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Church steps in as global financial recession bites

USPG Mission Companions around the world report on the effects of the crisis

USPG has been receiving reports from our Mission Companions around the world describing the devastating impact of the global recession on churches, businesses and communities.

In Japan, USPG Mission Companion Claire Gelder, a teacher in Nagoya, said the Anglican Church is helping men who have ended up on the streets after manufacturing and construction industries made job cuts.

Claire cited the Toyota factory, near Nagoya, where many employees have lost jobs or had their hours reduced, especially temporary contract workers.

She said: 'Many of these people are housed by the companies, so when they lose their jobs they are thrown out of accommodation. As a result, the number of homeless people in Nagoya has increased dramatically. Companies seem to think they can just throw people away.'

Claire said a homeless hostel, run by an ecumenical group of churches (including the Anglican Church) and Buddhists, was now 100 per cent oversubscribed.

She added that the new financial pressures could also lead to family breakdown and divorce, with the law granting property rights to women and children, so that many men ended up on the streets.

Claire said: 'People are working harder and harder to make ends meet, often in several jobs. This increased stress often affects relations with co-workers and with family and friends, people reach their limits and



USPG/Leah Gordon

Family in house made of sticks and plastic sheeting in a squatter camp on edge of Dhaka, Bangladesh

sometimes have breakdowns. The challenge for the church is to think how it can best support these people.'

Brazil

In Brazil, USPG Mission Companion Ruth de Barros, based in the Diocese of the Amazon, commented: 'Many of the organisations that previously offered financial support are having to close their doors to us.'

'Today the church is looking for more volunteers, both lay and clergy, and more contributions from its own members. Candidates for the priesthood are aware of this situation and are preparing themselves for being part-time priests, looking elsewhere for their income.'

Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, former USPG Mission Companion Sister Gillian Rose, who is in charge at the USPG-supported Bollobhpur Hospital, said: 'It has been tough for the ordinary Bengali family with the spiralling price of all basic commodities, and the unavailability of basic farming items such as fertilizers and diesel.'

'The price of paper has risen again, putting school books beyond the reach of poor families, risking their hope of education for their children. Paying to see a doctor and buying medicine has become a luxury.'

She added: 'A tiny percentage of the population is well off and unaffected by

spiralling prices, but for the rest – the country's small middle class, and the poor and landless people who make up the majority of the population – their purchasing powers are diminishing by the day.'

Many of Bangladesh's poor rely on seasonal manual work at brickfields, farms and factories, driving rickshaws or vans, or running small shops. Sister Gillian said: 'For the families of such workers, a day without work is a huge problem, and sickness is a catastrophe, especially if the patient is the sole wage earner in the family.'

Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, poor workers on tea plantations are having their wages delayed because

less tea is being sold for export.

Workers are paid monthly, and often buy food on credit, so personal debt is increasing. This is an added hardship for people already struggling due to a lack of employment and educational opportunities.

Fr Shelton Daniel, of Holy Trinity Church, in Pussellawa, has pastoral responsibility for many plantation workers in his congregation. He said many workers were turning to alcohol to relieve stress, with an increased incidence of violence as a consequence.

In Lesotho, the World Food Programme described food security as a 'chronic' problem, with people in low income employment spending three-quarters of their salary on food.

And economic commentators are anticipating a bad year for Africa's trade with western, Chinese and Indian governments and businesses, with cutbacks already made to Chinese projects in Congo-Kinshasa, Nigeria and Sudan, as well as cement plants across Africa.

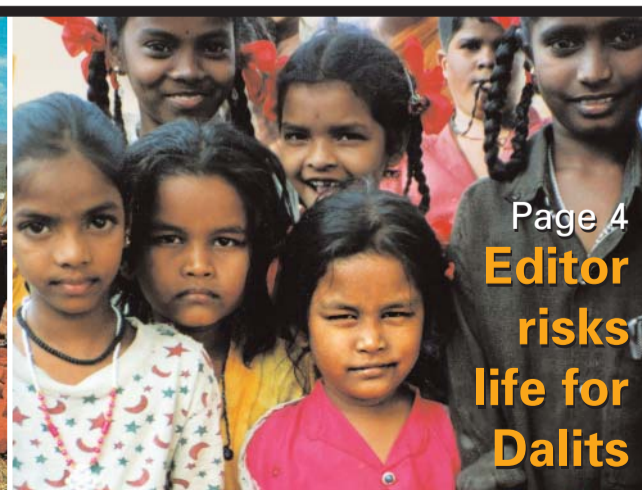
USPG is helping

USPG is working with our world church partners to make the best of resources in the current financial climate.

USPG General Secretary Bishop Michael Doe said: 'We are making every penny count. Please do what you can to help by increasing your donations to USPG by even a small amount. If every *Transmission* reader gives USPG an extra £4, we could raise £100,000 which would make a huge difference.'



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From Bishop Michael

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

Diocesan Companion Links

There was a time when Diocesan Companion Links were primarily about relationships and prayer, with all the funding channelled through the mission agencies.

Today that's changed. We in USPAG recognise that having a particular relationship with another part of the Anglican Communion can be good – our own newly-launched Projects scheme offers something very similar (see pages 6 & 7) – but we also have some questions.

What kind of work is being supported?

The better Companion Links support the ongoing life of the church, but many only fund the kind of projects which are attractive to donors in Britain and Ireland. USPAG is committed to building up churches overseas, through training future leaders and increasing capacity-building, so that they become less dependent on charity from outside.

What about the dioceses that don't have such links?

The better Companion Links support a whole province, so that resources are more

equitably shared out, but many Links relate to just one or two dioceses, and often to those dioceses that are getting similar support from elsewhere. The result is that the poorer dioceses, and those whose bishops have less international contacts, get left out. USPAG tries to spread out its support all around the Communion.

What happens to the money that's sent?

The better Companion Links have built open and trusting relationships, but other Links can fall between excessive control and a lack of proper accountability. USPAG believes in adult relationships with partners, where transparency and responsibility are exercised on all sides.

Can we do both?

If you support USPAG as well as your Diocesan or Parish Link, you can enjoy that particular relationship while not forgetting the rest of the Communion. And if you're wanting a project to support, you may well find that there's one from your Companion Link area in the USPAG Project scheme.



Chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Name, Zululand

Church with a view: South Africa

This is an occasional feature where we look at altars, churches and chapels throughout the world church.

Above is the chapel at the Convent of the Holy Name, in the Diocese of Zululand, part of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

The convent, in kwaMagwaza, is home to the Community of the Holy Name (CHN) Sisters, who started in England in 1865 and came to Zululand in 1969.

The Sisters are involved in extensive mission and social action throughout the wider community. The Sisters are frequently invited by priests to speak and conduct evangelism, and there is a significant project to support local orphans.

In addition, several Sisters have trained as teachers or nurses, and work at schools or hospitals within reach of the Community's houses.

