

All Saints Ilkley

**After this I looked,
and there before me
was a great multitude
that no one could
count, from every
nation, tribe, people
and language, standing
before the throne and
before the Lamb**

Rev 7.9

**Mission Partners Gift Day
August 30th 2026**

Sunday August 30th is our Mission Partners Gift Day.

It's a day to prayerfully and financially support the work of Christian mission across the world.

As always, we are encouraging the All Saints Church family to give financially to support our Mission Partners who are;

- **Diocese of Sittwe, Myanmar: Bishop James Min Dein**
(<https://sittwe.anglicanmyanmar.org/>)
- **Koshish Mental Health Self-Help Organisation (Nepal)**
(<https://koshish.org.np/>)
- **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**
Andrew & Liz Parker (based in Uganda)
(<https://maf-uk.org/get-involved/support-our-staff/andrew-and-liz-parker/>)
- **Latin Link – Tim & Hannah Flatman (Brazil)**
(<https://latinlink.org/team-member/tim-and-hannah-flatman/>)

This Gift Appeal is the main way we will be enabling the church family to directly support our Mission Partners. This booklet explains a bit more about each of them and how you can financially respond to support them.

We are committed to supporting our Mission Partners both through our giving and through prayer and personal encouragement.

Whatever & wherever you give, thanks for your generosity & commitment. We are part of a worldwide church family & we need each other's ongoing prayers, love, support & commitment.

Our Mission Partners board in the Church Porch has more information and we regularly include updates, in our services and bulletins to keep you in touch.

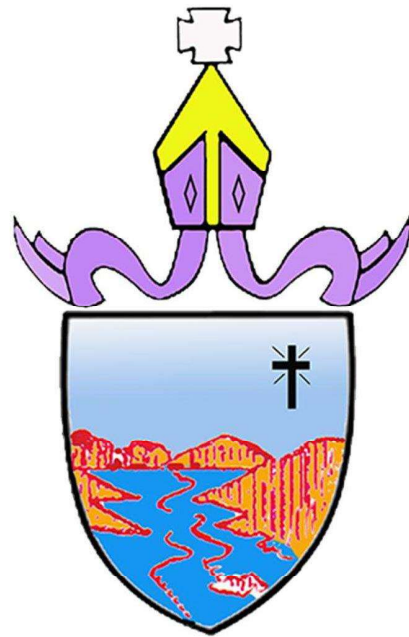
Please be generous in support of our four partners in the Gospel.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the name, there is a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Revd. Mike Coe
Vicar – All Saints, Ilkley

Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar)

Bishop James Min Dein



Proclaiming the good news is at the heart of the ministry of the Rt Revd James Min Dein, Bishop of Sittwe, in Myanmar.

Sittwe is the most rural and mountainous of Myanmar's six dioceses. Several times a year, the bishop gathers together a team that includes priests and health workers – perhaps as many as 15 people – and travels by boat and on foot to visit the diocese's most remote parishes, travelling from village to village. In the rainy season they must negotiate landslides.

The team sets out at 9 in the morning, arriving at their destination at 3 or 4 in the afternoon. The evening

is spent sharing the good news of life in Jesus Christ. The team might show a film, teach through drama, and celebrate with food and dance.

'Sometimes we are joined by people walking to the next village,' says Bishop James. 'It's a wonderful feeling. I get very tired, but as soon as we arrive and start to worship and pray together my tiredness is lost and I have new energy.'

Bishop James describes mission as a work of the heart.

'For me, mission is two things: words and deeds. We show our love through practical action, by giving what we can, and through preaching the gospel.'

Sittwe Diocese has a focus on education. It runs five hostels and

is helping 200 students from rural communities to obtain a good education. This is part of the diocese's overall concern to support the poor through mission. Health is also a key focus, with 40 health workers, paid a small allowance, reaching out to communities who struggle to access healthcare.

