

# Serving Him

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Spring 2021



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## Together in mission

**T**hank you so much for all your prayer and support through what has been, and continues to be, very difficult conditions for mission and mobilisation.

Fluctuating in and out of lockdown is disheartening and disruptive for many across the world and we want to make sure we can offer as much assistance to churches and workers sent through SIM UK.

Throughout this period, our priority is the support of all those sent and received by churches through SIM, and especially their personal health, safety, connectivity and ministry development.

The continued work of the Serving In Mission team in sending, receiving and supporting gospel pioneers and co-workers in mission through churches is a testament to the grace of God.

Now more than ever, the world needs faithful gospel witnesses in communities

where Christ is least known. Serving in Mission exists to enable churches to partner together to enable faithful witness to Jesus Christ to proclaim his life-giving truth across the barriers that exist as we love people in their societies.

It was very encouraging and inspiring to start 2021 by prayer, joining together online for our monthly gatherings online. Our focus is on praying for Faithful Witness teams in Chad, Mali and Thailand, thanking God for the cloud of faithful witnesses who went to be with the Lord last year, and asking God for the resources we need to help churches mobilise many more faithful

witnesses to come amongst communities where Christ is least known in the years to come.

We need to keep praying that the Lord would have mercy on nations – especially on those communities globally where there the light of the gospel is not shining. We long for God to grant openness to faith in his son, particularly in societies where people's hearts are closed or hostile to the gospel.

We ask God to give his church in every nation courageous faith in his good sovereign purposes, and that we will continue to hold out

to a lost and dying world the glorious good news of Jesus Christ.



Steve Smith  
UK Director

**P.S. I'd love you to sign up for our weekly prayer email, SIMpray. Just go to [sim.co.uk/simpray](http://sim.co.uk/simpray) or email [linda@sim.co.uk](mailto:linda@sim.co.uk)**

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Cover photo by SIM UK worker Sam, serving in Chad

# Why SIM UK...?

## ...because the Great Commission is too big to accomplish alone

**T**he call to ministry has not been an easy one for Jane\*, serving with SIM UK in South Asia, but she has faced the challenges of raising financial support, coping with health issues, and struggling with extensive language learning, with SIM UK by her side.

Since 2017, she has been working with SIM UK to help raise anti-trafficking awareness among women and girls.

“My ultimate goal is to see healing for victims, not only physically, emotionally and mentally, but also spiritually,” she says.

“My ministry has been a full bag of emotions – joy and happiness for the friendships I’ve made; sadness for the dire needs there are in this place and the difficulties of living in a very different country,” she reveals.

“Learning the language was harder than I expected, but being able to have conversations gave me a deeper insight into the culture and God also opened doors for me

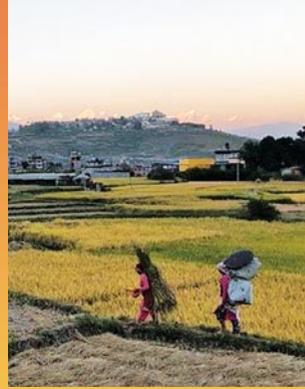
to help out in a girls’ home, where I came alongside girls who’d been trafficked and sexually abused.”

Jane says she is grateful for the prayers of her supporters and the help and guidance given by SIM UK from afar: “Prior to joining SIM, I was working alone in another South Asia country, while supporting the work of local organisations.

“However, gradually the sense of being alone became too great. Also, my home church was very concerned about my well-being, as being thousands of miles away, they realised they couldn’t provide me with the support I needed.

**At first, I was reluctant to join any mission agency as I’d always worked independently, but having been with SIM for three years, my heart is filled with gratitude and thankfulness that it cares so deeply for me.**

“The vast variety of support it can offer is definitely something I can’t find myself, or my church could provide. For example, with just a couple of emails, I can get in touch with other SIM workers to discuss different ways to approach ministry and to bounce ideas off each other.



“The back-office financial support at SIM UK has also freed up so much valuable time to focus on my ministry and being in a team of like-minded people in a foreign country definitely gives me the feeling of belonging – a family away from family.”

In 2021, Jane will relocate from the capital city to an area where 97 per cent of the country’s Muslims live and where, together with SIM’s local ministry partner, she’ll help to launch a children’s nursery school.

“I’ll be overseeing the building project and also

connecting with anti-trafficking organisations working in the various border crossings connecting to a country where human trafficking is a major problem and especially high in children,” she explains.

“The area is known for its harsh climates and there is hostility to the gospel, but I know God is with me and guiding each step daily. He knows my needs and concerns and has clearly let me know I’m walking on the right path.”

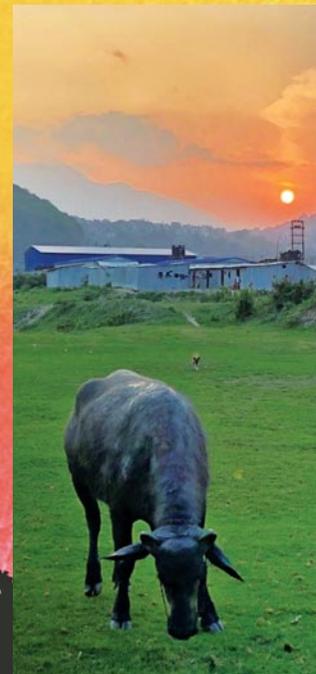
\* Name changed

### Please pray

**For Jane** as she crosses barriers to demonstrate Christ’s love to communities where he is least known.

**For repentance, reunion and restoration** among the victims of trafficking, their families, and their traffickers.

**Give thanks** along with Jane, for the prayers and encouragement of SIM UK staff and her supporters.



# Wrap round care

SIM UK's People Care team was set up in 2018 to support its most important God-given resource – its people.