Their salaries, and the sale of handicrafts at the convent, help to keep the Community solvent.

The Revd Canon Edgar Ruddock, Director of USPAG's International Relations Team, said: 'The Sisters make a huge contribution to the life of the diocese.'

'They manage to combine the discipline of an ordered religious life with the spontaneous joy and loving service that comes from an authentically African spirituality.'

This is Anglicanism that is contextualised, relevant, and engaged.'



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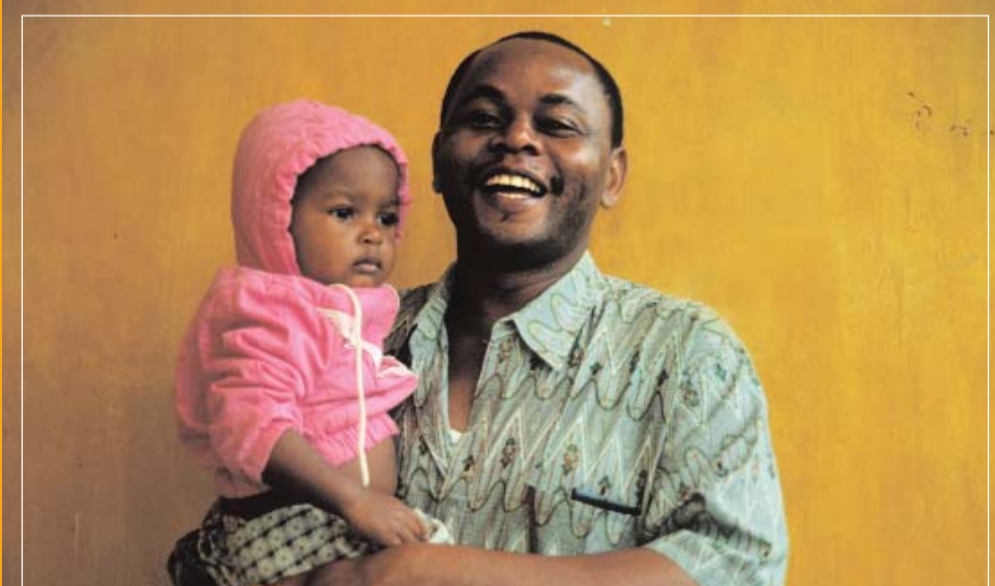
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USPG manages Archbishops' Appeal for Zimbabwe

USPG is managing an appeal set up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to support the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.

Churches in England are being urged to make a donation to support dioceses and parishes in Zimbabwe, where inflation is skyrocketing, unemployment stands at more than 70 per cent, and three-quarters of the country's 12 million population are at risk of starvation.

The Revd Chad Gandiya, USPG's Regional Desk Officer for Africa, said: 'I hope this appeal will make a difference to the poor, but also to the impact of the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe.'

Money from the appeal will help alleviate hunger, tackle health issues such as cholera, malaria and AIDS, and support church farms that benefit local communities.

Meanwhile, USPG is



School pupils help at a mission station in Bonda, Zimbabwe

receiving donations for other work that we support in Zimbabwe. We received a moving letter from 15-year-old

Susannah Bagnall, of Gloucestershire, who sent money to help the church in Zimbabwe's Harare Diocese.

Susannah wrote: 'Some friends witnessed a confirmation where 1,385 people were confirmed. This

staggering number shows many people are turning to Christ in their hour of need. 'As a Christian, I find the suffering of other Christians, who are not as fortunate as myself, to be very harrowing. This feeling was brought home to me during the school play that I was part of, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, in which I played the part of an apostle's wife. Witnessing a man being flogged, nearly to death, and then being crucified because of his faith was one of the most moving things I have ever seen, even though it was only drama. I realise that this is an extreme case, but it made me want to give money to the Diocese of Harare so that Christians might have some hope.'

We can assure all our supporters that your donations will certainly make a difference.

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New director for mission college

Dr Evie Vernon (above) has been appointed as Director of the Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies (SOCMS), which is jointly sponsored by USPG and the Methodist Church and based at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham.

Evie, who takes on her new role this summer, is currently a deaconess in the Diocese of Jamaica.

Her background includes experience of HIV/AIDS education and advocacy; holding the Philip Potter Chair in Ecumenics at the United Theological College of the West Indies; and work as a priest and a chaplain in Kingston.

She said: 'It will be thrilling to work alongside all the people associated with SOCMS to continue to help students and mission partners to empower others to bring God's good news to the poor.'

Evie takes over from the Revd Val Ogden.

■ Read more about Evie in the USPG Prayer Diary.

Mobile phones used to spread the gospel

Concern about misuse of the internet and mobile phones among teenagers has prompted Pakistan's Diocese of Peshawar to launch a 'holy verses' scheme to counteract 'inappropriate material'.

A spokesperson for the diocese explained: 'The internet and mobiles have created havoc among the youth. It's very difficult to keep a check. Usually parents do not know if their offspring are using the internet for watching adult movies. Similarly, mobile phones are creating a negative mentality and promoting a culture of cheap vulgarity.'

The response of the diocese's youth desk has been to start sending a daily bible verse by text – and the effect has been impressive.

'The attitude of the youth has changed,' reports the diocese. 'Now they exchange bible verses and prayer points instead of vulgar messages. This ministry has proved more effective than was expected.'

One girl, at a youth camp, was being pestered by a boy who was sending her inappropriate messages. She started to respond by sending him bible verses and, after a short while, the boy also started sending bible verses.

In fact, the scheme has

proved so popular that a national TV station interviewed young people from the diocese for a special feature.

Now the diocese is expanding the service, sending emails and text messages that offer bible commentary, messages about special Christian days, and prayer requests.

According to the diocese: 'Although the situation in the region is tense due to terrorism, the youth have not given up hope and keep sending messages of peace and love.'

USPG has been supporting the work of the South Asia Christian Youth Network for the past six years.

Angels fluttered wings and shepherds trembled

They travelled for miles to be at the Diocese of Northern Malawi's first annual Sunday School celebration, with two children and their teacher taking two days on public transport to travel from the Parish of Mgoza to St Mark's Church, in Mzuzu.

Eventually, a total of 140 children and their teachers arrived from 17 of the diocese's 19 parishes.

Co-ordinator Gloria Mary Wright described the scenes: 'The day began with a triumphant procession of children dressed in Sunday School uniform, singing *We are Walking in the Light of God*. Candles were held high. Everyone sang with joy. Readings were read by the children with confidence and clarity.'

'Afterwards, the bishop returned to his house, followed



Children enact the life of Jesus in the Diocese of Northern Malawi

by a long line of singing, happy children, with the youngest at the front.'

'After lunch, the whole party gathered to witness the life of Jesus illustrated in drama, song and bible verse. Angels fluttered their wings with vigour, and the shepherds fell to the ground and trembled mightily.'