In recent decades, the government has put tight restrictions on speaking publicly about the gospel. But these restrictions are loosening now that Myanmar is opening its borders to

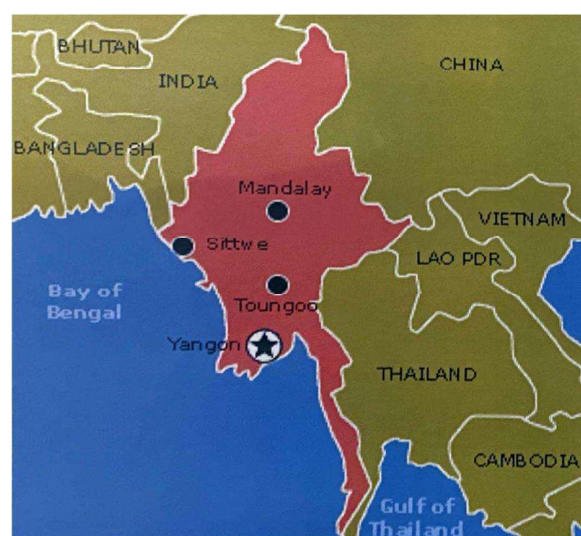
investors, tourists and new ideas.

Even so, the church remains cautious. Permits must still be sought before the church can host an event or put up a new building.

Bishop James says: 'The Church of Myanmar is very small in terms of numbers, but now that our country is changing we have the chance to do more. Therefore we are working hard. The people need a lot of things - education, health, spiritual guidance - so please pray for us.'



Bishop James Min Dein visiting parishes in Sittwe Diocese by boat. (Bishop James Min Dein)





KOSHISH

National Mental Health
Self-Help Organization

Nothing about us without us

KOSHISH in Nepali means 'to try' or 'put an effort'. It is an organization established by persons with firsthand experience of mental health issues in 2008 to promote mental health and psychosocial wellbeing in Nepal.

In the spirit of “Nothing About Us Without Us”, KOSHISH advocates to bring mental health and psychosocial disabilities into the mainstream of health and disability, by breaking the silence surrounding these issues. KOSHISH aspires to develop a replicable model to promote psychosocial well-being within communities through the adoption of person-centric right-based approach.

Matrika Devkota, the founder of KOSHISH, suffered mental ill-health for many years without proper diagnosis or treatment. He chose to talk openly about his experiences, to de-stigmatize attitudes towards mental health in Nepal, and became a respected advocate in the national media.

“Every human should be treated as equal. No one is superior or inferior - we are all equally precious. But people with mental health issues face many barriers that disable us. The Nepalese legal system says we are not allowed to vote, inherit or own property. We also face stigma and negative attitudes.

So in 2008 I established KOSHISH to speak out for our human rights. I am the Executive Director. We have 79 employees and provide psychosocial therapies and medical treatment in five of Nepal’s seven provinces. I believe we are the country’s first organisation led by people with lived experience of mental health issues.

We can’t solve all the problems, but we can be a light so people see what the solutions are. We are proudly demonstrating our model of person-centered, rights-based services. We look at a person as a whole, and give back to our community.”



Andrew Wilson (our main contact with Koshish) writes

All Saints partners with KOSHISH in their work looking after and rehabilitating women who live on the streets homeless in Nepal.

We have been fortunate to be able to support financially the building of the new Transition Home where beneficiaries find safe refuge, medical treatment, psychological therapies and training and rehabilitation.

KOSHISH is active in many areas in the area mental illness and advocacy in Nepal including peer led suicide prevention work, which I have no doubt is already impacting lives for the better. Pray for this work, individuals impacted, and that this can be spread across and beyond the KOSHISH family.

Asha (*name changed*), a fearless 26-year-old mother from Tanahun, lives in her parental home with her 8-year-old daughter. She earns a steady income through goat-rearing (supported by KOSHISH), which covers all her daily expenses and medical needs.

This strength was not always there. A few years ago, the social challenges and financial hardships that followed her husband's paralysis became overwhelming, causing her to withdraw into her own world, detached from reality. With family support, she arrived at the safe space. Silent and afraid to express her thoughts. Regular counselling sessions with psychologists helped her release repressed emotions.



Asha overcame her problem through regular counselling and compassionate care. In just 79 days, her situation transformed, and hope reignited her soul.

Unaffected by her husband's death, she does not just endure, she shines. Leading community programs, she connects with communities with her smile, lighting up lives.

In her words, *"I felt ignored and feared speaking up. Now I tell my truth boldly. That old pain? Defeated."*

Asha is not just surviving; she is also thriving.

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Mithe Sarki, 57, from Siranchowk, spends his days doing what he enjoys: stitching shoes.

What began with his savings and a small support of Rs. 5,000 from KOSHISH has grown into a steady livelihood as a shoemaker, and he now dreams of expanding his shoe shop.

For Mithe, the work is more than income. It is, he says, what keeps him grounded.

