

Following a meeting to discuss distribution of accumulated HOTC tithe funds, a decision was made to invite applications for capital or operating costs from current mission partners and from local churches that have a close connection with St Michael's. Bids were considered by a subgroup of MAG, a PCC representative and 'link people' for the mission partners. Five projects were approved in March 2019 and a further project was approved in May.

1. Univida, Brazil. To support a project called "Wheels for Life" which enables the **purchase of a new vehicle** for the University of Life, Fortaleza, to replace the old and unreliable current van. The vehicle is essential for transporting food, school supplies and staff and for administrative trips. It is key to the safe daily running of the project, which provides help and hope to 250 children living in the slums. The sum of £20,000 has been given for the purchase of the vehicle, a **Fiat Doblo**, to include modifications and insurance for one year.



2. Crisis Centre Ministries, Bristol. As part of the 'Spruce the Goose' project to refurbish the Wild Goose drop-in centre and café, £20,000 has been given towards the £48,389 needed to **refurbish the clients' toilets**. Three unisex toilet cubicles with able access will be created.

The toilets in their current state:

The Wild Goose, Easton



3. The Brickworks. To enable the Diocese of Yei to re-open and **run the Eye Clinic in Yei, South Sudan** which had closed when insecurity broke out in 2016. It was agreed to give £18,560 over 2 years. £10,000 has been provided for Year 1 and £8,560 will be given in Year 2.



Eye patients waiting



Eye assessment



Theatre for eye surgery

4. Christ Church, Downend. The sum of £20,000 has been given towards the final settlement of bills in 2019 for their “Building4Life” project, which has provided a much-needed **re-ordering of the building**, enabling increased engagement with the local community.



Before re-ordering



Work completed

5. Ruslan Telpiz, Moldova. Funds have been agreed to support the **Day Care Centre** for vulnerable children at Gotesti Baptist Church. The exact amount will be agreed later, depending on donations from other sources. The maximum given will be £20,000 over 2-3 years and will start in September 2019.



Children singing at the Day Care Centre, Gotesti Church



Giving thanks for the meal provided



Help is given with school homework

6. Vineyard Floripa Church, Florianopolis, Brazil. The church has moved this month to larger premises in a more central location, to enable growth in numbers and to facilitate the church’s outreach activities. It has been agreed to give £20,000 over 2 years, towards rent and purchasing equipment. £13,000 will be given in Year 1 and £7,000 in Year 2.