The children were rewarded with colouring books, crayons and pencils.

Gloria said: 'The teachers worked so hard to make this a special occasion that we hope the children will never forget.'

'This was the first time we had organised such an event. Next year each parish will organise their own celebrations. That way more children can take part and parishes can take ownership of their Sunday School.'

'There was no need to ask the children what they thought of it: there was laughter and lively chatter the whole weekend.'

When adult energies were flagging the children were still full of enthusiasm. The church is so full of children who take their faith seriously. We are indeed richly blessed.'

USPG Mission Companion Christopher Boyle is the Bishop of Northern Malawi. He is due to return to England in July.

NEWS IN BRIEF

GHANA: The Diocese of Tamale has thanked USPG for its support. A letter from the diocese read: 'Synod has been greatly impressed by USPG's unflinching support to the diocese over the years, particularly in the areas of clergy training and the promotion of evangelism. USPG's financial support enabled the diocese to go on an evangelistic campaign in Wa, the Upper West regional capital, where 300 people were converted. We praise God for it. Synod also appreciates USPG's support for health services.'

JERUSALEM: The Diocese of Jerusalem's Peace and Reconciliation Department has launched a series of inter faith dialogues with a focus on spirituality. Department director the Revd Shehadeh explained: 'If we begin on our own personal spirituality and work from the inside out we can begin to listen better to others.' Muslims, Christians and Jews will be invited to a series of gatherings at which participants will discuss sacred texts to gain a greater understanding of other faiths.

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INDIA

Newspaper editor risks life for Dalit communities

A member of the USPG-supported Delhi Brotherhood is championing the rights of the poor

Since publishing his first newspaper in 1988, Fr Solomon George has been shot at, threatened by gangsters and forced to endure the stresses of a lengthy court case.

But despite these obstacles, Fr Solomon, of the Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS), remains defiant in his pursuit of justice.

He said: 'These incidents have given me the confidence to carry on with my investigative journalism. They are hard lessons that have helped to build self-confidence, and confidence in the judiciary in India. I do not feel frightened.'

Fr Solomon has published various versions of his newspaper over the last 20 years. The most recent incarnation is called *Inquilab Bharat*, meaning India Rebel. Articles champion the rights of the under-privileged, tackling issues such as inadequate facilities in

schools, erratic electricity supplies and poor policing of India's often-lethal roads.

Fr Monodeep Daniel, who helps to run DBS, said: 'Concerns raised by the newspaper mainly affect ordinary people. In deprived communities, no-one repairs sewers, water supplies, roads, electricity or telephones. Bringing these issues to the notice of public and senior government officers causes those who have failed to carry out their responsibilities.'

Fr Solomon was shot at after taking on a local gang who were using intimidation to steal land off Dalit [no-caste] people, then selling it on. They particularly targeted widows with no sons or male family members. Fear of the gang was so great that neighbours would rarely intervene, and there were allegations that the authorities were being paid not to take action.

Fr Solomon took up the case, collected evidence and published what he discovered. The police got involved. Fr Solomon received a threat by phone demanding that he retract the story, but he refused. A few days later, he was shot at, but the gunmen missed.

The gang leader then attempted to sue Fr Solomon for defamation. The court case was lengthy, prompting the frustrated gang leader to send men to the

newspaper offices to assault workers and cause damage.

Finally, the year-long case was settled in favour of Fr Solomon, and the activities of the gang were stopped.

The newspaper concerns itself particularly with the rights of India's oppressed Dalit communities. Indian society is divided into four castes – priests, warriors, traders and servants – with inter-marriage forbidden. The Dalits, who represent around 20 per cent of India's population, belong to none of these castes and are instead considered 'out-castes' or 'untouchables', because their touch is thought to pollute. The only jobs open to them are cleaning, disposing of excreta and dead animals, working with leather, and beating drums at festivals attended by caste Hindus.

According to Fr Monodeep: 'Dalits have lived under severe conditions of discrimination, dispossession and subjugation for three millennia.'

He said: 'The *Inquilab Bharat* newspaper is primarily read by those who are the victims of these social, cultural, economic and globalising powers.'

■ USPG has been involved in mission work in Delhi for over 100 years, and has been supporting the work of DBS since the 1960s.



Dalits in India have faced discrimination, dispossession and subjugation for three millennia

NEWS IN BRIEF

URUGUAY: USPG is looking to raise £3,000 to help support a Child and Family Attention Centre, run by the Anglican Church in Montevideo. The centre provides education, nutrition and a meeting point for 180 under-privileged families. The money will fund refurbishments and new equipment, including a new bathroom, a wooden children's play area and materials for psychometric testing. To support this work, email priscilla@uspg.org.uk

GREENBELT: Are you going to this year's Greenbelt Arts Festival? If so, would you like to volunteer to spend a few hours helping on the USPG stall? We are looking for people who are enthusiastic about world mission to help us to meet and greet members of the public and encourage them to get involved with USPG. The festival is at Cheltenham Racecourse from 28 to 31 August. To get involved, call Bola Sofela on 020 7378 5690 or email bolas@uspg.org.uk

BENIN

'Our faith surpasses our differences'

Ruth Salmon reports on her teaching placement in Cotonou, Benin

I arrived expecting to be a teaching assistant, but have instead ended up teaching for eight hours a week on my own – with no training or experience, and teaching in my second language (Benin is French-speaking). Quite a challenge.

At first my students couldn't understand my English as they were used to an African accent and, at the same time, my command of French was not good enough to explain things and control the class. That side of things has much improved, but I have discipline problems – constant chatting – because I'm small and young and don't hit students like other teachers!

I've learned lots through, principally perseverance, patience and optimism. I think God has wanted to teach me to trust and



Ruth Salmon (left) and friend Germaine, in Benin

rely on him; in England, in my own environment, I think I generally manage to be successful by my strength alone.

In the evenings I help children from the church with their English homework and go to choir rehearsals. Meanwhile, the church caretaker is teaching me the local language, and I keep us both entertained as I try to produce sounds my tongue has not previously encountered.

these fetes, and the fact there's no way to say 'I'm bored' in the local language, reflects the positive outlook the Beninoise have on life, making the best of each situation.

Sometimes it seems that everything here is different, such as unfamiliar food. Even manners are different: please and thank you seem optional, but greetings are extremely important.

But some things remind me that Benin is not so different. I might see someone wearing an English football shirt or dancing to songs I know from home, while the confirmation class discussed the same themes as I used to discuss at my youth group in England. This last experience reminded me that the faith we share surpasses all the differences I've found.