"The more people keep themselves busy, the more they can overcome mental health struggles."

He speaks from experience.

Mithe's difficult years began around the age of 45, after the loss of his first wife. He remarried, but the relationship brought its own pressures: financial strain, family conflict, and eventually the pain of feeling abandoned when his second wife, whom he had sent abroad after taking a loan, stopped keeping in touch. The loneliness and stress pushed him toward alcohol. Hope became difficult to hold onto.

It was the head of his local health post who told him about KOSHISH. He joined a self-help group and, through regular meetings and encouragement, began to find his footing again. A shift happened in his thinking and he started to understand his rights, to see his own worth, and to believe that his life had value and direction.

The shoemaking came next. Small, purposeful, and his own.

Today, Mithe is clear about what helped him and eager to pass it on. He actively encourages others facing mental health challenges to reach out to KOSHISH because someone once did the same for him, and it made all the difference.

Dear lovely friends and supporters

We hope this finds you all well!

Here is a recent update from Uganda...

We'd simply like to share the names of some organisations who fly with MAF in Uganda. This list shows a snapshot of who flew with MAF in one week earlier this year. These are just a few of the partners we are privileged to fly each month, enabling them to reach isolated communities safely and quickly.



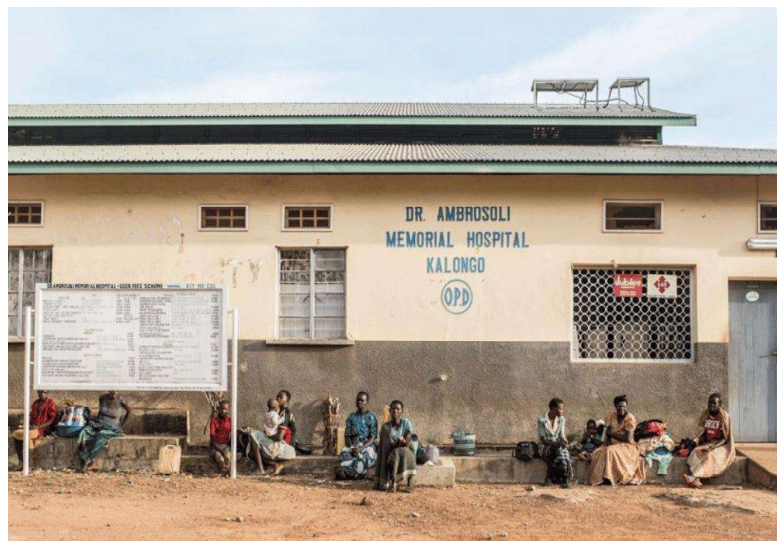
- ***Aim International***
- ***Avant Ministries Canada***
- ***Caritas Austria - SSD Office***
- ***Child Voice***
- ***Community Skills Development***
- ***Crown Of Life - Children's Initiative***
- ***Dev & Literacy Partners Int***
- ***Dr. Ambrosoli Memorial Hospital***
- ***Lutheran Church (Sudan)***
- ***Eyeopener Initiative***
- ***Fauna And Flora International***
- ***Hope Seeds Inc***
- ***Hummingbird Action***
- ***Jesus Cares Developmental Assc.***
- ***Livingstone Foundation***
- ***World Embrace***
- ***Lutheran World Federation***
- ***Nzara Social Development Org.***
- ***Oxfam***
- ***Path Ministries***
- ***Pioneers International***
- ***Pipeline Worldwide***
- ***Save The Children - Uganda***
- ***Scatter • Sign Of Hope Organization***
- ***Stichting Word & Deed Foundation***
- ***Swiss Church Aid (Heks/Eper)***
- ***Transformed Communities Int.***
- ***UNICEF***
- ***World Vision Uganda***

We'd like to highlight one from this list: *Dr. Ambrosoli Memorial Hospital Foundation.*

This hospital is in Kalongo, northern Uganda. It makes a great difference in the community, offering healthcare, support and Christian kindness.

Andrew regularly flies to Kalongo bringing staff, medical teams or equipment for the hospital. The MAF flight takes just 1½ hours.

A few weeks ago, the family drove from Kampala to Kalongo. In contrast to the MAF flight, their car journey took 9½ and half hours! They arrived tired and ready for their beds in a local guesthouse.



What a difference a MAF flight can make!

