

# MISSIONARY



# In Touch

**TOOLS with a MISSION— Gifts for the Journey - Winter edition**  
*Today is the first Sunday in ADVENT when we begin our journey in thought & prayer preparing us to celebrate the Coming of Emmanuel, "God with us".*

The nativity story is all about journeys : Mary on a donkey going to Bethlehem, . wise men travelling across deserts, the shepherds from the hillside to the manger. Our cards all tell the story. Some journeys are hard to start, others hard to complete.

We are reminded of the many who turn to TWAM for help. The big step out of poverty with little education & few resources, seems an impossible journey to make. Without the partners we work with, it would remain so for many . Then, after training the final step to set up in their own small business is another big hurdle. Every year thousands turn to TWAM, confident we will help them with Gifts for the Journey.

This issue of TWAM News tells stories of some who have received Gifts for the Journey and comparing them to journeys of the Nativity — and are now succeeding .

**Given** is a young lady from Zambia. Started school aged 4, her first challenge was the sudden death of her father, her mother could not afford the fees & so she dropped out of school. Given's future looked bleak. A TWAM partner who supports vulnerable children helped her restart her journey. She continued over many years, and now at 20yrs she's ready for University! However, without a computer it'll be very difficult.... Now TWAM steps in for this last leg of her journey — thanks to the lap-tops given in the UK. & those who refurbished them. (Perhaps it was one from Upney ??) Given says: I'm so grateful. All my studies at Uni. will be done on it".

**Donald**, an enterprising young man from Zimbabwe, embarking on a journey to bring skills to the young people of his community. He says of the local school: "Many needs here—a textile dept. but no sewing machines, a skills training centre— but no tools!" He knew he would need treasures—not gold, frankincense & myrrh, but builders' & carpentry kits, computers, a generator....

No wise men, but Donald had TWAM! He was thrilled when his gifts came. He says " I don't know how to thank you !"

And many more stories...the journey to school, to training, to employment.

Do pick up a copy of the latest TWAM News and find out more.

***" If anyone who has material possessions & sees need but has no pity, how can the love of God be in them? | John 3 v. 17***

**Ivory Coast The Jesus Film Project** Last week the Gban team of 20 people worked non-stop to record the voice-over dubbing. They give thanks for answered prayer — safe travelling, no technical hitches, good times of prayer & fellowship together each day. Please pray for a good reception and many opportunities to show the film when it is released next year.

*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days .*

*Psalm 90: 14*

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017

## **10.30 AM MORNING MEETING**

Welcome to our services today.

Pastor Jonny will be preaching this morning on

Revelation ch. 21: 1-8

Communion will follow the service.

**A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.**

**Following the morning s service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.**

## **6.00 PM EVENING MEETING**

Join us again this evening for worship

Jonny will be preaching on 2 Corinthians ch. 8: 16-24

If you have any questions regarding today's services or concerning the church please speak to Dean (Elder) afterwards

*Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website: [www.upneybaptist.org.uk](http://www.upneybaptist.org.uk)*

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# DIARY DATES

**MONDAY:**

9.30-11.30am Tot Stop

**TUESDAY:**

7.30 pm Annual General Meeting for Members

**WEDNESDAY:**

2.00pm Women's Own: Speaker—Mike Bacon, Socketts Heath, Grays

6.15-7.45pm Girls Brigade (5 yrs.-14 yrs.)

**THURSDAY:**

6.30-8.00pm Explorers - Boys & Girls (Reception-yr.5)

6.30-8.00pm Impact - (yr. 6+)

**FRIDAY:**

7.00am Prayer Meeting

**SUNDAY:**

10.15am Prayer Meeting

10.30pm Pastor Jonny Dowds

2.30pm Harp House

6.00 pm Pastor Jonny Dowds

**OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THANK OFFERING THIS YEAR IS BEING DESIGNATED TO THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT BUILDING FUND. PLEASE PLACE YOUR GIFT IN A MARKED ENVELOPE. THANK YOU. THE FUND WILL BE OPEN UNTIL NEXT WEEK.**

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**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

- 12TH DECEMBER - CAROL SINGING
  - 13TH DECEMBER - 2.00PM WOMEN'S OWN CAROL SERVICE
  - 17TH DECEMBER - 10.30AM CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN
  - 6.00PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
  - 19TH DECEMBER - HOME FELLOWSHIP SOCIALS
  - 25TH DECEMBER - 10.30AM FAMILY SERVICE
- EVERYONE WELCOME TO ALL THESE EVENTS**

# PRAYER REOUESTS

*✠* "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6* *✠*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Dean Foley and family in the sad loss of Dean's brother. Pray they will find great comfort in God the Father.*

**MONDAY:** Pray for Tot Stop as they meet this morning. The numbers of mums fluctuate from week to week, especially in this cold weather. Pray for Kathy and her team as they prepare for Christmas and tell the Christmas story simply, to very young children, but gives an opportunity for mums to hear.

**TUESDAY:** Pray for the Annual General Meeting for church members this evening. Pray that there will worthwhile discussions and decisions made, but will be God centred,

**WEDNESDAY:** The ladies of the Women's Own meet this afternoon. Pray for those who are willing to come along each week to give a gospel message. May the ladies be encouraged and each one be assured of their own salvation. Pray for the Girls' Brigade. Numbers are low amongst the younger groups, but praise God that the older girls are still coming along. May this continue and we will see them make a decision to follow Christ.

**THURSDAY:** Pray for the Explorers Group. Unfortunately, the new ones that came along at the beginning of term have mainly dropped off, but we have a faithful, keen group, who listen well and learn great bible truths from a dedicated team. Also the Impact Group are doing well, who enjoy an evening of games, craft and learning from the bible.

**FRIDAY:** Continue to pray for the following people who are sick, elderly or lonely: Linda Young, Maggie Woodvine, Brenda & Ron Blows, Paul & Val Bebbington, Christine King, Helen Gwaje's father, Graham King's brother, Mary Servante, Cathie Hughes also Cathie's friend Viv, Alan & Ann May, David Jeffries, Christine Dowds, Joyce Sparks, Ross Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Rebekah Lindsay, Sylvia & John Price, Jimmy Martin, Jenny McClenaghan, Colin Wyld, Martyn Fisher, Josie Eyres, Donna Howe, Ken Luck, Jeannie Hurrell, Sharon Crawley, Emma Wyld, Jackie Challis' sister.

**SATURDAY:** Continue to pray for Dean & family in their loss. May they know God's comfort. Pray for others in our fellowship who are still mourning the loss of loved ones

**SUNDAY:** Pray for Jonny as he preaches today. Pray for the Sunday School as they rehearse for the Christmas presentation. Pray for the little service at Harp House, may they even in their advanced years be challenged by the word spoken.