■ Ruth was on placement with the Experience Exchange Programme. This programme run jointly by USPG and the Methodist Church, places volunteers from Britain and Ireland with the world for up to 12 months. For more information, phone Habib Nader on 020 7378 6673 or email habibn@uspg.org.uk

SWAZILAND

Girls plead for help to pay school fees

Report by
USPG Mission
Companion the
Revd Andrew
Symonds

One of my great joys is presiding over the weekly eucharist at the Anglican Boarding School, in Manzini.

I am getting to know some of the pupils; they sing with great fervour and volume, and listen to the service with rapt attention – some even comment on my sermon!

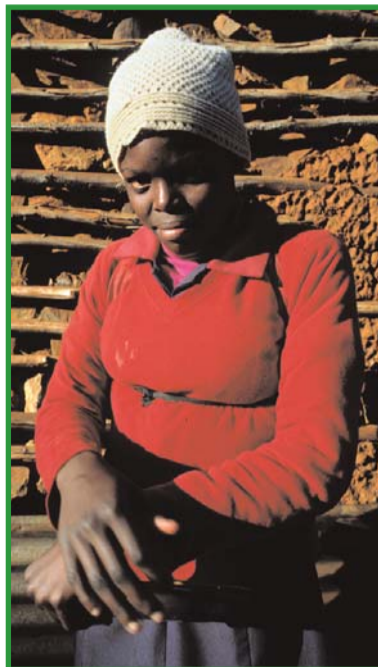
The school chaplain, the Revd Dalcy Dlamini, asked me to help her with three services on Ash Wednesday. It took four

hours to ‘ash’ 1,200 pupils, as well as administering communion or a blessing to over 600 pupils in the upper school.

Dalcy and I eventually sat down exhausted, drenched in sweat, with aching backs brought on by bending down to the kneeling pupils.

This story illustrates the demands upon Dalcy, not so much the physical demands of leading worship for so many pupils, but the pressure to make herself available to pupils in need. After each service, students queued to speak to Dalcy about their problems, with each one hoping for her to comfort them or solve their problem.

This year has been especially traumatic as many families have not been able to raise



USPG/Leah Gordon

Children in Swaziland fear they will have to drop out of education

sufficient funds for school fees. Dalcy has had girls in tears, pleading for help, because if their fees aren't paid the girls will be moved to another school, away from friends, or taken out of education.

The difficulty of paying school fees hits the populace of Swaziland at the beginning of each year. For the first four months of the year, the shops are emptier and the streets are quieter because people cannot afford to go out.

The problem is enormous. The government has promised to provide free education – but not this year because money is not available. Sadly, inflation has pushed up school fees once again so the problem has been exacerbated.

Many parishes raise funds to send hundreds of children to

school. But the needs are growing each year.

Another concern of Dalcy's is how to minister to pupils who are HIV-positive. Many pupils were born infected with HIV and struggle to understand why this is so.

Recently, a teacher collapsed in class and was taken to the local hospice. Dalcy saw an opportunity to involve the pupils in caring for someone with HIV. She arranged for the children to visit and collect money to enable their teacher to remain in the hospice.

From my brief periods at the school, I am beginning to understand the pressures of being a school chaplain, and can only wonder how Dalcy remains cheerful despite so often going home emotionally drained.

MOZAMBIQUE

‘Their days are spent sifting through garbage’

USPG-sponsored student is reaching out to a community that lives on a rubbish dump

The city of Maputo generates tons of garbage every day, depositing it at a huge city dump where it is sorted and sifted by a community that depends on this waste for their survival.

Some of these people live in makeshift homes on the dump;



USPG/Leah Gordon

Children scavenging on a rubbish dump in Mozambique

others live nearby in cardboard shacks. Their days are spent

sifting through garbage looking for metal, tin, bottles, plastic –

anything they can sell on for a little money. Some wait by the entrance gates to take first pick of whatever the trucks bring in. To survive, they will eat rotten food.

Children are sent here by their parents to find food or something to sell. Others come to escape broken homes or ended up here after migrating from rural areas and failing to find work.

USPG-sponsored theology student Juliao Mutemba is researching the dump community and considering how the church can respond.

He said: ‘The people on the dump are longing to get out. They trust in God and hope for something better. Many people,

including church delegations, come to the dump to see what's going on, approaching with fear, trying to take pictures that will remind them of what they have seen, but without staying around to set up a mission for the people.’

Juliao's research thesis is titled ‘A Theology of Garbage at Hulene Dumping Area: A Search for Hidden Treasure’.

He said: ‘The aim of the study is to explore the journey of the people in the dump, their reason for being there, how they feel, and their connection with the wider community. I will also explore how church mission can provide them with love, justice and freedom.’

BANGLADESH

Church provides help at time of great need

USPG-supported Mission Companion Sarah Hall writes about a nanny left widowed and destitute

Beauty works as an ‘ayah’ (nanny) at a school in the capital city, Dhaka. Life was already a struggle to make ends meet. Then Beauty was widowed and life became tougher.

Beauty's husband worked as a

carpenter, but was struggling financially, mostly because customers were not paying him on time, which is how poorer workers are often treated in Bangladesh.

One day, despite feeling unwell, Beauty's husband decided to try and collect some of the money owed to him. He travelled across Dhaka by bus to visit a customer, but the customer again refused to pay.

On the way home, Beauty's husband had a heart attack on the bus and died. It seems he had so little money that he had only paid the fare for part of the journey, and was anticipating having to walk most of the way.

Beauty and her two daughters have been left with



Beauty, who was recently widowed significant debts.

In this time of need, the Church of Bangladesh has been a valuable source of support. Church members accompanied Beauty when she went to identify

the body, and have since visited her and made financial contributions.

In Bangladesh, when someone dies, they are returned to their village to be buried, which means hiring a vehicle and risking further debt. But the church was able to assist with this too.

Sarah said: ‘It is encouraging to see the love and support offered by the church as they come alongside Beauty. It is a practical example of “God with us”.’

‘Beauty continues to struggle without her husband's income to supplement her own but, through the help of many, she is slowly beginning to adjust to life on her own.’

Beauty recently found higher-paid employment as a nanny.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: Young Christian women in the Diocese of Peshawar have been studying beauty therapy as a vocational skill. A one-month course was attended by 25 women, all members of churches in the diocese. They are now attempting to establish their own parlours or find work in beauty salons. A spokesperson for the diocese said: ‘For weddings, birthdays and parties, most women go to the parlours, which has increased the range of opportunities for beauticians.’ At a certificate-giving ceremony, diocesan officers encouraged the women to live ‘independent lives’.

USPG Projects scheme

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Richard Owen in Trinidad

Project B05 | Target: £17,100/€22,800



USPG Mission Companion Richard Owen is teaching music to provide young people with an alternative to life on the streets, where there are crime and drugs.

