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### MEET EGLAH

The World Mission Fund supports the Methodist Church The Gambia to carry out its educational ministry.

Eglah Sharpe-Smith is headteacher at the Longman Memorial Methodist Preparatory and Kindergarten School in Brikama in the Kombo West Circuit, The Gambia. This school started with only five children; today it has over 800 children.

With only one working computer currently in the school, the Church's main priority for the school is to provide a computer room and a staff room.

This Methodist School in Brikama continues to leave a legacy of Methodism in education, ecumenicalism and interfaith relationships.

Image: Eglah Sharpe-Smith, headteacher of Longman School, Brikama



We thank God for this work and for this part of the global Methodist community.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, donations to the World Mission Fund were used to support the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia in helping some of their most vulnerable communities who had been affected by the health and economic consequences of Covid-19. This support enabled the church to distribute medicine, school uniforms, school equipment and smartphones to communities such as the one here in Alto Beni.

Image: Alto Beni Evangelical Methodist Church, Bolivia



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## LET'S TALK ABOUT SRI LANKA

Image: Nanuoya, Sri Lanka

The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is having devastating effects on the daily lives of the people as rising prices and shortages make essential goods, such as food, cooking gas and medicine, harder and harder to obtain.

The Methodist Church, Sri Lanka has launched a Samaritan Journey Project which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously. This includes providing severely affected families with relief packages of essential food and other items; giving grants for medical expenses of children who have recurring illnesses; and giving start-up kits to enable people to grow their own vegetables. The World Mission Fund is being used to support this work.



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#### HOW CAN WE CARE FOR THOSE AROUND US GLOBALLY?



##### Pray

We can pray for our global Methodist community by using the Methodist Prayer Handbook.



##### Serve

We can serve overseas through the Methodist Church or be enriched in our twinning relationships.



##### Give

We can also donate to the World Mission Fund.

The World Mission Fund currently invests £250,000 in emergency grants of solidarity for our partners each year. It costs on average £48,000 each year to support a mission partner. Between now and August 2024, we are offering one-off capacity-building grants to our partners to help their mission thrive in the future, and we need your ongoing help to support this work.

#### You can help by:

- praying for the work of the World Mission Fund
- using the Global Relationships worship resources in your worship
- sharing and learning from the work of partners around the world
- celebrating a Global Mission Day in your church
- making a donation to the World Mission Fund.

Your kind donations are the tool that enable this work for God's kingdom to take place.

### THE WORLD MISSION FUND



Through our global relationships in the Methodist Church, the World Mission Fund is able to support 107 Partner Churches and organisations – in Africa, Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific – in their mission and ministry to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ

and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. This is through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, responding to emergency situations, administration, training and much more.

The World Mission Fund supports projects and individuals around the world. This work is only made possible by kind donations.

#### You can donate to the World Mission Fund:



**Online bank transfer**



**JustGiving at**

[www.justgiving.com/mcfworldmission](http://www.justgiving.com/mcfworldmission)



**Post cheques to:**

*(Please make cheques payable to 'Methodist Church World Mission Fund')*

Methodist Church World Mission Fund  
Methodist Church House  
25 Marylebone Road  
London NW1 5JR



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### CARING FOR AND LEARNING WITH, THOSE AROUND US, GLOBALLY

Work supported by the World Mission Fund

The Methodist Way of Life commitment for Learning and Caring includes the commitment to “care for ourselves and those around us”. As we are part of a global Methodist community, this particular commitment allows us to think about caring for and learning from those around us, globally.

As Methodists, we believe in learning and caring as part of our discipleship. There are plenty of opportunities for us to engage with God’s mission whether that’s in prayer, learning and sharing, the giving of our time or the giving of our money.

### THE WORLD MISSION FUND SUPPORTS THESE GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAMMES

- **Mission partners** usually live in another part of the world for at least three years, working with a Partner Church or organisation. New recruitment for this programme is currently on hold, although we are still taking applications to keep on file.
- **Encounter together** is a group visit programme of up to two weeks that enables groups to learn more about faith and life in another place.
- **Encounter worldwide** allows individuals to spend 3–12 months as a volunteer, living and working with a Partner Church or organisation. There are bursaries for Methodists aged 18-25.
- **Global Mission Fellows** is a programme for those aged 20-30. It is a great opportunity to serve in another country, to live out your faith and develop as a leader committed to justice and peace. The two-year programme is open to graduate-level (or equivalent) young adults from Britain, Ireland and around the world.

- **Ministerial sabbaticals.** Are you, or do you know a minister who could spend a minimum of a month of their sabbatical with a Partner Church or organisation?
- **Short-term, specialist volunteering.** Do you, or does someone you know, have a specialist skill you could offer to a Partner Church or organisation through a short-term voluntary placement?

### HOW YOUR CHURCH, CIRCUIT OR DISTRICT CAN GET INVOLVED

- **Explore Twinning** which enables congregations, circuits or districts to commit to a partnership of mutual learning and support with Christians in another part of the globe.
- Receive a **Global Mission Fellow** in a church-based community project for two years from a Partner Church.
- **Invite a guest speaker.** Would you like a member of the Global Relationships team, a mission partner on furlough or a recently returned volunteer to speak online or in-person at your church, circuit, or synod?

For more information visit [Opportunities, Resources and Twinning webpages](#) or read about ongoing projects and news at [Global Relationships](#).

**Questions?** Please email the Global Relationships team at [gr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:gr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk)

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## RESOURCES

These resources to help you advocate for the World Mission Fund are all available from [www.methodist.org.uk/worldmissionfund](http://www.methodist.org.uk/worldmissionfund)

### World Mission Fund video

Coming soon

### Radiate webinar

A recorded webinar of storytelling, for those interested in global relationships, mission and the work of the World Mission Fund

### Online fundraising pack

### Other helpful resources on the Methodist Church website

Recent stories from Global Partners and the work of the World Mission Fund can be found on the Global Relationships news pages:

[www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships-news](http://www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships-news)

[www.methodist.org.uk/funds](http://www.methodist.org.uk/funds)

[www.methodist.org.uk/support-the-church](http://www.methodist.org.uk/support-the-church)

Printed resources available from Methodist Publishing, including posters and collection envelopes: [www.methodist.org.uk/worldmissionfund](http://www.methodist.org.uk/worldmissionfund)