**I**n 1 Corinthians, Paul uses the human body to illustrate the different roles God has given each person who trusts in him. Each one has a vital role assigned by God and when one part of the body has a need, we should seek to support and care for each other.

That's why the People Care team was set up in 2018 dedicated to caring for our mission workers' health – spiritually, physically and psychologically.

Led by trained counsellor Rob Eldred (right), the team includes Cheryl Gibson, as Family Adviser for families and TCKs (Third Culture Kids), and Phil Griffin, as Health Coordinator.

"People Care is about building relationships with those God has placed in our care and in partnership with the church, striving to ensure our



mission workers and their families are equipped, cared for and able to grow throughout their mission service," Rob explains.

"In sending people, SIM recognises the sacrifice and commitment of those sent cross-culturally to make disciples and we want to be good stewards of the people God has entrusted to us."

Rob and his team support the mobilisers through expertise, support and resources, as well as providing online debriefs, crisis care and training in areas such as resilience and burnout.

## Ongoing debriefs through COVID-19

Many SIM workers faced significant and unexpected upheaval during COVID-19, as those returning to the UK often had to delay their return, live with the uncertainty of getting flights and then leave quickly.

*Love one another as I have loved you*



### People Care Principles

- A genuine and intentional concern for people
- People care is a whole organisational commitment
- People care involves working in partnership
- People care applies to every worker
- People care is a flow of ongoing care from recruitment to retirement

"All this impacted the way people left, meaning goodbyes and endings were cut short and they did not leave how they had hoped to," explains Rob.

"This was tough for everyone involved and the mobilisers alongside the people care team, offered debriefs as part of the ongoing care.

"Coming alongside people and allowing the space and time to process and grieve these losses was a crucial part of people care during this time and when this is done in partnership with the sending church, it enables them to also understand what the mission worker is going through and what ongoing care is needed."

## Support during a global lockdown

The People Care Team was also able to offer 'crisis debriefs' for mission workers feeling overstretched and living through tough situations as colleagues

left, uncertainty continued, and workload increased because of lockdown.

"Crisis debriefs gives the chance for the mission worker to talk to someone objectively outside of the situation, helping to normalise the stress going on and find healthy ways to cope and receive further support to sustain through tough times," adds Rob.

## Family support

People care applies to all workers, including the children sent through SIM UK and the team seeks to ensure the whole family is valued and supported as they serve in mission.

"Connecting with families was a high priority throughout the pandemic," says Rob. "Our family adviser Cheryl initially sent resources around our families to help equip them, such as home-schooling ideas or coping with anxiety during lockdown.

"Continuous support was offered in the form of online debriefs for children; sending cards of encouragement, and regular catch-up meetings to help prepare the whole family to return."

## Equipping and sending

Despite the difficulties of 2020, Rob says it has

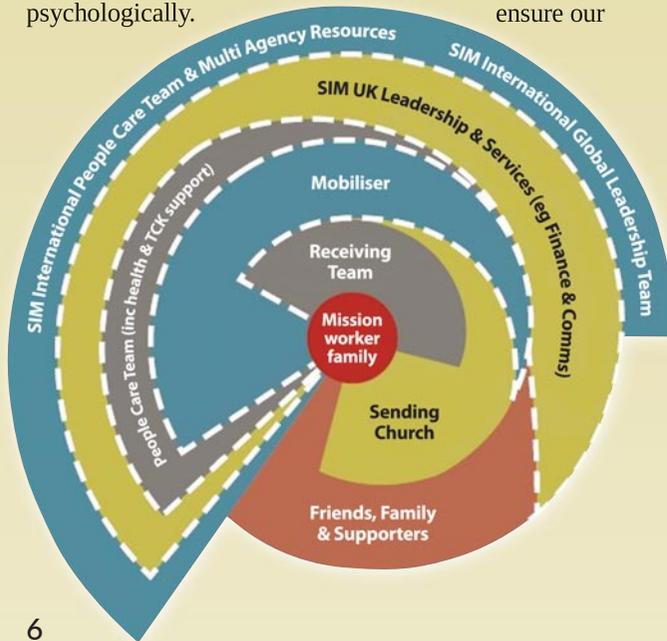
been a joy to see candidates coming through the process and to be involved in equipping them to serve. This has included running sessions during orientation, such as staying healthy and TCK support and resilience. "Learning together is an enriching time, not just for our candidates, but for us also," adds Rob.

## Please pray

The people care team continues to offer good and helpful support and care to mission workers and the mobilisation team.

SIM UK will develop ways to support people well through re-entry and into retirement.

The team will continue to serve others with God's grace and joy during 2021.



# Hiring now!

Many Christians struggle with making career decisions at various points in their lives, but one SIM ministry offers hope to job seekers in the aftermath of COVID-19.

