

St Michael's Church Mission Action Group – Mission Overview 2022



Our Mission Partners:

<p>The Brickworks</p> <p>South Sudan & Northern Uganda</p> 	<p>Uganda - SIITA Nest Mother's Love Home</p> 	<p>Moldova - Ruslan & Larisa Telpiz</p> 
<p>Nicaragua</p> <p>The Peace & Hope Trust</p> <p><i>Building brighter futures</i></p> 	<p>Brazil, Fortaleza</p> <p>UNiViDA</p> <p><i>Bringing life, hope & opportunity to children in Brazil</i></p> 	<p>Brazil, Florianopolis – Katia Rocks</p> 
<p>India, Epaphras Trust – El-Shaddai Bible School</p> 	<p>inHope. Bristol</p> <p><i>For those who need us most</i></p> 	<p>b.friend Bristol</p> 
<p>network counselling and training Bristol</p> 	<p>UPCOTT Bristol</p> <p>ENCOUNTER GROW SHARE</p> 	<p>Tonypandy, S. Wales – Sarah & John Sutton</p> 

In 2022, our Mission Partners received a total sum of £43,030 from St Michael's Church. This included regular support and extra gifts sent in December to help with the increased cost of living. This sum, together with gifts listed overleaf and other donations, brought the grand total given to mission by the Mission Action Group in 2022 to **£108,110**.

For further information about our Mission Partners, see: <https://www.stmichaelsbristol.org/mission/>

Supporting Mission Partners and strengthening relationships

1. Visits. Resumption of travel following the pandemic meant that Ruth and Marc Marques from Univida, Brazil were able to visit the UK, including staying in Bristol in May and speaking at St Michael's.



Mary Cottrell visited Gotesti, Moldova in August to catch up with and encourage Ruslan, his family and others, to hear about plans and needs and to teach English.



John and Poppy Spens and three doctors travelled to Northern Uganda and South Sudan in September, including visiting schools, colleges, churches, and a Bible translation project. They spent time at a church led health centre and trained health students. Toys donated by St Michael's Sunday Club were given to a nursery school and children's ward.

2. Mission Partner of the Month. During 2022, Mission Partner of the Month continued as a brief video update at services on the first Sunday of each month. An information sheet on the featured Mission Partner was available throughout the month. The Mission webpages on the St Michael's website were updated regularly.



3. Meet the Mission Partners is a Zoom meeting held every 2 months. This provides an opportunity to hear news from two or three different Mission Partners and friends at each meeting and to pray with them.

4. Mission Facebook. News from Mission Partners was also shared with the St Michael's Mission News Facebook group.



Other support given

Gifts from the HOTC tithe funds amounting to £51,300 were given to: Univida, Brazil to contribute to a new, larger kitchen, Network to help with staff costs, Sarah & John Sutton to help with rent for Clwb Coffi, Epaphras Trust for buying IT equipment and furniture for the Bible School in India, to Mullers, Bristol to support secondary education for girls from a poor rural area in Ethiopia and support was given for Petea, Ruslan's co-worker in Moldova.



Gifts from the MAG Contingency fund amounting to £12,514 were given to help Ukrainian appeals; to two local schools in Bristol to support families in need, through hardship funds; support for St Michael's ECO Church initiative through Tear Fund's Toilet Twinning project; a gift to assist a Peace & Hope associate in Nicaragua; providing Bibles in the Keliko language in South Sudan and donations to Foodbanks in Bristol this winter, at a time of increasing food poverty.



Prayer points:

- Give thanks for our Mission Partners, for the amazing work they are doing that is making a big difference in the lives of the people they serve.
- Pray for our Mission Partners, for strength and wisdom as they continue to work through 2023 to extend the Kingdom of God.

For further information about Mission at St Michael's, see: <https://www.stmichaelsbristol.org/mission/> or e-mail Mary Cottrell: mag@stmichaelsbristol.org New members of the Mission Action Group are always welcome.