for the Dioceses in Zimbabwe to meet in May to review the impact of the conference and consider further courses of action.

■ USPG supports a wide range of work in Zimbabwe, including the Anglican-run St David's Hospital in Bonda, scholarships for church leaders and orphanages.

Heart of community restored on tsunami islands

Communities have rebuilt their lives thanks to church intervention

New church buildings have played a central role in helping communities

on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands get their lives back on track following the tsunami of Boxing Day 2004.

A USPG grant of £50,000 helped the Church of North India (CNI) cover the £1.6 million cost of rebuilding ten churches that were destroyed in the disaster. In some parts of the islands, these newly-built churches are the only concrete structures.

Rachel Parry, USPG's

Regional Desk Officer for Asia and Oceania, said: 'When people lose everything – family, homes and livelihoods – they have nowhere to go except to God, which is why rebuilding the churches has been so important. The churches have given people a place to meet, pray and support one another. It is the churches and the people's faith that has helped communities get back on their feet.'

USPG's money was gratefully received because most aid agencies preferred to focus on education, health care and trauma counselling. Though these are vital it left CNI struggling to support its church-building programme.

The Rt Revd PSP Raju, chairman of CNI's Disaster Management Committee, said: 'We can see the fruit of our labour of love, the love that comes from Almighty God for the survivors of the tsunami.'

The tsunami claimed 225,000 lives in 11 countries, including 1,400 people on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

USPG supporters raised £110,000 to support tsunami relief work in the countries affected.

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From Bishop Michael

A message from Bishop Michael Doe, General Secretary, USPG: Anglicans in World Mission

Looking to Lambeth

It's said that the divorce rate among fundamentalist Christians in the United States is one of the highest in the country.

Could this be because their faith, for all its claims to conservative morality and inherited truth, is as much the product of a consumer age in which the over-riding concern is 'me' and what will make me 'happy'?

USPG struggles a bit in such a world. We are very happy when parishes and individuals want to support a particular piece of work, to focus their giving and praying, but concerned if it's about wanting to know where 'my' money is going. We welcome opportunities to work with parish or diocesan links, but there is more to the world church than the particular places they have selected. We know that attacking poverty is an essential part of God's work, but we are sad if all the rest of mission is ignored just because it is so much more complex in our multi-cultural

and multi-faith world. Most of all, we regret how this individualistic and consumerist culture leads some parts of our Anglican Communion to decide whether to stay walking with each other or to 'walk apart'.

At the Lambeth Conference this summer, our bishops will have the opportunity to show something different. We need to show that the Christian faith begins not with our self-defined needs but with the God who loves us in Jesus and who gives us our neighbours to love.

We need to show that Anglicanism is about walking together because our communion is not our property but God's gift. For when we rediscover these values, we will not only come alive again as a church, we will be showing those things that our sad and shallow world so desperately needs.

The next issue of *Transmission* will include a focus on this summer's Lambeth Conference.

Artist inspired by placement in South African cathedral

Artist and priest the Revd Liz Adekunle spent four weeks working with AIDS orphans in South Africa as part of USPG's *Expanding Horizons Programme*, which provides church leaders with an experience of the world church.

Liz, who was based with the Anglican Cathedral in Bloemfontein, said: 'My time in South Africa was challenging and tremendously rewarding, and I learned a great deal. I look back with fond memories and a sense of having overcome obstacles and achieved personal

goals. The experience has also inspired me to get more involved with projects that strive for justice and for God's will to be done on earth.'

As well as being the curate at St Luke's Church, Homerton, in London, Liz is a painter whose work is regularly exhibited.

Liz's painting *3 women*, shown here, depicts three aspects of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Liz said: 'Mary was a strong woman, determined and dedicated. Mary was a virgin mother, with all the pressures that brought to her marriage. Mary was a mother, protective and responsible. Women who have struggled in their own lives to be so many things to so many people can find comfort in Mary, who went before us. We see Mary in a different light, as one who brings hope and the love of God in our struggles.'



3 women – painting of Mary by Liz Adekunle

The *Expanding Horizons Programme* provides clergy, ordinands and church workers from Britain and Ireland with an opportunity to experience and share in the life and mission of the world church. USPG can help to set up placements of between one and six months in over 50 countries where the Anglican Church has links to USPG. The aim is to encourage and develop interest in world mission among churches in Britain and Ireland.



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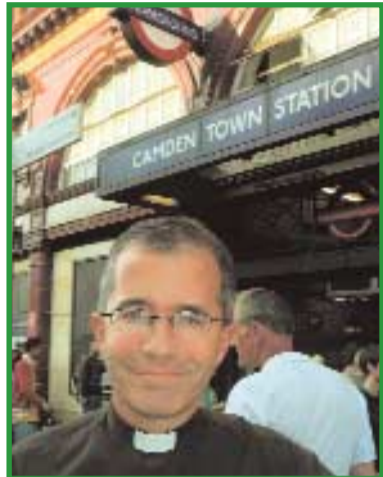
BRAZIL

Priest destined for the City of God

New mission companion will reach out to deprived communities

From London's King's Cross to Brazil's notorious Cidade de Deus (City of God), the Revd Nicholas Wheeler certainly relishes a challenge.

Currently the team rector for the Parish of Old St Pancras in London – serving Camden Town and King's Cross – Nicholas will be leading the Anglican Church in a suburb of



Mission companion Nicholas Wheeler Rio de Janeiro that is infamous for gun crime and drug trafficking – and which was featured in the award-winning

1992 movie City of God. Nicholas said: 'I first had the idea of moving to Brazil while on a three-month sabbatical in Rio. It is an amazing city, where vast wealth and acute poverty sit side by side, and it turned my world upside down. I felt an overwhelming desire to work there, in one of the most run down areas of the city.'

'I hope that the skills I have gained working around St Pancras and King's Cross will help the church in Cidade de Deus to become a more active and hopeful witness to God's transforming love. The church's outreach can make a difference to people's lives – even in Cidade de Deus.'

Cidade de Deus is one of

Rio's most deprived communities. Only 3 per cent of teenagers complete secondary school, there is 25 per cent unemployment and the average income is just £50 a month, while drug trafficking and gun crime are rife.

