



MISSION INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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2026 A YEAR OF RESILIENCE AND HOPE

This past year has been a season of transition for Mission International as we navigated the loss of our founder, Hugh Henderson. While it has been a challenging time for his family and our organisation, we are emerging with a renewed sense of hope. We have begun to move through these difficulties and look forward to the coming year with great anticipation and trust in God's guidance.

We remain deeply inspired by our international partners who, despite facing significant hardships in their own countries, continue to see the Gospel transform lives and communities. This vital work is only possible because of the incredible support we receive from individuals and churches. We especially value long-term church partnerships that build lasting relationships with specific projects; if your congregation would like to get involved, we would be delighted to facilitate that connection.

Our primary focus now is meeting the growing demand for pastoral training. To expand our reach beyond physical trips and Zoom, we are building a team of teachers and developing a digital platform for remote access. This requires a significant investment in technology—laptops, Wi-Fi, and power solutions—to reach partners in remote areas. We invite you to partner with us financially to help provide these essential tools. We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers and trustees, and we look forward to all we can achieve together in the year ahead.

Roddy Macrae - CEO

IN THIS EDITION

BIG MEAL 2025



KAKUMA



KENYA



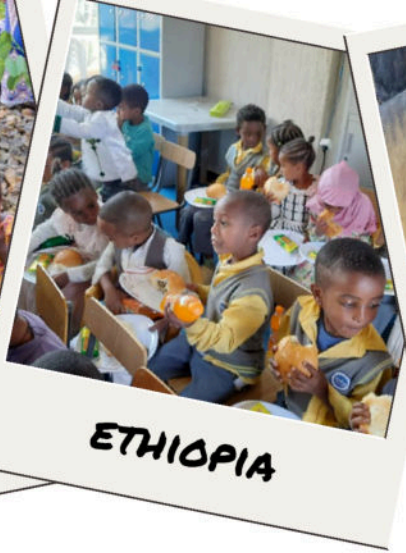
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& Get Involved!**



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FROM HUNGER TO HOPE

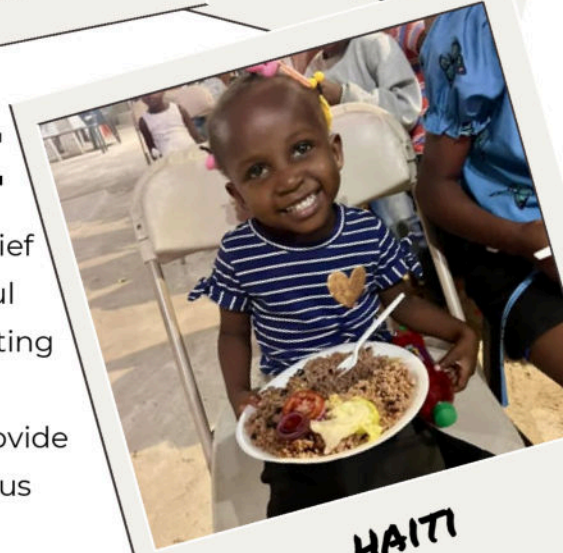
Over the years, the Big Meal Project has grown from a targeted relief effort into a global movement of compassion. Thanks to the faithful support of our Mission International family, we are currently operating in twelve nations across three continents.

In every one of these regions, the mission remains the same: to provide a seat at the table for the "unseen" and to prove through a nutritious meal that every child is cherished by God.

Bridging the Divide: Peace & Reconciliation

In Ghana, the Big Meal Project has become a catalyst for peace. In a region where community conflicts often keep people apart, our partners used a festive feast to bring together two local schools. By breaking bread together, walls of hostility were lowered, opening the door for future ministry and even the provision of clean water wells for both villages.

In Myanmar, we recently saw a similar bridge built. Over 100 children from the local Buddhist community joined us for a day of joy. Not only were they fed, but they also learned Gospel songs with actions and heard the story of Christ for the first time. For many, this was their first positive interaction with the Christian faith.



HAITI



GHANA



MYANMAR



MOZAMBIQUE



KENYA



BURUNDI



GHANA

Reaching the "Unseen"

The Big Meal Project is intentionally designed to reach the places others often overlook:

- Pakistan: We are working deep in the rural brickyards where families are often trapped in cycles of debt. For these children, a Big Meal is a rare moment of dignity and a reminder that their "brothers and sisters around the world" are praying for them.
- Haiti: Despite the severe instability in the region, our partners are on the ground. Your support provides a safe space for children to gather, eat, and find community amidst the chaos.
- In Mozambique, your support is ensuring that hunger does not stand in the way of a child's physical recovery and education.
- Kenya: The Big Meal event at Narok Town Church was a true community celebration, bringing together 250 people—including 160 children and 40 youth—to share a meal.
- Bangladesh: In the remote hilly eastern regions, we are partnering with tribal communities where food security is a constant struggle. For just £3, you are giving these children a festive celebration they would otherwise never experience.