**F**or nearly 20 years, career coaches Daniel and Jeanie Ough have been helping people cope with the challenges of unemployment and landing a new job.

“After living and working in Dubai for seven years, we emigrated to Australia in 2011. We are committed Christians who feel passionate and excited about using our skills to serve the kingdom as volunteers, which we have been doing with missionary organisations and Christian groups around the world since 2013,” says Daniel, a former engineer, originally from the UK.

“When we moved to Dubai, we had no idea that God

would lead us into coaching, using skills that he had equipped us with through life’s experiences,” adds Daniel.

“We established a coaching company and worked with a wide range of clients, from university students to corporate executives, doing individual coaching, executive coaching, and team development.”

In 2013, the couple began using their coaching skills with SIM Australia, where they are now Associates – giving presentations at SIM conferences, as well as coaching individuals and SIM teams around the world.

**We want to reach out to those who have lost their jobs or face uncertainty**

When the pandemic was declared and the international travel ban prevented the couple from travelling overseas, they returned to what they’d been doing in Dubai – helping job seekers.

“We decided we wanted to reach out to those who had lost their jobs, or faced uncertainty, by offering job-



search help services for free,” explains Daniel.

The couple launched a website, where those needing help getting back into the workplace, are able to access their help, including free workshops over Zoom that focus on skills such as preparing a strong CV; succeeding at interviews; networking effectively and managing a career transition.

“As we’ve publicised our services through churches, in Christian publications and over radio stations, many of our clients are Christians, including mission workers returning from the field who are looking for employment,” says Daniel, “but we also have non-believers as clients and we welcome the opportunity to witness to them through this service.”

The Oughs’ help is freely available to any English speakers in the world. Find out more at [www.jobsearchhelp4u.com](http://www.jobsearchhelp4u.com)

# It all starts with a conversation



Angus Reid reflects on how God has equipped him for his new role as SIM UK’s Mobiliser for the south of England.

**‘My Christian life has been full of twists and turns! As the long-haired atheist who started at university in 1988, I didn’t seem a likely candidate for conversion, so everyone – including me – was surprised when I came to Christ in the first term!’**

Language-lovers; by the age of 22, my wife and I spoke French, German and Italian. Perhaps we would serve God in west Africa? Or north Africa, or Europe? No – God sent us to Turkey, where we learned a completely new and very different language!

We served in Turkey for ten years, focusing especially on evangelism and church planting. We worked for several years in the east, where Christians were then literally one in a million.

Our work in the east was disrupted when three of our teammates were killed in a terrorist attack that made international news. After the murders, we moved to a different city, where I led a

Christian ministry training programme under the auspices of the Turkish church.

Back in the UK, I did a Master’s in Applied Theology and worked for two Christian mission charities, before another twist in my story came in September 2020, when I was made redundant from a Christian prison charity – a result of COVID-19.

I saw the SIM UK job and resonated strongly with SIM’s vision and values.

I thought I would enjoy the job, but have enjoyed it even more than I expected. The staff team are a joy to work with and I consider it a privilege to serve people on the field.

We had a bumpy ride at times in Turkey, but we knew God had called us and those years were very vivid and meaningful.

I hope that the mission workers I now work with, will feel I can empathise when they go through difficult times and labour on stubbornly resistant ‘soil’.

Mission carries challenges, but it is also a privilege. My overseas service expanded my heart and my vision of our God, the Lord of the nations. I would encourage anyone interested in mission to trust God and open their heart – the rewards can never be taken away.’

**Could God be calling you to mission?** Contact Angus [angus@sim.co.uk](mailto:angus@sim.co.uk) to explore the range of opportunities available with SIM, or **turn to Page 26** for current opportunities.

## Please pray

**For Angus** as he builds collaborative relationships with UK churches.

**For wisdom** as he seeks to support our current and prospective mission workers.

**For the Lord to use Angus** to serve the church and reach the lost.

# You can count on us

SIM International's Darren Campbell shares why good finance people are vital to the health of mission work.



**I**t's rare to meet someone with an infectious enthusiasm for accountancy – rarer still to meet someone with the same enthusiasm for mission accountancy.

But Darren Campbell, Serving In Mission's International Director of Finance, is that person. Almost from his schooldays growing up in Northern Ireland, he has wanted to combine his love of mission with his love of accountancy.

Darren, who lives and works in the US, says: "I'm

passionate about mission finance because it matters so much.

"Think what would happen to SIM if we didn't care about these things? Even though we are often short-staffed and might not have staff with all the correct qualifications, we must strive for excellence in the way we run our financial affairs.

"If we did things badly, the damage to us, and more importantly to our witness for Christ, would be enormous.

"We are stewards of God's money and we have a responsibility to spend it wisely. It's also vital that we have accountability across SIM and that the people who are responsible for the money, are accountable for the way it is spent. Ultimately, we're all accountable to God."

Darren is also passionate about training people to manage SIM's money well, recognising that in many countries, there are not enough qualified people to do that work.

He adds: "That's a key part of my role and is absolutely vital, especially in places where it is difficult to find trustworthy accountants.

It's a great way to witness to local Christians and to their

**We are stewards of God's money and we have a responsibility to spend it wisely**

churches, that we want to do things properly and not cut corners.