Nicholas will be based at the Anglican parish church of Christ the King, where a small but enthusiastic congregation is supporting the local community.

Meanwhile, Nicholas faces another challenge: raising £18,000 a year to support him in his new role. To find out more about how you can support Nicholas and other mission companions, call 0845 273 1701 or email mcp@uspg.org.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

BRAZIL: Eucharist celebrations are being held in the streets for the homeless communities of Rio de Janeiro.

The Anglican Church holds services once a week, taking with them a portable altar, musical instruments and an amplification system.

The services are just part of a broad outreach programme for the city's homeless. The church also provides food, health care, legal support, pocket money to cover sundry expenses, and a listening ear.

A diocesan spokesman said the USPG-funded programme was helping 'traditional members of the church, who will re-learn the experience of compassion and solidarity, and, secondly, those who suffer the lack of the minimum material conditions for dignity and survival'.

BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Livingstone remains an inspirational figure

Bishop Tom Butler applauds Livingstone's 'faith and commitment'

The lives of missionaries such as David Livingstone have been alternately criticised or viewed through rose-tinted spectacles, but their work continues to inspire if evaluated sensitively.

These were the sentiments of the Rt Revd Tom Butler, Bishop of Southwark. He was preaching at Christ Church, Oxford, to commemorate 150 years since David Livingstone spoke at Oxford University and inspired the formation of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa (UMCA – which became

part of USPG in 1965).

Bishop Tom said: 'It may be fashionable to criticise those missionaries, but they were people of great faith and commitment. They knew they were going to almost certain death [due to malaria and other diseases], yet they went and planted seeds of faith that have blossomed into strong Anglican Churches around the globe.'

The bishop explained that David Livingstone's vision – with its four strands of healing, education, commerce and Christianity – is alive today in the Anglican Churches that UMCA helped to found in Malawi and Zambia, and parts of Tanzania and Mozambique. And he said Livingstone would have approved of USPG's ongoing support for the various programmes of the Anglican Churches in these countries.

Speaking about the challenges facing mission agencies today,



David Livingstone

Bishop Tom said: 'We've been told for decades that the era of sending out missionaries from this country has ended and is even paternalistic, although I don't hear this from the churches overseas, who know the challenges they face and are more than ready to welcome mission partners from elsewhere, just as our mission in this country is strengthened by

partners from other parts of the globe.'

Lambeth Conference

Bishop Tom went on to speak about the Lambeth Conference, due to take place this July. He said: 'We in England will have the opportunity of meeting many [bishops] from the global Anglican mission field. It would be obscene, with so much human need crying out for attention around the globe, if the church cancelled or postponed its conference because of arguments on such fractious matters as homosexuality. The Lambeth Conference could be really significant if the bishops paid attention to what really matters, and we will deserve God's judgement if we don't.'

■ Bishop Tom Butler was a USPG missionary in Zambia between 1963 and 1968.

PAKISTAN: In a country where religious intolerance has led to violence, the Diocese of Peshawar is working hard to bring about peace among faith communities.

The editorial of the November issue of the diocese's *Frontier News* reads: 'Learning about other beliefs and observances enables us to explore our own religious and spiritual teachings that relate to respect for people of other faiths.'

'There is an inner core common to all religions: the universal teachings of morality and charity, the importance of a disciplined and pure mind, full of love, compassion, goodwill and tolerance.'

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KOREA

Anglican leaders discuss reunification

Conference sets forth plans for reconciliation

Anglican Churches around the world are being called upon to support peace and reconciliation initiatives in North and South Korea and in other regions of conflict.

The call was issued at a conference entitled Towards Peace in Korea, hosted by the Anglican Church of Korea

in November.

A statement issued after the conference read: 'Constructive dialogue is the first step in the process of reconciliation [between North and South Korea]. We ask both governments to recognise that each has much to offer the other, far beyond economic resources. We offer our assistance to this ongoing process.'

Attending the conference were 100 members of the Anglican Church of Korea and 41 international delegates, including Canon Edgar

Ruddock, USPG's International Relations Team Director.

The conference included a trip to North Korea to visit Mount Geumgang, the 'spiritual home' of Koreans from North and South. This was in the form of a pilgrimage, reflecting on the shortcomings of the political systems in both North and South, and seeking ways to overcome the legacies of political failures, abuses of human rights, and mutual mistrust and fear.

Edgar said: 'The conference appealed to political and

religious leaders to learn from the church's experience of conflict around the world. Here perhaps was Anglicanism doing what Anglicans do best: proclaiming the good news of peace by drawing on the tough and often painful experiences of its global family.'

The conference has set forth an action plan urging Anglicans throughout the world to support peace-making, both in Korea and in other countries.

It is hoped the matter will be discussed further during the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE

Peace programme unites children

The Anglican-supported Kids4Peace programme is breaking down barriers

George and Eliad – two typical 12-year-old boys – might never have met because George is a Palestinian Christian, in East Jerusalem, and Eliad is an Orthodox Jew, from West Jerusalem.

But their lives became entwined when both enrolled on the Kids4Peace programme, which was set up by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem to bring together children in Jerusalem's segregated society.

George and Eliad went on a Kids4Peace holiday camp in America, where they became firm friends.

On returning home, their parents encouraged the friendship, even crossing roadblocks and checkpoints to enable the boys to meet. Out of this, the boys' families also became friends.

Sharing a meal one day the conversation turned to the Western Wall (sometimes called the Wailing Wall). George had never seen it, which surprised Eliad because George lived only a short distance away. Eliad immediately said: 'We'll take you there, won't we, Dad?'

The boys' fathers tried to explain to their sons that this wasn't possible, but Eliad's persistence won out.

On the appointed day, the two families tried to enter the plaza in front of the Wailing Wall. As expected, guards stopped George and his father because they were Arabs.

The fathers tried to tell the guards about their sons' friendship. While they were talking, the two boys slipped past. They walked down to the



The Western Wall (also known as the Wailing Wall), in the Old City of Jerusalem

Wailing Wall and stood in silence. There, they took each other's hand and prayed together for peace among their people.