St Luke's Hospital, Nablus

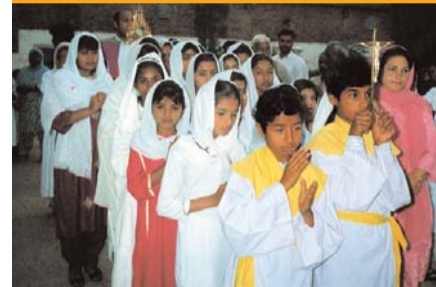
Project 354 | Target: £4,520/€6,030



In a region embroiled in conflict, St Luke's provides a vital health service in the West Bank, without discriminating against a patient's nationality, religion or ability to pay.

St Thomas' Theological College, Pakistan

Project 450 | Target: £16,020/€21,350



We are funding salaries and new courses at an institution in the Anglican tradition that is training men and women to work in the (United) Church of Pakistan.

Development for Landless People, Brazil

Project 384 | Target: £1,110/€1,470



In Pelotas, 1.6 per cent of landowners control half the region's farmland. The church is supporting traditional farmers in their struggle to access land.

Rural Biblical Institute (RBI), Chile

Project 361 | Target: £1,330/€1,780



USPG and RBI are working together to train students from impoverished rural areas to become leaders in their communities.

San Esteban AIDS Hostel, Uruguay

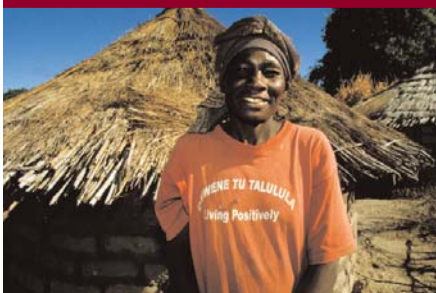
Project 355 | Target: £15,320/€20,420



This hostel is helping people with HIV – many of them homeless – to find a job and reintegrate with society, family and friends.

HIV Home Support, Namibia

Project 374 | Target: £4,010/€5,340



The home-based care programme, in Odibo, trains volunteers to provide practical and spiritual support for neighbours affected or infected by HIV.

Social Action Programme, South Africa

Project 461 | Target: £4,010/€5,340

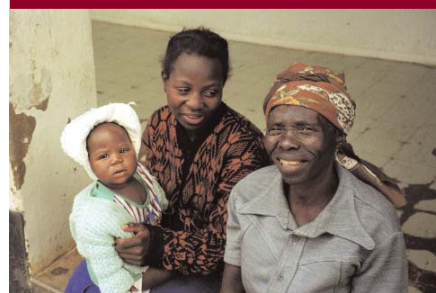


This programme has offered food, shelter and opportunities for resettlement to refugees who fled xenophobic attacks in Pretoria.

NEW

St Peter's Clinic, Zimbabwe

Project 427 | Target: £2,410/€3,210

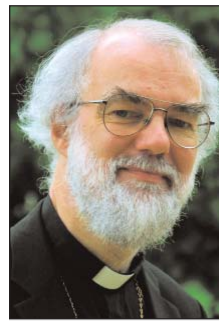


Alongside political challenges, Zimbabwe's health system continues to deteriorate. St Peter's is doing what it can to provide a vital service.



The pieces of work shown on these pages are a sample taken from more than 80 Projects supported by USPG. They all provide an opportunity for you and your church to connect directly with the mission of the global Anglican family.

1. Choose a Project or Projects that inspire you.
2. Contact USPG for further information.
3. Decide how much you or your church can afford to donate to support your chosen Project.
4. Make a pledge or set up a regular donation.
5. You will receive newsletters and be able to order resources to help you to promote your Project.



'USPG continues to enrich the life of the Anglican Communion through its rootedness in the life of the provinces. Its commitment to partnership and co-operation yields great dividends as together we share in God's mission worldwide.'

Archbishop Rowan Williams

Community Health, Pakistan

Project 444 | Target: £2,670/€3,560



This Project is supporting two hospitals and health outreach, providing a vital source of medical care for people of all faiths in Hyderabad Diocese.

Women's Centre in Trivandrum, South India

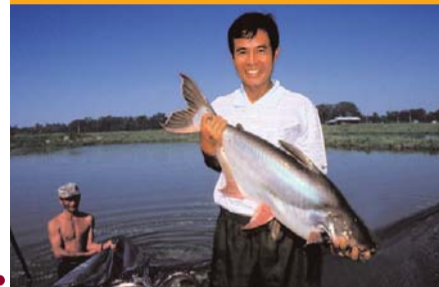
Project 463 | Target: £6,680/€8,900



Providing medical care, health awareness, pre and post marriage counselling, vocational training and human rights legal advice for women

Supporting Clergy, Myanmar

Project 436 | Target: £32,420/€43,220



Trained church leaders are sharing God's love by reaching out to communities of all faiths and ethnic groups.

Community Action, Philippines

Project 385 | Target: £4,010/€5,340



USPG is supporting the Episcopal Church as it addresses deforestation and the poisoning of land by mining companies, and other issues.

St Mark's Theological College, Tanzania

Project 440 | £6,010/€8,010



Founded over 100 years ago, St Mark's has trained scores of Anglican clergy, employing mostly Tanzanian lecturers who specialise in African cultural issues.

Schools and Hostels in Madagascar

Project 404 | Target £12,010/€16,010



Children from poor families are being given an education that will boost their chances of finding employment. This is helping to break the cycle of poverty.

St James' Hospital, Lesotho

Project 215 | Target: £33,860/€45,150



St James' Hospital is offering vital healthcare to impoverished subsistence farming communities in the rural mountainous region of Mantsönyane.

Chipili Health Centre, Zambia

Project 460 | Target: £4,010/€5,340

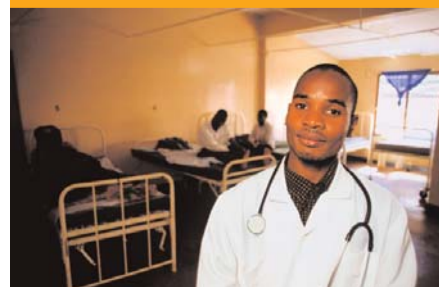


In an isolated rural area, where thousands are affected by malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, this centre is the primary source of healthcare.

