

MISSION SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 28th 2025

Today we are thinking about our three International Mission Partners

Welcome to our Mission Sunday leaflet for 2025. This year we are focusing on our three International Mission Partners. I hope you will be encouraged by all that they are doing to share the gospel and to show the love of Jesus. Please pray for our mission partners and consider what you could give to support their work. Thank you. Deborah Swann Chair of Mission Committee

Ruth Guinness, with SIM (Serving in Mission) in Malawi

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:2).

This verse has always encouraged me to pass on what I have heard and learned from God’s word. Over the years I’ve had the opportunity to teach students at the Bible college. Now I meet former students when I can, and have opportunities to encourage others who are teaching. The purpose is that church leaders will be equipped to teach others, helping them to understand God’s word, grow in love for him, and serve him.

This year the course I co-wrote, which gives an overview of the whole Bible story, was published online so that people can access it freely. We’ve had very positive comments about it, globally. I’m now working on a follow-up course. This year I’ve also co-written a Biblical reflection on Creation Care for SIM.

My role at a leadership level in SIM involves coming alongside leaders to help them to think through the challenges and opportunities for theological education in their context. This is related to SIM’s role to build the church for its God-given mission. I also lead some small teams. This year I have focussed on the Southern Africa region and will be speaking at a conference in Johannesburg in October.

The Story of God and His World

Understanding the Bible's Great Story



Join me in praising God for:

- the publication of the Bible story course
- opportunities to connect with and encourage many throughout the world

Please pray for:

- pilot sessions for a new course due to take place in November
- more in-person teaching and training opportunities
- the country of Malawi following Presidential elections on September 16th.

Thank you for the vital part you play in enabling me to do what I do, through financial support and prayer.

Ruth Guinness

Malcolm and Yanet Taylor with YWAM in the Dominican Republic.

Malcolm, Yanet, Patricia (11) and Samuel (9) serve with Youth With A Mission with a focus of ministering to families. They are leading the ministry, **YWAM Series 23**, in the heart of the city of San Pedro de Macorís. With a vision to see families restored both physically and spiritually, their mission is to model and teach the character of God and through their ministry opportunities, reconcile, restore, and raise up new generations of families committed to living according to God's designs and principles.



This past year has been a busy year for the **Taylor family**. At the beginning of each month they are leading **prayer times in 15 governmental offices**, from the State Governor, Mayor, transit, public health, police station, hospitals and more. These times are prayer are important as they seek to see the kingdom of God reign in their city.

A big part of their ministry is **hosting mission teams** and recently they hosted a team of 35 young people from Texas and then an extended family team from Pennsylvania. These teams had ministry opportunities in powerful, raw, and unforgettable ways. They poured themselves out through prayer, played joyfully with children, distributed Bibles, shared personal testimonies, sang and spoke in churches, painted, cut boys' hair, washed girls' hair, and visited local schools.

Three Sunday School classrooms were renovated and equipped through their donations so that the efforts of these teams create a long lasting change to the people in the Dominican Republic.

Malcolm and Yanet, along with their children and local volunteers engage in many activities each week ranging from radio and TV programs, conferences, street evangelism, marriage courses, construction projects, counseling couples, helping coordinate city wide events with the local Churches, and equipping Sunday School teachers to guide the next generation. Their BIG vision is to have a **city centre based facility**, where they can run their courses, classrooms for training sessions, counseling rooms, TV recording studio, host kids and teen activities and much more...

The Taylor family serve as full-time, volunteer, staff members of Youth With A Mission, they must raise their own financial support and rely on the generosity of Churches, family and friends to do so. Please consider joining their support team with either a **recurring monthly gift or a one time donation**. We know that God has called them, as a family, to serve in missions, but can only do with our support. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Malcolm, Yanet, Patricia and Samuel.

For more information see: www.ywamseries23.org

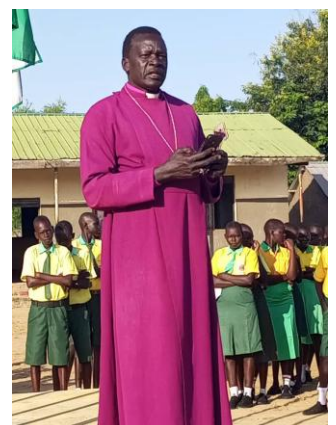
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St Stephen's School, Terekeka in South Sudan by Mike Quinlan

The parish of Wareham has been supporting Christians in Sudan for over thirty years as part of the Salisbury Diocese partnership. Since 2005 this has been focused on the Diocese of Terekeka in South Sudan and on St Stephen's School. The school provides education at Nursery, Primary and Secondary levels to around 650 children. Although the school is private and charges fees (£12 to £30 per year) about 50% of parents cannot afford to pay.

Bishop Paul Modi is the Bishop of Terekeka and the chair of governors of St Stephen's School. In June he gave us an update on performance in the end of Primary and end of Secondary School classes.

'62 students sat for level 8 national primary exams. 58 passed which is very encouraging compared to last year. 2 sat for Senior level 4 certificate but the results were not yet out.'



Life is very difficult in South Sudan at present. The effect of climate change has resulted in extremes of heat with little or no rain or very heavy rain which causes flooding. Both of these result in poor harvests. Bishop Paul reported that there was a very poor harvest in 2024. There were outbreaks of cholera in January 2025 including cases in Terekeka. In March excessive temperatures led to closure of schools across the country. There has also been increased instability in the country following the house arrest of the vice president and fighting between rival political groups. Many government employees including teachers at state schools have not been paid for nine months.

In September 2024 a heavy storm ripped part of the roof off one of the classroom blocks, but they lack funds to pay for repairs.

Despite these difficulties Bishop Paul sent us pictures of parades and assemblies of children celebrating together in June this year.



Please continue to pray for South Sudan, for a lasting peace settlement and an end to tribal violence. Pray too for the Diocese of Terekeka, Bishop Paul Modi and St Stephen's School.

How can you help?

Firstly, please use the updates in this document to help you to pray for our International Mission partners.

Secondly, if you are able to give financially to support our mission partners, donations can be made through the online giving page

<https://ladystmarywareham.myknowchurch.co.uk/giving>
using the drop-down bar to select the campaign:

Mission and Ministry

You can also use this QR code to access the giving page



All gifts will be divided equally between our three mission partners. If you are not able to give online, you can put your donation (cheque or cash) in an envelope marked 'Mission Sunday'. This can either be placed in the collection bowl or given to our Treasurer, Mark Lapper.