It is said in Judaism that the

radiance of God shines down on all who pray at the Wailing Wall. On that day, the radiance of God shone down on two young boys who give us all hope for peace.

USPG is supporting peace and reconciliation work in the Diocese of Jerusalem. The information in this article was supplied by Nancy Brockway of Kids4Peace.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VACANCY: USPG is looking to recruit a parish priest for the Diocese of St Helena, based on the island of St Helena, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

The successful candidate will be employed by the local church.

For more information, call Habib Nader or Chad Gandiya on 0207 378 5677 or email misionpersonnel@uspg.org.uk

CONFERENCE: Rebuilding lives and communities is the theme of this year's World Mission Conference, to be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, in Swanwick, Derbyshire, between 6 and 8 June.

Entitled 'Reconstructing Mission', speakers at the conference will include Dr Philomena Mwaura, of International Association for Mission Studies, and the Revd Dr Carlos Emilio Ham, of the World Council of Churches.

The conference is organised by Methodists for World Mission, with ecumenical support from USPG, Christian Aid and Christians Aware.

For more information call Philip Scribbins on 01442 823202 or email mwmps1@waitrose.com

SWAZILAND

Grandmothers uphold communities

The older generation is supporting a country ravaged by HIV/AIDS

Lizzie Masilela lives in a traditional thatched mud hut, with a bare earth floor, surrounded by barren fields that are prone to drought.

Despite facing many hardships, Lizzie is a mainstay of her community. Like thousands of Swaziland's gogos [grandmothers], Lizzie is helping to look after children who have lost parents to the AIDS pandemic.

After Lizzie's daughter and son-in-law succumbed to AIDS, Lizzie took in her three grandchildren: Sabelo, 3, Nkosinathi, 8, and Ncobile, 13.

USPG mission companion in Swaziland Andrew Symonds visited her. He said: 'To reach her home we had to travel three or four miles along a steep and rocky mud track. Lizzie was not expecting us, but quickly made us feel welcome and started to tell us about her life, which she described as unremittingly hard.'

'Two of the three children were not expected for some time because, on their way home from school, they had to struggle down a steep hill to collect water from a water hole – a task that took over an hour each day.'

'Lizzie receives food from the

Anglican Church and a charity, which lasts about two weeks a month. The charity also pays school fees for the eight-year-old, but the funding is due to stop, which means the boy's schooling will probably also stop.

'The eldest child, Ncobile, has to provide her own school fees, which she obtains however she can: begging, selling things, odd jobs.'

'When I asked Lizzie what her family would eat that night, she said they had nothing, but that she was praying that God would provide something. I asked how she coped. Calmly, she replied that she had learned to cast all her cares on God, and he had not let her down, although they had gone to bed hungry many times.'

Lizzie spends each day caring for her grandchildren and

struggling to earn enough money to survive. She occasionally takes out a loan to buy goods to sell on. Sadly, her experience has not been good because customers take goods and say they will pay later, then not pay the full amount.

Sometimes Lizzie has to beg for food and clothes for her grandchildren. She has a small plot of land, but she is not strong enough to tend to it, so the land lies fallow.

Each night, Lizzie and her grandchildren lie down on the bare earth and pray that God would make things better.

The Anglican Church in Swaziland, with the support of USPG, is doing what it can to reach out to people like Lizzie, including feeding programmes.

BELIZE

Programme healed mother-daughter relationship

The church is reaching out to single parents

After giving birth to her daughter, Babs suffered from post-natal depression and was unable to hold her baby for four months.

As the girl grew up, they had a difficult relationship, with Babs – a single mother –

struggling to discipline her boisterous daughter.

Babs' story is not untypical in Belize, where single parent families have become the norm, partly due to a growing trend for common law relationships instead of marriage.

Statistics show that 59 per cent of children in Belize are born to single women (UN). With many fathers absent, single mothers are being left to bring up children alone, while struggling to earn a living.

With funding from USPG, the Anglican Diocese of Belize set up the Single Parent Project to support women like Babs.

Babs underwent counselling and took part in workshops on effective communication, and she now has a better relationship with her daughter.

To date, 34 families have benefited from the project, with plans to expand the work.

Project worker Cecile Reyes said: 'As the participants become more familiar with each

other they are able to speak in confidence within the group about personal issues and concerns. In the final session, they are asked to bring their children. This is very moving. The love between the mothers and their children is obvious.'

Bishop Philip Wright of Belize, said: 'This project exemplifies Jesus' commandment to love our neighbour. We are grateful to USPG or providing funds.'

MALAWI

Ordinand witnesses life on the edge

John Bleazard reports on his placement with USPG's *Expanding Horizons Programme*

My aim was to gain an insight into a place and people that is radically different from Birmingham and to experience life at the margins, with extremes of poverty and powerlessness.

I had met African Christians in Birmingham, but nothing quite prepared me for being in Africa itself. Ninety per cent of Malawians are subsistence farmers, half live on less than 50p per day.

Everywhere I travelled on the potholed roads, I saw people walking and cycling to local trading centres to barter and sell produce. Bicycles were overloaded with heavy bags of maize or fertilizer, and women carried bundles of firewood on their heads.

One day I met Daniel



John Bleazard on Mulanje Mountain, Malawi

Nkhwazi, an inspirational rural development worker who is encouraging villagers to plant communal crops for the elderly and sick, and to take up fish farming to introduce more

protein into their diet.

Something that will always stay with me is the memory of standing in an irrigated maize field hearing Daniel explain his Christian motivation. 'Don't talk

of love, show me,' he said.

Later, Daniel took me to pray for the local Muslim chief, who was seriously ill and lying on a simple mat on the bare earth. It was a special moment because

Daniel had built such trust and friendship through his practical support for that community, and I was getting access to 'real life' in a way that would not have been possible as a tourist.

The Anglican Church in Malawi is the product of Victorian missionaries, and I was surprised to find that its worship remains peculiarly English, complete with hymns sung to old tunes. I believe there is a challenge here for the next generation of priests to introduce liturgy that is contextual, with music and songs that affirm what is best in Malawian culture.