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Healthcare in Upper Shire, Malawi

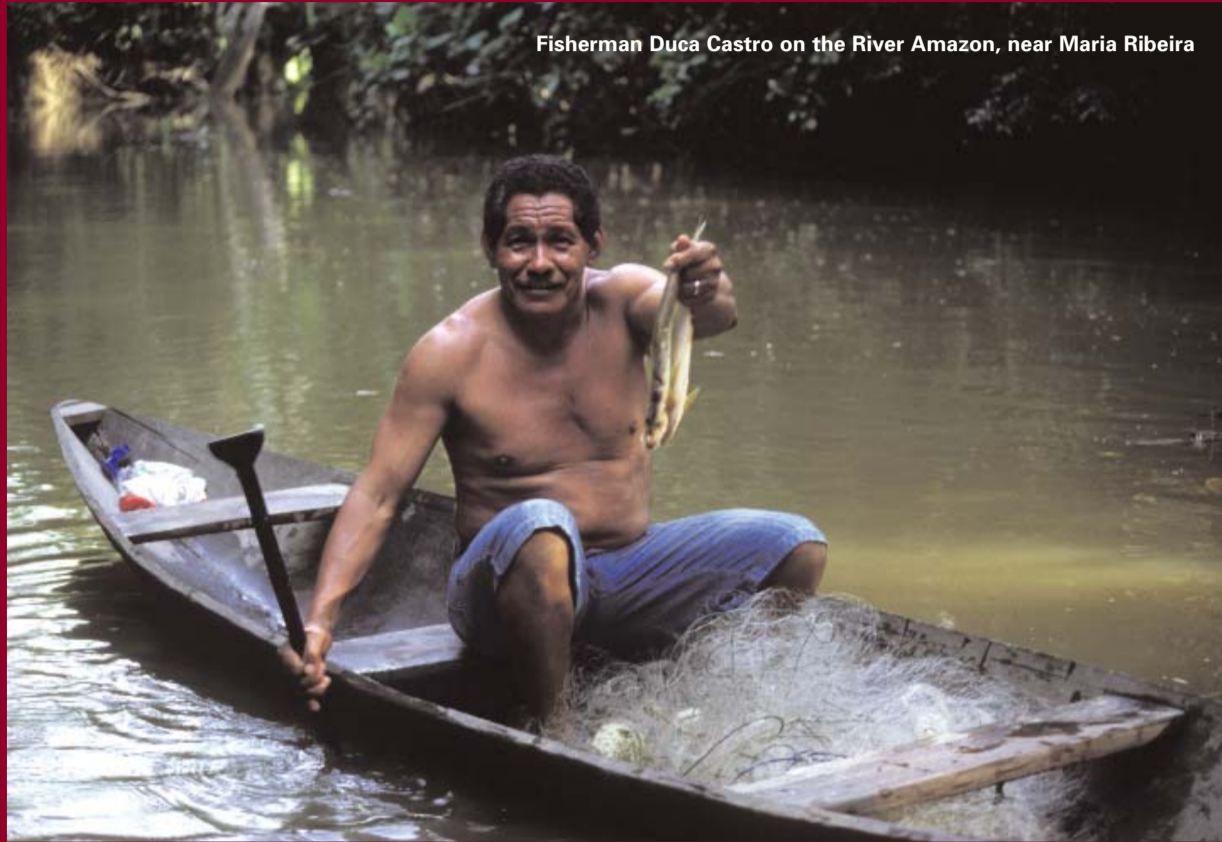
Project 282 | Target: £28,020/€37,360



In a region where a quarter of people survive on one meagre meal a day, USPG is supporting two hospitals and a network of health centres.

Take a journey down the Amazon this Harvest

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Fisherman Duca Castro on the River Amazon, near Maria Ribeira

USPG's worship resources for Harvest 2009 will focus on the life of a small fishing community in Maria Ribeira, deep in the heart of Brazil's Amazon rainforest.

This part of the world has been described as 'God's garden'. Villagers wake up in the morning, walk outside into the lush rainforest, and collect fresh mangoes for breakfast. For dinner there is fish from the Amazon served with tapioca grown in small sustainable forest gardens.

But this way of life is under threat. Big businesses are stealing land and local resources.

The new Diocese of the Amazon stepped in with an unlikely solution in the guise of two fridge freezers. Keeping fish in the freezers guarantees food for local families and a small income

from selling the surplus. Now the community wants to develop education and healthcare programmes.

The people of Maria Ribeira are working with USPG Mission Companions Ruth and Saulo de Barros; Saulo is the Bishop of the Amazon.

Ruth said: 'The Anglican Church here is concerned with the whole of people's lives, not just their spiritual lives. For me, this is mission. It includes not just the spiritual side and praying together, but their whole livelihood.'

■ See page 11 for details of how to order your FREE Harvest 2009 resources, including an all-age service, sermon suggestions, children's activities, a school assembly, DVD and an idea for an alternative Harvest supper.

USPG seeks new support in Scotland

USPG is increasing its efforts to reconnect with congregations in Scotland.

A recent survey found that there was a low degree of awareness of the mission agency in Scotland, despite a long history of USPG sending Scots missionaries around the world.

Jonathan Elliott-Jones, who has been USPG's Regional Co-ordinator for Scotland since 2007, said: 'I have been able to

increase awareness of USPG, but it is a large area to cover and, from my base in Aberdeen, I just can't respond to all the demands. Developing a stronger USPG presence is essential to help promote a broader global perspective of mission.'

Up to six volunteers are initially being sought to take on the role of Associate Mission Adviser (AMA).

As AMAs, the successful

candidates will be asked to help establish relationships between USPG and congregations throughout Scotland, primarily within the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Anyone interested in becoming an AMA is invited to find out more at an introductory day on 14 May in Edinburgh.

For more information, call Jonathan on 01224 744658 or email jonathanej@uspg.org.uk



St Pancras staff members Denis Kirk and Pasqualino Risi, with USPG AMAs the Revd Jonathan Barker and Mike Page

Swear box raises funds for USPG

A swear box set up by the chaplain of St Pancras railway station, in London, has notched up £30 for church work around the world.

Station chaplain the Revd Jonathan Barker sits in an open plan office that he shares with station managers and key personnel. But he was so shocked by his colleague's colourful language that he decided to do something about it.

'The presence of a chaplain in the office doesn't seem to act as a deterrent to swearing and blasphemy,' he explained.

Swearing seems to be a release for some, although I've noticed

the culprits are generally male.'

Jonathan, who is a USPG Associate Mission Adviser (AMA), placed the swear box on his desk six months ago and has had colleagues dropping in coins.

He said: 'We have several regular contributors. One person was giving so much I asked him to name a USPG Project to send the money to. So the money we raise will help support Nkomaindo Eye Clinic in Tanzania.'

Jonathan said bad language in the office had eased off since he introduced the swear box, but not disappeared completely.

'I'm not expecting miracles and, to be honest, it's a good fundraiser for USPG!'

Shrove Tuesday became 'Shave' Tuesday



Lynn Gibson helps Victor Fitzpatrick with a leg wax

Theological students engaged in the traditional penitent Lenten act of head-shaving and, erm, leg waxing to raise funds for global mission on Shrove Tuesday.

Ordinands at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, in

Dublin, renamed the day 'Shave' Tuesday in honour of their fundraising event.

Money raised has gone to the USPG-supported St Francis' Hospital, in Katete, Zambia, the only source of healthcare for a large rural population.