"It's vital we get new workers because so many of our fields are struggling to find suitable people. That means we suffer a lot of burnout among our finance people, because they have such a huge workload."

Darren and his wife Ruthie, who also works for SIM International, are sent by Cheam Baptist Church, which they joined when Darren was training as an accountant in London.

Ruthie grew up as an MK in Nigeria and the couple met

on the mission field in Kenya, where they both were serving in short-term roles with AIM.

**I've always wanted to work wherever I felt my gifts and my passion for mission finance could be best used**

The couple also served with SIM in South Africa, before God led them to the US.

Darren says: "I've always wanted to work wherever I felt my gifts and my passion for mission finance could be best used. Our children were very reluctant to leave South Africa and move to America, but we prayed about it and we feel blessed by what we do."

The continuing need to raise personal support is a particular challenge for the

couple, as they don't have the kind of roles that even committed Christians often feel drawn to support.

"As passionate as I am about mission finance, I find it very difficult to talk about our own support-raising needs. We are very blessed to have two great churches behind us, who really support us well in all sorts of ways," he admits.

"The costs in America are much higher than in South Africa, especially when it comes to health insurance, but we trust in God to provide the finance. If he wants us to stay in our roles, then he will provide the finance."



**It's a privilege to do the work I do and to serve SIM, which makes the gospel its first priority**

## Please pray

**For Darren and the SIM International finance team**, as they serve SIM's global leadership and support SIM finance workers around the world.

**For David, Graham and Sam** in the SIM UK finance team, whose work makes it possible for our workers to continue serving the least-reached communities with the gospel.

**Give thanks** for all those using their finance and accountancy skills, which are so vital to the integrity and future of God's kingdom.

## ANSWERS TO PRAYER

**Borders are opening** and some workers are now able to return to ministries or to take home assignment.

**Despite their building being completely flooded** at the start of term, the Bible school ESPriT in NIGER, has had its largest number of students enrol this year.

**Doors are beginning to open to workers from overseas** to minister alongside churches in the UK. One began ministry in October and two couples await open borders.

**God is at work through social media** as evangelistic materials are being promoted in the heart languages of communities where there is little gospel witness.

**As travel restrictions ease,** community health teams have been able to start visiting remote villages in AFRICA providing vaccinations, health education and proclaiming the gospel.

**#HowWillTheyHear** is collaborating with 20 ministries training refugee Christians online and across EUROPE, equipping them for gospel work amongst their own language groups.

**Malachi clubs have launched in GHANA,** designed to support the whole family – training parents to build spiritual foundations so the home becomes a place of Christian discipleship.

**Teams of Faithful Witnesses** in areas of CHAD and MALI, where there were no Christians, have been welcomed into communities. God is at work.

**As workers respond** to meet needs in a time of hardship and crisis for many, God is opening the door to share on a deeper level about the eternal hope found in Christ.

## PRAYER FAMILIES

### ‘Little did I know how much I would learn’

SIM UK Prayer Coordinator Linda Hunt talks about producing our monthly prayer **SIMpray Kids** resource, featuring children whose families are serving overseas.

**“When I embarked on writing SIMpray Kids, my aim was to raise prayer for our TCKs and the communities their families serve. Little did I know how much I would learn in the process and what a privilege it’s been to connect with more of our families on the field,” says Linda.**

“Since September, we’ve had the joy of praying with families serving in Africa, South America, Europe and Asia.

“The challenges and joys are wildly different for each one – from living in a tight-knit Christian community, to living in an area where there are no other Christians; from cultures and traditions fairly similar to those of the UK, to those that are vastly different.

“One thing that seems to

unite the TCKs I’ve interviewed so far, is the shared heart of their parents – that those around them should hear the gospel message and come to know the Lord Jesus.”

Sent through an email service provider, we can see



that SIMpray Kids is being read and responded to well month on month, but what do the families opening these emails really think?

We asked a family in Linda’s church for their feedback.

Milly, eight, says: “We love hearing the stories from the children and seeing photos about life in other countries.”

Her brother Tom, six, agreed, adding: “It helps us know what to pray for. I also

like learning about what pets they have!”

Dad Chris, who is a deputy headteacher and youth leader, says: “I love sharing the stories from SIMpray Kids with the young people at church and praying through them over Zoom.

“It really helps them understand the truth of the gospel and the commitment of so many families in sharing the good news – often in more difficult circumstances than they face in the UK.

“It’s faith-building – especially seeing the world through young eyes.

“One thing that has really helped them relate to the families on the field this year,

is the shared experience of home school.”

Linda adds: “Whether you interact with primary-aged children on a regular basis, or have no connection at all, please sign up to SIMpray Kids for a real glimpse of what life is like for our mission families.”

You can do so via our website at [bit.ly/SIMprayKids](http://bit.ly/SIMprayKids)

Give thanks



# Reaching the Tamajaq people of Niger

By Kerry Allan

For nearly 20 years, SIM UK’s Andrawes\* – one of a growing number of Tamajaq who have become Christians – has helped the gospel take root in the heart of his people and remote believers to grow in their faith.



The Tahoua and Agadez regions are 600 miles from Niamey, where an annual Bible camp has been run for many years.