Every day of my visit felt special, and I was often humbled by the faith and integrity of the people we met. I will keep before me the challenge from Malawian Christians to trust God more in seemingly difficult or impossible situations.

■ John Bleazard is an Anglican ordinand studying at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, but hailing from Birmingham, which has a diocesan link with Malawi. John spent July 2007 in Malawi.

■ See back page for details of the *Expanding Horizons Programme*

SOUTH AFRICA

Theology is healing a wounded nation

Report by TEESA distance learning director Megan Baxter

Despite the end of apartheid, South Africa remains a country wracked with pain: poverty, corruption, AIDS and an increase in violent crime are taking their toll.

In addition, there is the problem of education. Prior to

the 1976 anti-apartheid uprising, black people were receiving a poor education in state schools. Then a generation missed out on schooling while involved in the liberation struggle. Those who began schooling in the post-apartheid era, since 1994, are only just coming through the system.

In the midst of this situation are the people of God. For the past 31 years, TEESA (Theological Education by Extension in South Africa) has been equipping Christians for ministry in their local churches and communities.

The majority of our students

come from severely disadvantaged backgrounds. Each year, 3,000 of them study a wide range of theology courses, available in English, isiZulu, isiXhosa and seSotho.

Although academic excellence is important, we encourage our students to combine their theological education with a practical ministry.

For example, as part of his TEE course, social worker Dr Adrian van Breda, from Centurion, worked with 19 teenage boys in a foster home, helping them to overcome their disadvantaged backgrounds, grow in confidence

and find a direction in life.

Brian Hutton, a priest from Edenvale, set up a programme to provide school children with life skills, educational support and better nutrition.

Pule Lekoko worked with homeless scavengers on a rubbish dump in Christiana. He continues to work with this group long after finishing his TEE training.

USPG's financial and prayer support has enabled thousands of students over the years to be the face, hands and feet of Jesus in their local communities, and to live and preach a gospel of love, peace and reconciliation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TANZANIA: A programme providing surgical treatment for women with obstetric fistula has been given a cash boost.

Teule Hospital, in Muheza, is to increase the number of women it is treating from 20 to 40 a year after USPG helped it to obtain a grant from The Gay and Keith Talbot Trust.

The funding will be used to employ a nurse to promote the programme in rural villages, and to cover the cost of treatment for impoverished women.

Obstetric fistula is caused by obstructed labour, during which the woman's bladder or vagina is torn, making the woman incontinent. As a result of the objectionable smell, many women are rejected by their families and become social outcasts.

Charitable trusts are enabling USPG to support vulnerable people through projects such as this. If you – or a friend or relative – are in contact with a trust that could support the world church through USPG, please phone Ali on 020 7378 5686 or email alis@uspg.org.uk

BRAZIL

Anglicans campaign for people with disabilities

Church is urging society to change perceptions

Linaldo is a paraplegic. His days involve little more than being moved from his bed to the settee and back again.

Sadly, a lack of resources for people with disabilities in Brazil means that the burden of care for

Linaldo rests entirely upon his sister. The only time Linaldo can leave the house is when there is a car to take him to church.

Legislation has been passed to cater for people with disabilities, but little has been done: there is no provision for home care; few schools are able to accommodate people with disabilities; and access to buildings and public transport is at best precarious, and non-existent in rural areas.

Despite these disadvantages,

and not having been able to go to school, Linaldo is a campaigner who is championing the rights of disabled people within society and the church.

He was recently given a rare opportunity to speak from a public platform when he was invited to an event held to honour two Brazilian Nobel Prize nominees: Maria de Araújo, who champions the rights of indigenous communities, and Maria de Carvalho, who founded

a union for domestic workers.

Linaldo said: 'Maria de Araújo and Maria de Carvalho represent marginalised groups in our society. Their strength gives me hope that something can be done for people with disabilities.'

Accompanying Linaldo at the event was USPG mission companion Richard Fermer, who said: 'It was not so much what Linaldo said at the celebration – his sheer presence was a sign of the kingdom in our midst.'

Bangladesh's Anglican minority is reaching out to thousands

USPG photographer Leah Gordon reports on the work of the Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme

My first ride on a rickshaw was a thrilling experience. I clambered into the tight space behind the driver and off we clattered through a warren of narrow streets, almost crashing into the oncoming rickshaws, or so it appeared.

These were nerve-rattling moments as we swerved to avoid potholes and dodge pedestrians. The bells of the rickshaws were ringing constantly and consistently ignored.

From the narrow streets we emerged onto a wide road, one of several main arteries that run through the pulsating heart of Dhaka, Bangladesh's populous capital city. There is a brief respite while we are carried along in a stream of countless rickshaws. Some carried just one imperious-looking elderly passenger; others contained whole families packed together, perhaps with a goat or two.

And then we lurch back down another of the city's labyrinthine streets. We were on our way to Jurain, one of Dhaka's slum suburbs.

We threaded our way passed

small one-storey cinder block houses. Half-dressed children ran about, dogs yelped, and everywhere there were stagnant pools of fetid muddy water. You are never far from water in this region. Bangladesh is a low-lying country, prone to flooding and predicted by some to be on the brink of ecological disaster as sea levels rise due to global warming.

I was visiting the home of Ranu Begum, 36, a Muslim woman who is benefiting from a women's development scheme set up by the Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme (CBSDP).

Ranu was struggling to make ends meet after her husband left her for another woman. In a three-room house, Ranu shares one bedroom with her mother, while her cousins live in a second crowded room. The third room is a small kitchen.

With a small loan from CBSDP, Ranu was able to set up a cooking business, making nutritious vegetable and dhal dinners, which she cooks in her home for about 30 regular customers from around the neighbourhood.

The money she has earned has paid for her youngest daughter's education and her

eldest daughter's wedding. She is also able to support her mother and pay medical bills.

In a predominantly Hindu part of the city, Ranu prays at 5am each day in the mosque and observes other Muslim traditions. She counts Muslims, Christians and Hindus among her friends, and says it is good for everyone to follow their own faith. But she is particularly grateful for the love she has been shown by CBSDP workers.