The next day they drove further north to Kidepo National Park. This stunning national park is promoted as “The True African Wilderness”. It truly lives up to its name! These vast plains host a variety of African wildlife and provide a sense of space and nature that is hard to find when living in a crowded city. It was wonderful to look out over the open plains and see the semi-arid landscape stretching into the distance and merging with Kenya and South Sudan.



Ben, Joel and Liz visited a Karamajong village in this region, as part of a community tourism project. Since Liz’s lived and worked among the Karamajong people during her years in Uganda in the 1960s, she was keen to get a glimpse of Karamajong culture. They were welcomed and taken to visit one of the homes and to watch the processes still used in village life for grinding grain and threshing local crops.



Liz found myself growing emotional as she we watched the Karamajong singing and dancing. The scene was reminiscent of so many described by her mum when she lived and worked in this region- a region she still prays for and holds dear in her heart over half a century later. Thank you again for all of your prayers, generosity and support. It means the world to us. We send you our thanks, love and warm greetings from Uganda,

Liz, Andrew, Ben and Joel :-) :-) :-) :-) XX

About MAF UK

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is the world’s largest humanitarian air operator. For over 80 years we have been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. We enable more than 1,500 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development.

Our pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air. Our faithful supporters give and pray to make this all possible.



Latin Link is an international 'community with a calling' to love and serve God and our neighbour, through multi-directional mission work. The community has 140+ members, from over 20 nations, serving in 15 Country Teams across Latin America & Europe.

It's vision is to see vibrant, Bible-believing Christian communities in every part of Latin America, impacting their neighbours, their societies, and the wider world.



Tim and Hannah Flatman, with Rita and Moses, serve at Betel Brasileiro church in Custódia, Pernambuco, Brazil. They lead a church plant in a rural quilombola community: a predominantly Afro-Brazilian community formed in resistance to slavery and racist oppression. They also work with the Ngok Dinka in Abyei, South Sudan, teaching, preaching, offering practical assistance, and advocating for peace and rights.

Serra da Torre

Nestled amongst beautiful hills, Serra da Torre quilombola community is characterised by strong family ties, mutual aid and cooperation, hard work, but also a lack of access to basic services, employment, and clean water.

We opened a newly constructed church building in August 2025, which hosts weekly services, bible studies and a chess club. We also do regular pastoral visits and a pre-baptism discipleship course for new believers.



Abyei

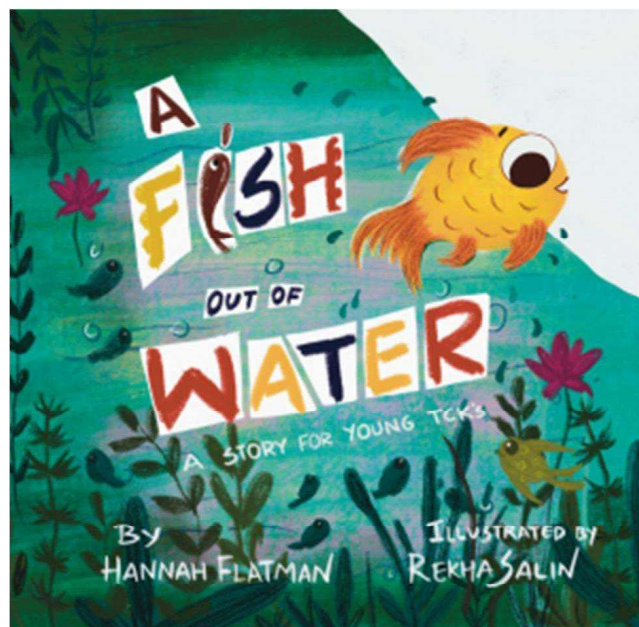
Since 2010 we have made visits to and supported churches in the Ngok Dinka community of Abyei, South Sudan.

The Ngok Dinka were driven out of their land by the Sudanese army in 2011, after Abyei town and several villages were destroyed. Our ministry has included teaching and preaching to equip the local church, supporting theological education and the development of contextualised resources, prayer mobilisation, advocacy and raising support for the Ngok to rebuild their homes and restore facilities.

We also support the Teachers for Abyei program, which sponsor school teachers. In Abyei, there are not enough teachers and they are poorly and infrequently paid, so hiring new teachers and providing regular incentives is the best way to make sure children can receive an education. You can sponsor a teacher from £12 per month.

We have roles in the leadership of Latin Link in Brazil and internationally, and have helped send and receive around 15 missionaries and 2 short term teams in the last few years.