**T**he Tamajaq (or Tuareg as they are often called in the west) roam across a vast area of the Sahara Desert, stretching from far south-western Libya, to southern Algeria, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger, where the biggest group is found.

Also known as the ‘blue people’ – for their traditional indigo dye-coloured clothes – the Tamajak represent a Saharan offshoot of the Berbers, who have lived in north Africa for several millennia.

These mainly nomadic people herd cattle, camels, goats, and sheep, and live in



family groups within tents of wooden poles covered with a red-dyed goat hide tarp.

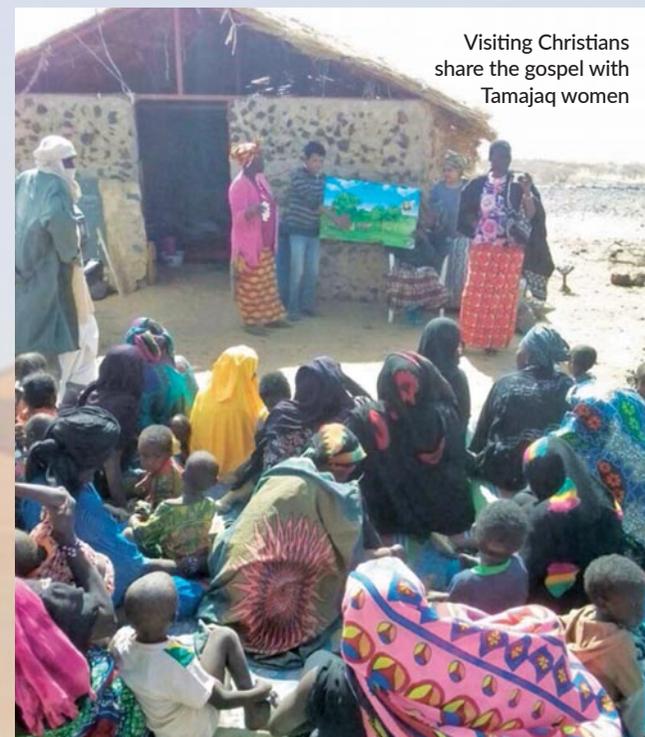
During the rainy season, they move camp every three to four days in search of grazing for their livestock and during the dry season, they move to find water, but prefer to stay in the vicinity of their ‘home territory’.

Translator Andrawes and his wife joined the SIM Niger team in 1999, where he spent many years helping to translate the New Testament into the Tamajaq language. Since then, Andrawes’ focus has been to record the gospel and make it available on SD cards to use on mobile phones and solar-powered Mega Voice radios.

“The Tamajaq live in an oral society, with an extremely low literacy rate,” he explains, “and being nomadic and semi-nomad, it’s easy to understand why probably less than ten per cent of Tamajaq people can read.

“They are used to hearing stories being told and listen intently, taking everything in; which is why we focus on helping them hear the good news in their own language so it can enter their hearts and make a real impact on their lives.

“We distribute micro SD cards and Mega Voice radios with gospel messages and the Tamajaq New Testament recorded on them; knowing these recordings will reach



Visiting Christians share the gospel with Tamajaq women

where we can’t go and be heard by hundreds, if not thousands of people, for whom this may be the only way to hear the good news about Jesus.

“We also proclaim the gospel through radio

broadcast twice a week on national radio and people are listening to our programmes across Niger. We’ve received feedback from every region except one and listeners will call to tell us how much they appreciate the programmes –



Pastor Gad sharing the gospel with two young men



A Sunday service at the church near Tahoua



Meal-time

some even ask if we can make them more often and longer than the 18-22 minutes!”

**The Tamajaq Ministry seeks to:**

- Share the good news of Jesus with the Tamajaq using audio and visual forms of communication.
- Care for people's health and help with community development.
- Plant and strengthen the church among new believers.

Fifteen years ago, SIM helped set up a church in the main town nearest Tahoua (Niger's fourth largest city) which is led by Andrawes' friend, a Tamajaq pastor called Gad\*.

Pastor Gad regularly visits three villages on his motor-bike, which was bought by SIM supporters, spending time building relationships and explaining the gospel.

“Our ministry focuses on the Tahoua region where most of my people live,” says Andrawes.

“We see our work as firstly, correcting some false misconceptions Tamajaq people have about the Christian faith, preparing minds and hearts for the gospel message to take root, and helping them to grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Human needs are overwhelming in Niger's poor and remote communities and why Andrawes also seeks to serve the Lord among the Tamajaq through practical support.

“Access to any sort of health care is almost non-existent and the nearest medical centre is up to 40 miles away and only accessible by a motor-bike, or on a donkey,” he explains.

“Because of little faith in the health centre, coupled with lack of education and money for treatment, people tend to treat themselves with traditional medicine first – including prayers from the local Muslim priest. When this doesn't work, for obvious reason, they travel to a medical centre, but by then, their body is weak and their system doesn't respond well to treatment.”

Thanks to the generous giving of SIM supporters, Andrawes and his SIM colleagues run several community development programmes in the communities where they work, including supplying farmers with millet from the



Pupil enjoying his meal

SIM Grain Bank and providing one meal a day for schoolchildren in the poorest villages.