It has been said that the Church of Bangladesh is a tiny community that is punching above its weight. In a country with a population of 150



USPG/Leah Gordon

Ranu Begum, who is part of a women's support group run by the Church of Bangladesh in Jurain, a slum area of Dhaka

'It's just wonderful to see all the joy and to hear about the benefits.'

million, less than 0.3 per cent of the population is Christian, compared with 83 per cent Muslim and 16 per cent Hindu.

But despite its tiny presence, the church is reaching out to thousands of people from impoverished communities, through micro-credit, education and healthcare schemes that are provided for people of all faiths. The church's number one priority is clearly to help people improve their living conditions.

Also in Jurain, I met Jarina Begum, a 39-year-old widow. To enter her small house I had to walk through a yard that was ankle-deep in dirty water, which must become a flood during the monsoon season.

With a CBSDP loan, Jarina had bought an embroidery frame on which to stretch cloth which she painstakingly decorates with intricate gold stitching. The cloth is then cut up and made into greetings cards. She also makes up and embroiders saris.

Jarina looked relaxed as she and her 18-year-old daughter concentrated on their elaborate needlecraft. The income from this small business has saved Jarina from a life of extreme poverty and has enabled her to put her daughter through college.

She told me: 'I like my work. It makes me happy and means I am

able to go to the market to buy food and the things I need. I also like meeting with the others in the project and with CBSDP workers. They look after me and it means I do not feel lonely.'

I headed back to St Thomas's Church, where CBSDP has its offices and where I met USPG-supported mission companion David Hall, who oversees a number of CBSDP projects. David said: 'The church of Bangladesh is very small – with less than 20,000 members – but the work it does reaches many tens of thousands of people.'

'I get to meet some of the people where the church's projects are having an impact, and it's just wonderful to see all the joy and to hear about the benefits.'

'The church is serving Hindus and Muslims, as well as Christians. The rationale is to serve the needy, regardless of their religion, caste or creed. But I think, more than that, it's important for the church to love their neighbour and show Christ's love to those around them.'

School's work

Close to the CBSDP offices is another example of the church's work. A veranda running along the side of the church was

converted into a series of small classrooms to create the aptly named Veranda School, which caters for around 52 children, aged 4 to 9.

The classrooms are basic. They each contain rows of desks and benches, a blackboard and books. There was a happy atmosphere, and the children seemed engaged with their lessons. These were some of the most vulnerable children from the slums – the children of rickshaw drivers and casual labourers, the sons and daughters of widows and single parents, who would have been expected to stay at home and help

with chores if they had not received this unique opportunity to receive an education.

Understandably, competition for school places is high. The school is only open to under-10s, but local people were lying about their children's ages in order to win places, so the school imposed a height restriction to try to sift out the older pupils.

One pupil is nine-year-old Anna Ater. She likes drawing and singing and wants to be a doctor when she's older. Her day starts at 5am with a breakfast of cold rice, which is the staple diet for many children in the slums. Happily for Anna, she will be fed at the school with a nutritious meal of vegetables and bread.

Teaching at the school is USPG-supported mission companion Sarah Hall, who is married to David.

She said: 'The Government of Bangladesh has tried hard to provide universal primary education – so there are government schools in this area – but there are question marks over the quality of education, with teachers not turning up and the prohibitive cost of some text books. So we're trying to offer a quality education and a solid foundation for children who would otherwise miss out.'

Life in Dhaka is a precarious existence for most people. Jobs, healthcare and educational opportunities are scarce, which is why the intervention of the Church of Bangladesh is so vital. The dedicated men and women I met in the CBSDP seemed motivated by nothing more than a simple desire to make people's lives better, no matter what community they come from.



USPG Lent bible study

USPG's Lent course for 2008 looks at the life of the Church of Bangladesh. Entitled 'Love one another', the course also draws upon Matthew's Gospel to examine our understanding of relationships.

For free copies of our Lent Bible study booklet, use the form on page 11, phone 0845 273 1701 or email enquiries@uspg.org.uk

More Lent resources – including a free DVD, posters and a PowerPoint presentation – are available at www.uspg.org.uk

29 million are at risk of arsenic poisoning

The Church of Bangladesh is building safe wells to provide villagers with clean water

In 2001, Asura Khatun, 32, was diagnosed with keratosis: dark lesions on her hands, feet, chest and back – it is a skin condition that can lead to cancer.

The condition was quickly diagnosed as being caused by arsenic in the drinking water – a naturally-occurring phenomenon in Bangladesh that affects an estimated 29 million people.

The Church of Bangladesh Social Development Programme (CBSDP) built a safe well in Asura's village of Alumpur. They also gave Asura vitamin supplements and urged her to eat eggs and vegetables to eliminate the arsenic from her body. This combination of safe



Hands showing the symptoms of arsenic poisoning

water and a healthier diet saved Asura's life. The marks on her body have now almost completely vanished.

She said: 'I was in a lot of pain, but the church took care of me. I could have died, but instead I'm feeling a lot better.'

Asura was so pleased she went from house to house telling her neighbours about the dangers of arsenic poisoning, urging them to drink safe water and grow more vegetables.

Bangladesh's arsenic problem

was first detected in 1993 when it was found that many wells were drawing water from contaminated sources – resulting in slow arsenic poisoning which is claiming thousands of life.

USPG-supported mission

companion James Pender, who is working on CBSDP safe water projects, said: 'When I arrived in Bangladesh three years ago I had barely heard of the arsenic crisis and was staggered to learn about the extent of the problem.'

'I visited badly affected villages and was heartbroken to hear first-hand from wives who had lost husbands, fathers who had lost children, and many more who had lost dear friends. Right away I knew that addressing the issue had to be my main priority.'

James researched the arsenic problem and helped the Church of Bangladesh to develop the Arsenic Mitigation Project.

He said: 'The church's practical work has earned Christians a very positive reputation. The church's main vision is to share the love of Christ.'

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■ Please support the work of the Church of Bangladesh. You can use the form in the centre pages of this magazine to support this work and other vital work of the world church.