The students, who dressed in

cassocks for the occasion, were Paul Bogle, Patrick Burke, Robert Ferris, Peter Ferguson, David McDonnell, Colin Welsh, Mike Dornan, Victor Fitzpatrick, Simon Genoe and Jason Kernohan. And Lynn Gibson showed her support by applying temporary hair-dye in the correct liturgical colour.

Event organiser Patrick Burke said: 'Lent is quite properly a penitential season, and shaving one's head is a traditional way of doing penance. But that doesn't mean we can't have some fun with it while doing some good for others.'

He added: 'A parish in Cork donated the entire proceeds of its Ash Wednesday fundraising lunch to our cause; and I received a letter from a woman in Galway whose children were born in St Francis' Hospital when she lived in Zambia over 20 years ago.' To date the event has raised €3,000.

Llangollen church hosts a USPG Fiesta party

It was fiesta time at St Collen's Church, in Llangollen, when they organised a bring and share meal with a Latin American theme to raise funds for USPG.

The meal was held following

the Advent Sunday service, bringing together four churches in the Parish of St Collen's.

Organiser Ann Lamb said: 'Everyone who came to both the service and the meal enjoyed it. Ann Orton, USPG's Regional Desk Officer for Latin America,

joined us and told us about life in Uruguay.'

Ann and her friends created the right atmosphere by hanging brightly-coloured drapes in the church hall and decorating tables in red and yellow, with colourful candles.

And, using tips from the USPG Fiesta party pack, church members cooked up a delicious Latin American beef stew, and shared tasty wraps, tropical fruit juices and desserts.

The event raised £171 for USPG-supported work in Villa

Felicidad, Uruguay, and other impoverished communities around the world.

■ Join in the fun! To request a FREE USPG Fiesta party pack, call 0845 273 1701 or email enquiries@uspg.org.uk

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Mission means sharing the love and knowledge of God

USPG Mission Companion Richard Fermer reflects on four years as a theological tutor with the Anglican Church in Brazil

In the popular imagination we tend to associate mission with activities such as working in a hospital or responding to a humanitarian crisis. But whatever the activity, the thing that makes a church really effective is its ability to reflect theologically using scripture, tradition and culture.

Churches often have a tendency to focus on maintenance rather than mission or social justice. And you are never going to move from a maintenance mentality unless there is a growth in Christian understanding: a widening of horizons. So it is my view that theological education is essential for mission; indeed,



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Sharing the peace at St Luke's Church, Marambaia, Brazil

the two are indivisible.

One of the big themes of my time in Brazil was trying to develop a mode of theological education that was appropriate for a province that's the size of western Europe and has limited financial means.

We developed a programme that focused on one-to-one

relationships and accompanying people in their development. Through this programme, I was invited to run training events for clergy, clergy retreats, and lay readers' training, as well as making parish visits. We also established an internet course, which made theological education accessible to those

who could not afford to take time off work or travel.

In Brazil, many people come to the Anglican Church having had painful experiences in other churches. For example, Roman Catholic priests who got married and lost their status, or Roman Catholics upset by the suppression of

liberation theology.

From Pentecostal churches, we welcomed people who had been hurt by ethical rigidity over issues of gender, sexuality and divorce. The Pentecostal church tends to offer an intense emotional experience, but many people find they can't sustain this intensity or they discover there are other parts of life that this vision doesn't include.

The Anglican Church in Brazil welcomes all of these people who feel excluded elsewhere. It is a healing space. And this acceptance is borne out of a particular theological understanding of inclusivity.

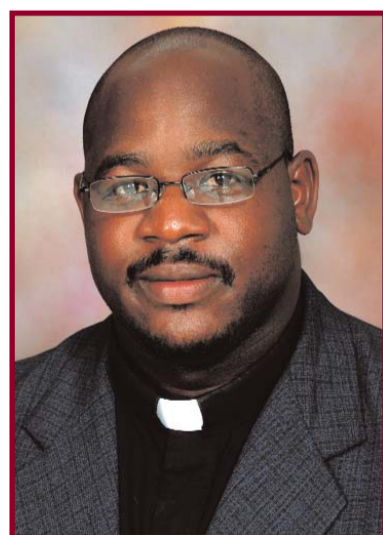
One of Brazil's most important thinkers is Paulo Freire who understands education not simply as a method of transmission from master to pupil. Instead, he encourages students to criticise and compare what they are taught with their local circumstances and say what the theology means for them.

This process of sharing and learning from one another helps us to develop an understanding of mission as 'communion'. Mission is a sharing of the love and knowledge of God. It is about converting more of ourselves towards God and harnessing more of ourselves to serve God.

HISTORY

Priest from the Bahamas is following in the family tradition

Being trained on a USPG-scholarship means the Revd Carlton Turner has something in common with his great-great-grandfather.



The Revd Carlton Turner

old, I felt God's call to become a priest, and All Saints was the place where my desire to become a minister grew. Little did I know that the great grandfather of my grandmother and my grandaunts was the Revd William Henry Sweeting, who, in 1874, was ordained as the first black priest in the Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Mr Sweeting donated the land on which All Saints Church was built, beginning its construction before he died in

1881. The church was eventually dedicated in 1892.

He was a remarkable man: a sailor and a priest who built churches all along the coast of Andros, earning him the nickname the Apostle of Andros. Another striking fact is that his training came about as a result of a visit by missionaries from SPG [as USPG was then known].

I was ordained as a deacon in 2005 and as a priest in 2006. Throughout my training, I harboured a keen interest in mission. I researched colleges that offered training in mission, and discovered the Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies (SOCMS), the mission college in Birmingham run by USPG and the Methodist Church. Further enquiries led to an offer to study there for a Masters in Applied Theological Studies on a scholarship from USPG.

I am now coming to the end of my year-long studies in England. The experience has broadened my horizons, helping me to establish a clearer vision for where my ministry, within my context, needs to go in the future. I would certainly encourage anyone looking to

serve the church faithfully and skilfully, as did William Henry Sweeting, to investigate the courses on offer at SOCMS.

I believe that a keen sense of mission and an awareness of context are the key tools for an effective ministry. USPG's emphasis on training leaders for a global- and mission-oriented church is exactly what the Anglican Communion needs at this crucial time in history. The Society inspired William Henry Sweeting, and it is now doing

the same with me.

For me, USPG represents many things: my history, my church, my life, my future. Somehow, all of these things are linked for me through USPG, and I pray for God's continual blessings on the organisation.

■ SOCMS was founded in 2006. It is part of the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education. For more information about SOCMS, visit www.queens.ac.uk/mission



All Saints Church, Andros, in the Bahamas

PROJECT 357: PELOTAS HERBAL CLINIC

Herbal clinic is providing a vital service

There was a sense of expectancy in the community on the day the herbal health clinic visited the Parish of Santissima Trindade, in Brazil's Pelotas Diocese.

Many local people come to be seen by experts in alternative medicine who provide help and advice for complaints that include digestive problems, coughs, allergies and muscular pains.