“Niger may be a hot place, but it can get relatively cold, especially for people who are not prepared for it, so last year, we also distributed blankets and soap to the two

schools we are supporting,” he adds.

“We hope to be able to do more in the area of education, beyond just offering a daily meal, as we all know that education is the key to any social and economic development.”

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## Malaria

“Malaria is a huge health problem for the communities where our ministry is and abundant rain means more mosquitos. Since the flooding crisis of summer 2020, more people are getting malaria, especially children,” says Andrawes.

**Since the flooding crisis, more people are getting malaria**

“I spoke with Pastor Gad just after the floods, when he told me: ‘Just today, five children died of malaria.’

“After a desperate call from him in September, we distributed £650 worth of malaria treatment that we raised through the generosity of our supporters to help five communities, but sadly, this was only a drop in the ocean.”



Packs of malaria treatment

## 2021 plans

“After many years, we are now by God’s grace, seeing our work bear fruit,” says Andrawes, “and we are extending our outreach into the Agadez region, which is an exciting ministry opening for me. I recently joined a pastor from Agadez to meet a group of men who were very

## We give thanks to the Lord that he is working among the Tamajaq

welcoming and said they were Christians. This is amazing and now these new believers need teaching to grow in their faith.

“We also have two projects planned, including setting up a Tamajaq-speaking Bible



Andrawes with a group of new Christians

school and a regional Bible school.

“Planting and strengthening the church is our ultimate goal and although we’re unsure of what church will look like in

a nomadic and semi-nomadic people, we give thanks to the Lord that he is working among the Tamajaq.”

\* Names changed

## CHURCHES UK

# We’re part of the same team

By Joanne C

## Behind every strong mission worker stands a stronger partnership



**I**ndividual heroes are the stuff of films and the Marvel universe, not the mission field. From the first evangelists sent by Jesus himself in Luke 10, right through history to the multicultural teams in SIM’s Faithful Witness programme, we recognise the advantages and wisdom of ensuring each mission worker is part of a team.

In SIM, we see the key players in this team as their sending church, their sending organisation, and the receiving organisation or church.

## Enter the PADP

The Partnership Agreement and Personal Development Plan (PADP) is a key part of our mobilisation process in

SIM UK. It is essentially an agreement between all four (or sometimes more) parties involved in:

- the sending and supporting of the mission worker/s,
- the worker/s themselves,
- their sending church,
- SIM UK and,
- the receiving organisation.

The PADP aims to help build relationship, trust and manage expectations between the parties, and helps the mission worker be well cared for and held accountable.

## What sections make up a PADP?

### Oversight and accountability

All our teams are working towards a common goal of

making disciples of Jesus Christ in communities where he is least known. But working together to do this, rather than all doing our own



thing, is sometimes easier said than done. To hold together interdenominational and intercultural teams, SIM has developed principles and practices that we work to, and a commitment that we all share.

In SIM, the receiving organisation provides day-to-day pastoral oversight and

## How you can partner

Malaria treatment costs **£4-£6**

Daily meal for one child, for one month, is **£8**

Radio broadcast costs **£21**

SD card costs **£4**

Mega Voice radio costs **£20**

## Thank you for your support

Please go to our website [sim.co.uk/donate](http://sim.co.uk/donate) or turn to **Page 27** for details of how you can partner with what God is doing through Andrawes with your giving.

## Please pray

**Praise the Lord** for success of SIM’s radio ministry and pray for more programme slots on a radio station in Tahoua, Niger’s fourth largest city.

**Praise the Lord** for the gentle spiritual awakening SIM is seeing in the Agadez region.

**For God’s provision** of continued funding for Andrawes’ ministry.

ministry accountability for the mission worker as they serve, whilst the sending church retains the primary accountability under God for them.

## Goals and objectives

All SIM workers have ministry responsibilities and goals for their period of



service, and Personal Development Goals for their own ongoing learning and faith journeys. These are developed in conjunction with the sending church, the receiving organisation and SIM UK, with the receiving organisation also taking care of in-country orientation (settling in on first arrival and assisting with language and cultural studies).



## Health and well-being

Any church sending workers overseas wants to know that they are being looked after. The PADP describes the responsibilities of the mission worker, the sending church and both SIM UK and the receiving entity in providing medical advice, health check-ups, pastoral visits and opportunities for spiritual growth and refreshment.

## Communication

Our international SIM motto is that we are a 'People of Prayer, Dependent on God', and is reflected in the importance we place on each worker gathering a faithful team of committed prayer partners around them.

Prayer letters and updates are crucial in maintaining good contact with supporters and churches, and the PADP provides each party with a responsibility to pray and facilitate the sending of these prayer updates.



As SIM UK, we provide training and help in effective communication across different platforms.

## Family and dependants

Lots of our mission workers are families, with children growing up outside their passport country.

In SIM UK, we consider it our responsibility to help families and couples consider educational options; provide a specific orientation for

children and assist in their debriefing and settling back



into the UK on home assignments and at the end of service.

## Finance

It is our joy and privilege to support those who are sharing the gospel where Christ is least known.



The PADP helps all of us involved in sending and supporting the mission

worker, to ensure they have sufficient funds for their life in ministry – whatever form that looks like.

Whether they are serving in a Bible school in the Bolivian Andes, or planting churches across Central Asia, we set them up with a tailored budget and help them build their financial support with prayer and creative ideas.