Why not set up a Fund for Life?

As a way of thanking God and USPG for 50 years as an ordained minister and 14 years as a missionary in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), the Revd John Durnford asked his friends and family to make a donation to USPG's *Fund for Life* scheme.

Mr Durnford set up the fund for his 50th anniversary celebrations – held at St Michael and All Angels Church, in Marden, Kent – and collected donations worth £950 for USPG.

He said: 'Being a missionary was very interesting and very challenging in lots of ways. I was a priest in Rhodesia for 14 years and our three children were born there, so the country has very much been in our hearts ever since.'

Mr Durnford added: 'The church is one family, and

looking at mission in other countries encourages us to be more thankful for what we have and to be more mission-minded ourselves.'

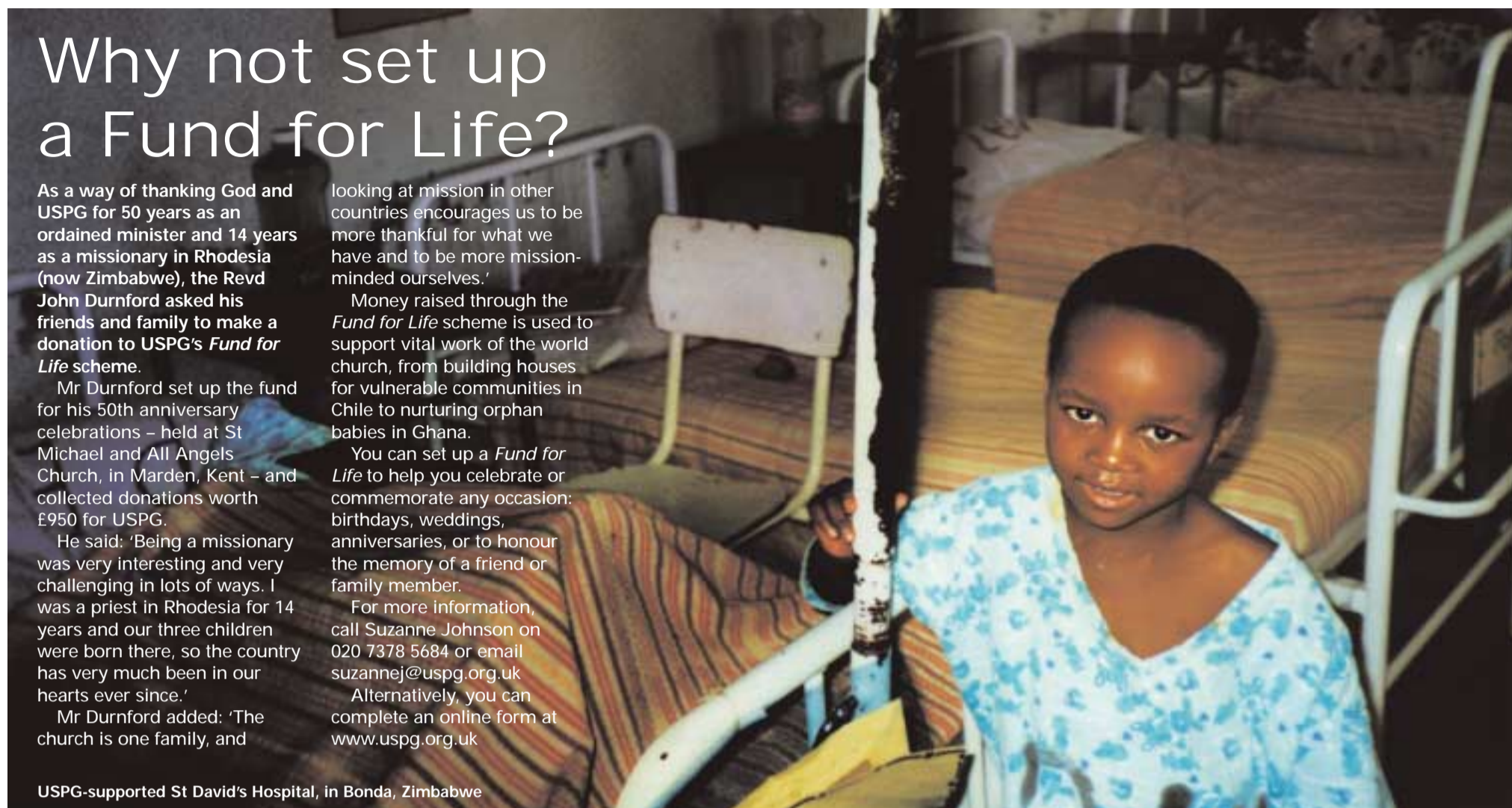
Money raised through the *Fund for Life* scheme is used to support vital work of the world church, from building houses for vulnerable communities in Chile to nurturing orphan babies in Ghana.

You can set up a *Fund for Life* to help you celebrate or commemorate any occasion: birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, or to honour the memory of a friend or family member.

For more information, call Suzanne Johnson on 020 7378 5684 or email suzannej@uspg.org.uk

Alternatively, you can complete an online form at www.uspg.org.uk

USPG-supported St David's Hospital, in Bonda, Zimbabwe



USPG/Andrew Wingate

Church enjoys a taste of India

St Collen's Parish Church, near Llangollen, enjoyed a taste of India by partaking in the USPG Big Curry Party.

Fun was had by all, and the event raised £236 for USPG-supported work around the world.

Speaking at the event was the Revd Joshva Raja, a lecturer at the Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies, which is run jointly by USPG and the Methodist Church.

During a short service, children from the parish presented Joshva with a colourful garland of flowers that they had made themselves.

Ann Lamb, St Collen's mission secretary, said: 'Although local mission is becoming increasingly important in Britain, it is still right that we look to the wider world and our involvement in



From left: Carys, Angelina and Joanna

helping poorer nations and individuals and show that we care.'

■ A Big Curry Party hosted by St Paul's Church, in Winchester, raised £372 for vital church work around the world supported by USPG. Speaking at the event, USPG

General Secretary Bishop Michael Doe paid tribute to the support given by Winchester Diocese to many parts of the world, particularly Myanmar (also known as Burma). He said many Anglican Churches around the world continued to be dependent upon the support given by USPG.