The day begins with a time of prayer led by local priest the Revd Ilaine Zschornack. Then patients are diagnosed and given medicinal herbs – these are often preferable to expensive antibiotics, which can be overused – and massage therapy.

In addition, house visits are arranged and advice is given on healthy eating and how to make the most of kitchen gardens and wild fruit and vegetables. The team can also offer advice on social issues, such as employment.

There are seven of these herbal clinics running in the rural area of Canguçu, in Pelotas Diocese. Most of the healthcare workers belong to the Anglican Church.

The service is vital for farming communities in rural interior areas of the country, which are frequently only accessible by simple dirt roads and have poor transport facilities – in some cases only one bus per day connecting them to the



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Project workers collect herbs to use as medicine

nearest town.

In addition, these are poor communities in a country without a free healthcare system.

The Rt Revd Sebastião Gameleira, former Bishop of Pelotas, said the clinics were highly effective. He recalled: 'A young man with complications from a head wound went to several doctors before he came to the health ministry, where he was finally healed.'

He added: 'Our work is done with much love and dedication to our neighbour. We feel blessed when we see people being cured of their illnesses.'

■ Use the form below to begin making regular donations to Project 357.

PROJECT 282: HEALTHCARE IN UPPER SHIRE, MALAWI

Five-year-old suffers stroke

Debit was brought to St Luke's Hospital, in Malosa, Malawi, after she suddenly lost use of her left arm and leg and started experiencing difficulty speaking.

These are classic symptoms of a stroke. What's shocking is that Debit is only five years old.

Debit's father died in 2004 from tuberculosis; both her father and mother had already been diagnosed with HIV, and Debit herself was HIV-positive.

She was a poorly baby but, despite hospital treatment for a variety of illnesses, she was never started on antiretroviral treatment. Her mother, meanwhile, was initially too well to receive treatment, then she became so involved with caring for her daughter that she neglected to seek further assessment for herself or her three older children.

For Debit, there is a happy ending. USPG Mission Companion Susannah Woodd, who works at the hospital, explained: 'Investigations

suggested tuberculosis meningitis and, after two months of treatment on our paediatric ward, Debit completely regained the power in her arm and leg and became a bundle of energy.

'But she is memorable not just for her fantastic recovery, but for her affectionate personality. She could be found hand-in-hand with the clinical officer conducting his rounds, having pretend telephone conversations with the medical students, or simply playing with other children on the ward.

'Debit has now started antiretroviral treatment and I am sure will become as well-known and loved at the clinic as she was on the ward.'

Susannah added: 'I hope her mother will now have the time and encouragement to focus on her own health which will be so important for her whole family in the coming years.'

■ You can help to support this work by making regular donations to Project 282.

PROJECT 385: COMMUNITY ACTION, PHILIPPINES

Programme supports women

The Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) has launched a bible study programme to help encourage greater gender sensitivity.

ECP's Social Ministries team developed the programme to help tackle a cultural tendency to use the Bible to justify discrimination by denying women access to employment, education and leadership opportunities.

Former nun and activist Patricia Fresen likened the campaign for women's rights in the Philippines to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

The Social Ministries team is also running a Conflict Transformation programme to try and resolve tribal conflicts in the Northern Luzon area.

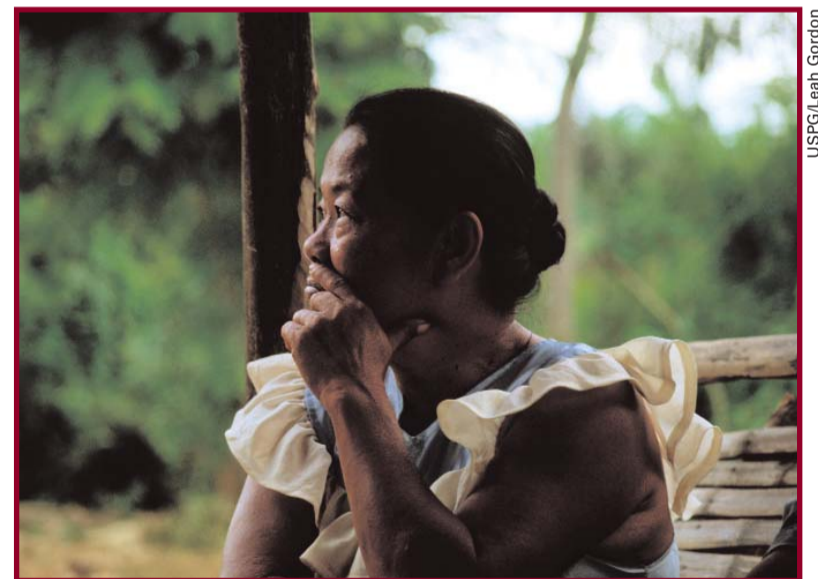
An ECP report explained: 'Most tribal conflicts do not go to court. Sad to say that, at this age and time, there are still tribes that settle disputes using the policy of an eye for an eye. Our aim is to prevent further bloodshed and/or injury.'

The Social Ministries team, working alongside other church-based organisations and tribal groups, recently reported on 16 disputes, at least four of which involved murder.

The report read: 'Of the 16 cases, we were able to assist in resolving eight. Some of these cases are still being resolved.'

ECP is providing much-needed structure and support in impoverished rural regions of the Philippines, which – activists claim – are overlooked by the government.

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Villager Petronia Manayon, in Lula, a community affected by mining

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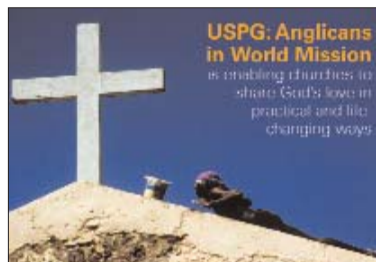
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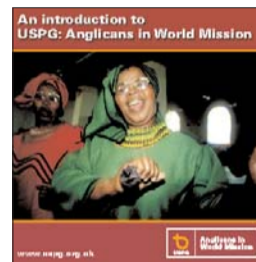
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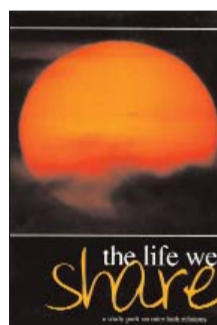
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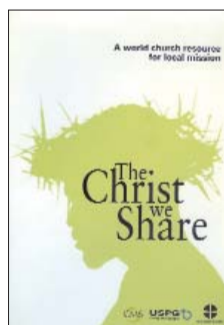
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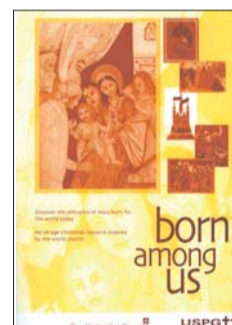
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