## Contingency planning

2020 has demonstrated the crucial importance of this



section for all workers in all locations – what happens when things go wrong?

All of us involved in sending and supporting the mission worker have a role to play in contingency

planning; from the church providing additional crisis prayer support, the worker preparing a Personal Contingency Plan and undertaking security training, to SIM UK and the receiving office liaising directly together in emergency situations.

## Home Assignment

Home assignments are never just a six-month holiday! As an opportunity to receive further training or development, to reconnect with their churches, friends and family, the weeks soon get booked up...



To make good use of the time back in the UK, the PADP sets out guidelines for what each party should do.

*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.* Luke 10:2

## Our story

SIM is a mission agency with a rich, deep history that stretches back more than 125 years. Go to our website [sim.co.uk](http://sim.co.uk) to learn more about our story, vision and values.

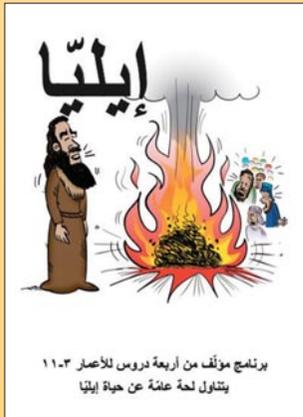


# Teaching the love of Jesus

SIM UK has partnered with TnT to develop seminal Sunday school materials in Arabic and raise up a generation of young church members in the Middle East.



**“Many Sunday School teachers want a story and a colouring page, but we wanted a creative, Biblical session that engages the children and gives them good foundations for understanding the Bible correctly for themselves,”** explains teacher Mike who, with his wife Vicky, has served in the Middle East for 18 years.



The front cover of an Elijah lesson plan

When the couple moved to a new church in 2013, they offered to help run the Sunday School with the help of some of the local church members and asked TnT if they could translate its Mustard Seeds children’s activity sheets.

“The material was both Biblical and creative and worked so well that the children became more than half the church attendance!” says Mike.

“There’s everything you need for a 30- to 60-minute lesson, including teacher’s Bible preparation and teaching plan; games, discussion questions, crafts and worksheets.

“We then wanted to train more teachers, but not all those willing to help were able to use the teacher’s

material in English, so we asked whether TnT would be willing to embark on a full translation of the Mustard Seeds curriculum.”

Mike has been helping with the translation work since 2016 and the result is a dedicated Arabic web portal

**Mustard Seeds**

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of the Mustard Seeds curriculum, which gives free access to lessons covering an age range from 18 months to 18 years.

“We’ve only a few remaining series to be translated and the next important step is to have someone dedicated to promoting this resource and

TnT Ministries’ range of faithful and creative Bible teaching material has been translated into 12 languages and is used all over the world.

Rory Bell, Director of Training, says: “The result of this collaborative project with SIM UK is a portal dedicated to providing affordable, user-friendly resources for the Arab-speaking world which are free to download. A subscription for English and other languages is required,

but discounts are available upon request, especially for mission workers.”

Go to [mustard-seeds.net/arabic](http://mustard-seeds.net/arabic) to register and for more information.



training more Arabic-speaking churches in how to use it,” explains Mike.

“Everyone who’s tried it loves it and we’d like to get funding to employ someone locally to visit churches, offer training and help them make the most of the material.

“The feedback from our partner churches is that they felt fed and trained by using it, as well as it being excellent for the Sunday School classes.

“The resources are so easy to access, and you can download the whole PDF to read on your device and then only print the resources you need for a particular lesson,” explains Mike.

“The big challenge is to convince churches that this curriculum is worth the time it takes to prepare as it’s not a quick and easy resource, although it gets much quicker

as you learn it.” **Turn to Page 27** to support Mike’s ministry with a donation.

## Please pray

**For the Lord to provide funding** for a worker to help train Arabic-speaking churches to use the Mustard Seeds curriculum.

**That the new resources** will be widely used by churches across the Middle East.

**These resources would provide** the foundation for a new generation of gospel workers.

**‘Our Sunday School teacher doesn’t always use all of the activities, but it thrills me to see that this series has really challenged her and given her greater confidence in Jesus as king and why he did all the things he did.**

**‘I love to hear the questions some of the children ask and her answers reflecting what she’s learnt for herself. She’s also requested many of the other Arabic Mustard Seed resources, which I printed.’**

# No ordinary story!

Last summer, we featured the memoirs of pioneering SIM worker Joe Mooney and we're delighted to announce that a booklet based on his and his wife Margaret's life and work serving in Nigeria from 1940-1960, is now available.



**“When I read the article in *Serving Him*, I realised Joe and Margaret’s story could be used by God to lead a new generation to consider a missionary call overseas if it were more widely available as a booklet,” says former journalist Donald Banks, who helped train the first**

**Nigerian editor of SIM’s *African Challenge* monthly outreach publication.**

Donald and his wife Ruth also served with SIM in Nigeria and he “gladly” spent

months editing Joe’s memoirs and making his Loxwood Press available to publish *Gospel Pioneers*.