Ann Lamb

Recycled cards

When St Nicholas' Church, in Itchingfield, near Horsham, decided to reduce its giving to USPG from £500 to £400, church member Ann Godfrey took it upon herself to make up the difference.

She set about making greeting cards from recycled materials and started selling them at church.

Ann, whose parents were missionaries in Rhodesia with UMCA [one of the mission agencies that amalgamated to create USPG], said she had always been mission-focused.

St Nicholas' has a particular concern for St James' Hospital, in Mantšonyane, Lesotho.

Ghana trees will offset 77.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide

An energy audit conducted by Holy Trinity Church, in Stratford-upon-Avon, revealed that it was putting 77.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year.

Further research revealed that this carbon could be offset for £577.40 – and the most effective way of achieving this would be to plant trees in a tropical region.

So an appeal was put out, and the church raised £950 for USPG's Life-giving gifts scheme, which is funding tree-planting projects in Ghana's Kumasi

Diocese, among other work.

The church's donation is the equivalent of 1,925 trees.

The Revd Martin Gorick, of Holy Trinity, said: 'People from all age groups joined in. We had children donating pocket money, which was very touching.'

He added: 'Being part of a global church is really important. We are an international congregation. We pray for a different diocese around the world each day.'

To find out more about USPG's *Life-giving gifts* scheme, visit www.lifegivinggifts.org

Decorated army cake

A cake baked by the soldiers from the St Eligius garrison church of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), at Hazebouck Barracks, near Reading, was auctioned to raise funds for USPG's Harvest appeal.

The cake, which was decorated with the official REME cap badge, was won for £120 during an evening of Harvest celebrations that earned a total of £400.

Global puddings

A 'puddings evening' raised £227 for a USPG-supported house building project for marginalised indigenous communities in Chile.

Budding chefs from three Oxfordshire parishes – St Mary's in Chalgrove, St Helen's in Berrick Salome, and St Helen's in Benson – baked and sold puddings with an international theme, including Sicilian dessert, Swedish rice pudding, Italian tiramisu, French pears in red wine, Black Forest gateau and Australian pavlova.

The evening's entertainments also included quizzes and a raffle.



From left: Joanne Allott, Ben Wade, Chris Hulley and Ashley Buttery

Special cocktails

Passionate Aardvark, Dragon's Blood and Diesel are just a few of the specially-invented cocktails being sold by Soda Siphon, an alcohol-free bar, to raise funds for USPG.

The initiative was started in 2002 by members of the 23rd Sheffield Boys' Brigade Company and its associated Amicus Group, which girls can join.

Over the years the team has

sold their cocktails at festivals around the country, raising over £1,700, including £486 for USPG.

Soda Siphon's Jane Mountney said: 'We are now in demand, having taken our bar to church fetes, school summer fairs, end of term discos, birthday parties and festivals. We recently branched out to include hot drinks, using Fairtrade products wherever possible.'

Jane Mountney

THEOLOGY

Church in Oceania stresses need to tackle violence against women

Research reveals high levels of abuse against women in Oceania

Violence against women is a serious social problem in Oceania. Even theological colleges and the church are affected.

This was the discovery of Muriel Rogers, who spent six months in Fiji researching the issue as part of USPG's *Experience Exchange Programme*.

On the invitation of the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS), Muriel organised a workshop, entitled 'Dialogue on Violence: Talking and Practising Theology', which

was attended by male and female staff from most of the 23 SPATS-affiliated schools and colleges. She followed this up by writing an extensive report.

Muriel said: 'Violence against women is a crisis of global proportions, and the situation in Oceania is no exception.'

'My experiences in Oceania led me to believe that violence against women is present in all the theological schools and colleges, but is only just beginning to be recognised and accepted as a fact.'

Muriel said the violence – which includes discrimination, as well as physical and emotional abuse – was a result of a complex mix of patriarch and cultural practices, and the legacy of Victorian values introduced by missionaries and colonisers – plus an innate tendency in human beings to abuse power.

'Women have been left in the



Kimberley Bebedo at her confirmation in Papua New Guinea

position of being doubly subordinate: subordinated within the indigenous hierarchy, then subordinated again within the colonial hierarchy.'

Muriel pinpointed three areas of theological thinking that were

having a direct and negative effect on the lives of women in Oceania.

'The first area is the theology of marriage. In Oceania, as within other parts of the world, marriage has developed along patriarchal lines: wives are limited to procreation and nurture, while husbands give orders. This is believed to be God's intent, as seen in the Creation story.'

'The second area is the theology of sacrifice. This arises from the idea of Christ being the scapegoat for a wicked and cruel world, but Christ gave himself for a purpose. The theology of sacrifice is thrust onto women, but their suffering is not voluntary and it serves no purpose.'

'The third area is the theology of atonement, by which the church tells women they must endure in silence. Women have

been taught that self-sacrifice is what makes a true Christian, so they are taught to forgive the abusive treatment of men.'

Muriel said that members of SPATS were now hoping that the workshop she organised will lead to a change in the theological thinking in Oceania's schools and colleges.

She said: 'The theological institutions have both the ability and the responsibility to bring about a change in society.'

■ The *Experience Exchange Programme* gives volunteers from Britain and Ireland a chance to spend up to a year living and working with the church in another part of the world. For more information, phone 020 7378 5677 or email eep@uspg.org.uk

■ The World Council of Churches' Decade to Overcome Violence is focusing on the Pacific during 2008. Visit www.overcomingviolence.org

CULTURE

Missionaries told the Aborigines their dances were 'of the devil'

USPG Editor Mike Brooks reports on different expressions of the Christian faith

How do we distinguish between what is 'Bible-led' or 'Christian' and what is 'cultural' – if, indeed, such distinctions exist?

During a bible study in Pakistan, USPG mission companion Jane Shaw was asked by a woman whether it was acceptable for her to read the Bible and take communion while menstruating.