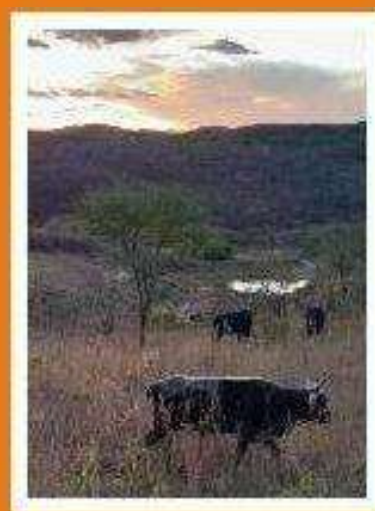
Tim edited Bp Anthony Poggo's book *Come Let Us Rebuild: Lessons from Nehemiah* and the booklet, *On The Move: Bible Studies on Migration & Mission*. Hannah is the author of *A Fish Out of Water*, for young children, available in English & Portuguese.



Why still go on mission when the Brazilian church is so strong now?

As Tim beautifully puts it, "There are still needs, still unreached people groups as identified by the Brazilian church... but more than that, I would say, it's just who our God is; that he loves to send people across cultures... He is a God of movement."

There are many opportunities to serve in Brazil, so if God is putting that on your heart we would love to begin a conversation with you about what that might look like. Drop us a line at info@latinlink.org.uk.



All Saints Ilkley Mission Partners Gift Day



There are four ways you can donate to our Mission Partners Gift Appeal:

- **By bank transfer**
- **By cash or cheque**
- **By CAF Donate online or QR code**
- **By using the contactless machine in Church**

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

By bank transfer

If you would like to pay by bank transfer please use the details below:

Account name: All Saints Ilkley PCC

Bank: HSBC

Sort code: 40-25-30

A/c number: 51280813

Please use the reference '**Mission Partners Gift Day**'

If you have previously signed a Gift Aid declaration form for your giving to All Saints, your gift will be increased by 25% at no extra cost to you.

If you haven't completed a Gift Aid declaration form, and you are eligible to do so, please contact Dave Taylor at

dave.taylor@allsaintsilkley.org

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By cash or cheque

Please place any cash or cheque donations in an envelope marked '**Mission Gift Day**' and put it in the **offertory plate at a church service**

or post it to

**The Church Office
6 Church Street,
Ilkley, LS29 9DS.**

There will also be **green envelopes** available at church services during September, in which you can place your cash and cheque donations.

Cheques should be made payable to

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By CAF Donate online or QR code

You can pay directly via CAF Donate using the web address

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/11450>

or our QR code:



Follow the instructions to make payment and Gift Aid your donation.

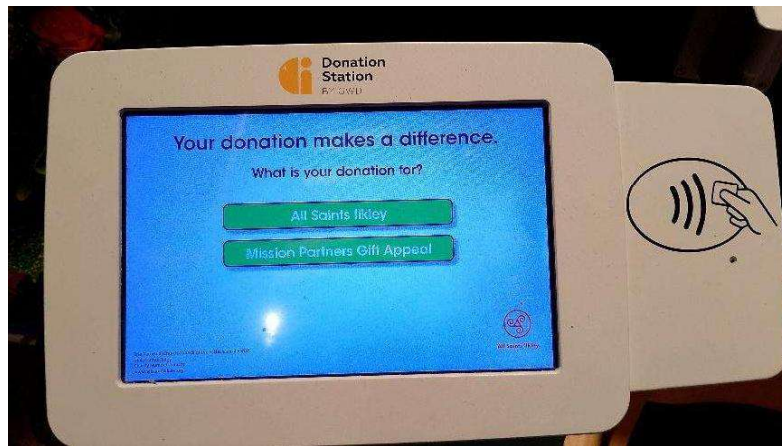
No reference is required as all donations made using this link and QR code will be identified as being for our Mission Partners Gift Appeal.

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By using the contactless machine

This year, you can also give using your debit or credit card via our contactless machine in Church.



Choose the '**Mission Partners Gift Appeal**' when asked what your donation is for then follow the instructions on screen to make payment by

- *choosing how much you want to donate*
- *deciding whether to cover the small transaction fee*
- *tapping your card against the card reader.*
- *opt to Gift Aid your donation if you're eligible by providing your name, postcode & house number.*
- *Choosing whether to receive a receipt by email*

If you have any issues in using the machine, please ask for help!

THANK YOU!