“*Gospel Pioneers* is a thrilling and

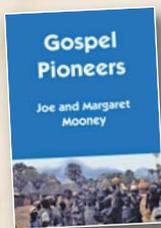
often humorous read reflecting Joe’s warm sense of humour and reminding us of the challenges of pioneering missionary work in the early days of work in Nigeria,” says Mike Ewan, SIM’s Northern Ireland Director.

“The Nigeria the Mooneys knew when they first arrived all those years ago has changed dramatically, but there are still many in the Muslim north of Nigeria and indeed, all around the world who live and die without hearing God’s good news.

“The role of missionaries may have changed, but the need to share the good news is as great as ever, and SIM is still enabling people to go to

more than 70 countries across the world to do this.

“In many ways, Joe and his wife Margaret were very ‘ordinary’ people who loved the Lord Jesus and were committed to spreading the good news. We still need people like them today – ordinary people who trust in an extraordinary God and see his amazing work in and through their lives.”



You can buy a copy of *Gospel Pioneers* for £4.50 through SIM Ireland, 285a Woodstock Road, Belfast BT6 8PR (office@simireland.co.uk) or from Amazon

(www.amazon.co.uk)

SIM’s Faithful Witness scheme is designed to send a team of gospel workers to where none exist and a team has been mobilised to bring the good news to the Fulani in northern Nigeria. Find out more at [www.sim.co.uk](http://www.sim.co.uk)

Married in Minna, Nigeria

# Meet our workers

Praise God for our latest workers being mobilised into global mission. Do keep them in your prayers and if you'd like to be a prayer partner of any of them individually, then please sign up on the SIM UK website at [www.sim.co.uk/prayerpartners](http://www.sim.co.uk/prayerpartners)

## Lydia King



**Sending Church:** Wycliffe Independent Church, Sheffield.

**Where are you serving?** Nigeria.

**What are you doing?** Working short term as a doctor.

**Pray:** For safe travels out during the new lockdown, and to settle in well with the rest of the team.

## Alice Quinn



**Sending Church:** Glenabbey Church, N. Ireland.

**Where are you serving?** Zambia.

**What are you doing?** I plan to head out to Mukinge Hospital in

Zambia on a short-term trip.

**Pray:** I'm looking forward to what God has in store, but would love your prayers as I adjust and get to know a new community and find ways of keeping physically active.

## Geanne VM



**Sending church:** Hervormde Gemente Barneveld, Netherlands.

**Where are you serving?** South Africa.

**What are you doing?** Ministries with local churches

**Pray:** For strength and energy to carry on during uncertainty over border closures, and that God will fill our team with joy. Pray people will be set free from ancestral worship and really start to understand that Jesus is the only way to God.

## Denise Fenton



**Sending Church:** Rotherham Evangelical Church, South Yorkshire.

**Where are you serving?** UK.

**What are you doing?** I'm working in SIM

International as the Executive Assistant for the Global Director of Ministry Outreach.

**Pray:** As SIM begins to invest in the under-35s, it can be quite difficult to get data because of the many different global offices. Please pray that this will go smoothly and that we can mentor and develop young leaders.

# Come and serve with SIM

Whatever your passion and talents, there's a place to serve with SIM ministries around the world.



## Growing church leaders in West Africa

Do you have a heart for the unreached and to partner with local churches? Working in a secure and unreached community, you will help equip and disciple indigenous church members of this people-group to participate in mission within their own communities.



## Discipleship ministry in Middle East

Serving alongside other believers from all nations, we encourage Arabic-speaking Christians to share their faith with the local population and disciple new believers. Through building relationships across the international Christian community, we equip the church to share the Good News with unreached demographics.



## Medical ministry in Angola

Could you serve overseas using your skills and training in medical ministry? You will be providing medical care and teaching to reach the poor and marginalised with Christ-modelled compassion to every patient.



## Equipping leaders in Ghana

Many prospective West African Christians lack training and resources to serve in cross-cultural ministries. We are looking for people who will partner with them to help them go and fulfil their part in the gospel commission.

More details of current ministries shown here are available online at [sim.co.uk/opportunities](http://sim.co.uk/opportunities). You can also search by country, skill/interest or duration.

Why not contact [enquiries@sim.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sim.co.uk) to talk to our team and discover which ministries and locations may be best suited for you?

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## Discipleship ministry in Pacific Asia

Do you have a heart for discipleship among unreached communities in a secure country? We're looking for people to partner with SIM as part of a multi-ethnic team, bringing hope and love to people in Pacific Asia.



## Faithful Witness Ministry in Central Africa

We're looking for people to build relationships in communities and serve in a multi-ethnic team in Central Africa. Has the Lord given you skills in storytelling, children's ministry, evangelism, agriculture or women's discipleship?



## Student ministry in Central Asia

The vast majority of students in Central Asia are yet to hear and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ. Could you serve in discipleship among students and young professionals? This exciting ministry works through language teaching, discipleship and mentoring to students and lecturers.



## Missional business and evangelism in South Asia

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# Where Christ is least known



## COVID-19 has struck all of us hard

A huge **THANK-YOU** to our faithful supporters who have, by God's grace, enabled us to continue our operations over the past year.

### Your gifts helped:

- Send out mission workers and families
- Work alongside churches to bring overseas workers to the UK
- Develop training programmes
- Produce prayer resources
- Equip enquirers to discern where the Lord is calling them



## Will you help us continue to serve in mission?

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