Jane said: 'I'm told that some padris [priests] teach that she can't. I found this quite shocking. I know it's in the Jewish Torah, but which religion are we in?'

Meanwhile, in Brazil, USPG mission companion the Revd Stephen Taylor found that visitors to his church were surprised to find him helping to serve food, something that they had never seen a priest do before. The visitors were also surprised to find beer and wine



Anglicanism in Africa: Bishop Baji (centre) at Magila Cathedral, Tanzania

available at a church gathering.

In Australia, the Aborigines were told by the first missionaries that their cultural dances were 'of the devil'. A hundred years later, men stripped to the waist and daubed in paint are performing the dances in Anglican churches. The Aborigines have rethought the missionaries' teaching and come full circle, claiming that their cultural

practices are, in fact, a gift from God. But not everyone approves.

In Britain, Christians have disagreed throughout history about whether different practices are acceptable or not. The Puritans, for example, attempted to ban theatre and the arts – things that most Christians today embrace.

Being able to discern whether a practice is 'Christian' or a

cultural tradition, and knowing how to respond, is a constant challenge for our fellow Christians around the world and the mission companions they ask USPG to send.

Ali Saunders, who supports USPG mission companions as they organise funding for their placements, said: 'This issue is at the heart of what many of our mission companions are struggling with. It is a constant

tension for them to discern which cultural beliefs and customs are compatible with the gospel. Some aspects of local culture seem to resonate clearly with Jesus' teachings, while others may need to be challenged. But, in the midst of the discomfort that comes with disputes such as this, there may be ways forward to new understandings – both about our own culture and the heart of the gospel message.'

USPG mission companion David George commented: 'The church should always live in a creative tension with whatever culture surrounds it so that it can – humbly – both teach and learn. This learning certainly includes the insights of Christians brought up in other cultures.'

As a final thought, here are the words of the missiologist the Revd Roger Bowen, who said: 'We need Christians from other cultures to come and help us make a critique. We are enmeshed in our own culture, we often cannot see clearly and need others from outside to help us. This is yet another strong argument for true partnership in the gospel: helping each other to challenge and change aspects of our respective cultures so that they may be more in accordance with God's will and purposes.'

PROJECTS SCHEME TARGET YOUR GIVING AND SEE IT WORK

PROJECT 200: HEALTHCARE FOR TANZANIA

Hospital cares for mother who lost seven babies

Teule Hospital is providing a vital maternity care

Mwanaisha had lost seven full-term babies due to eclampsia [convulsion during birth].

So Mwanaisha was extremely anxious when she arrived at

Teule Hospital, in Muheza, pregnant and already showing pre-eclamptic symptoms.

She was cared for by USPG mission companion Dr Sally Amos, who managed to obtain some magnesium sulphate, which drastically reduces the risk of convulsions.

Sally's interventions were successful and Mwanaisha gave birth to a baby girl, Saumu.

Much of Sally's work centres



Mwanaisha and her baby girl Saumu

around the maternity ward at Teule Hospital. Her work is crucial in a country where 10 per cent of women and 7 per cent of babies die during birth (WHO).

This hospital provides vital health care for a local rural population of 280,000, most of them impoverished subsistence farmers.

In particular, the hospital is providing a valuable service through a midwife training

scheme and a laboratory research programme that is investigating the prevalence and causes of childhood fever. There are also treatment and support programmes for mothers and children living with HIV.

■ You can support the work of Teule Hospital and other hospitals by making a donation to Project 200: *Healthcare for Tanzania* – simply complete the form below.

PROJECT 110: ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Church opens schools in Madagascar's rainforest

The church is providing education for children from remote villages

Njiva is a highly gifted young musician. Aged 18, he sings beautifully and can play the saxophone, accordion, guitar, organ and flute. He is in the choir at St Matthew's Cathedral, in Antsiranana, Madagascar, and has enrolled at the Zomare school of music and dance in nearby Diego Suarez.

Nearing the end of his secondary school education, Njiva hopes eventually to work for the civil service and become a church deacon, as well as making the most of his musical talents.

None of this could have been possible without the intervention of the Anglican Diocese of Antsiranana, which is providing children from isolated rainforest communities with an education by building schools and using church buildings as classrooms.



A school in Ambatoharanana, Madagascar

One such school is in Ampanefena. It is one of the biggest in the diocese, catering for 1,200 pupils from all faith backgrounds, providing both primary and secondary education.

The school was built close to a junction of several forest roads to make access easier for children from isolated communities. Even so, some pupils have to walk for up to two hours to get to school, so there are now plans to build accommodation.

With the help of funding from USPG, schools have also been opened in Antsirabe Nord,

Ankotobe, Antsatsara, Antsoha, Ntingana and Bemaneviky-Ambanja.

The Rt Revd Roger Chung, Bishop of Antsiranana, said: 'Young people like Njiva have been empowered and will go on to bless others in due time. These schools are an important means of helping young people from remote villages to receive a better education.'

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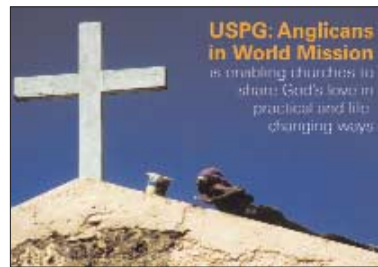
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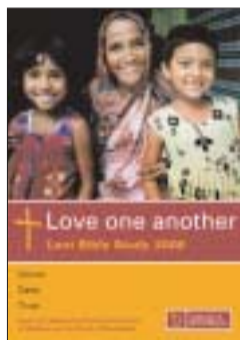
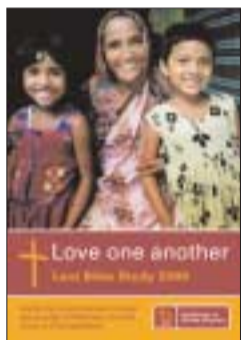


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'Being in Uruguay has been a great opportunity. I really enjoy the worship at the church and working with the Sunday School. The more I get involved with the church, the more I enjoy my time here.' *Emmanuela Williams, on placement at St Paul's Church, in Villa Felicidade, Uruguay*

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