Investing in the Next Generation

In Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Burundi, the focus is on long-term health and education. Malnutrition is a silent thief that steals a child's ability to focus and learn. By providing consistent, nutritious meals, we are "fueling futures." Teachers in these regions report better attendance and higher engagement because the children no longer have to worry about where their next meal will come from.

A project of this scale requires more than just food; it requires the complex logistics of transport, local coordination, and spiritual preparation.

- Every gift helps cover the cost of getting supplies to remote villages.
- Every prayer protects our partners as they navigate dangerous or unstable regions.

As we look ahead, our goal is to ensure that no child we reach ever feels forgotten. Whether through a one-time donation or a monthly commitment, you are the hands and feet that make this possible.

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me

Matthew 25:40

MISSION

In November 2025, Trustees Roddy, Vic, and Richard visited Northern Kenya's Kakuma Refugee Camp. Partnering with Reverend Saphano Chol (FEBCSS), they visited four camp churches serving nearly 500,000 people displaced by violence in Sudan and South Sudan. The team was overwhelmed by the generous welcome and deeply encouraged by a vibrant youth event, witnessing many young people committed to serving Jesus despite their challenging surroundings.

As always when we travel on mission, it is seeing the reality of how hard life is for our brothers and sisters and in hearing their heartbreaking stories that we find most challenging. This is particularly the case in the Kakuma refugee camp. We met several people who are in their twenties but who have lived in the camp all their life. They long for the opportunity to return home and for South Sudan to become a place of stability and peace. It reminded me of the incredible power of that little word "home." It also reminded me how thankful I am that this world is not the Christians' true home - that one day the Lord Jesus will return and bring all his people home to heaven with him for all eternity.

We encouraged the believers to cling to the Living Hope of Christ during these difficult times. We were privileged to provide food and funds for a ministry motorbike, though we still need to raise £750 for a second promised bike. Please pray for Reverend Saphano and his team as they lead over 300 churches across South Sudan; our goal is to help train and equip their pastors. We also ask for prayer for wisdom in navigating the complex challenges of supporting those in Kakuma, where the needs remain overwhelming.

Working with and
people in a

supporting
refugee camp
makes everything even
more complex than normal.

Finally, please remember our brothers and sisters, like Hannah (pictured right) who all showed us such deep wonderful joy in the face of the daily challenges they face. We hope to be able to return to Kakuma or perhaps even visit Juba (the capital of South Sudan) at some point in 2026."



Kenya - People for Jesus Ministries

by Richard Woods - Chairman of Mission International SCIO

During our recent visit to Kenya, we had the opportunity to spend time with our long-term partner, Pastor Tom Opiyo of People For Jesus International Ministries. Tom leads a wonderful work among the Masai people in and around the growing town of Narok.

It was a particularly poignant trip for us all, as this mission was very close to Hugh Henderson's heart; he had partnered with Tom since the early days of Mission International. We held a beautiful and emotional memorial service for Hugh in the very first church he helped Pastor Tom establish. It was deeply humbling to listen to so many Masai believers speak about the profound impact Hugh's friendship and partnership had on their lives and their faith in Jesus over the years.



My first Mission International trip was with Hugh Henderson to Narok in 2010. During that trip, we purchased and set up two large water tanks, close to where the small church met. At that time, the church would simply meet under a tree (at Oloototo) with the Gospel proclaimed in the open air - with zebra and giraffes sometimes wondering past. We had the privilege of baptising some of the Masai ladies on that trip in 2010 and it was an incredible joy 15 years later for me to return and to see the amazing growth of the church in Oloototo both physically and spiritually. The service for Hugh was held in the church building that is able to hold around 200 people and the faith of the Masai has continued to deepen and grow down the years. I had thought back then that the water tanks would only last a short time - but they are still there and still in use and they helped form the nucleus of a community with the church at the centre. It was truly a case of God being able to do more than we could ever have asked or imagined.

The blessings continued the next day when Pastor Tom took us to another "church under a tree" in the Masai Mara. We had the privilege of delivering the final materials needed for them to build their own permanent church—the third such plant in this region over the years.

While our work can sometimes feel small compared to the vast global need, this trip to Narok was a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness. Seeing how He used Hugh's steady service over the decades proves that God takes our sacrifices of time, money, and prayer to build something that lasts for eternity. It is an honour to be part of His steady work in building the Church across the world.



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Breaking Barriers

February *Prayer Diary*

1

Lord, bring immediate peace to Narus, South Sudan.

2

Buddhist communities hearing the Gospel.

3

For elections to be held in Haiti.

4

Remote tribal communities.

5

Provisions for Kenyan families.

6

Food for schools in Ghana.

7

Health for malnourished infants.

8

Lasting peace between villages in Ghana.

9

Flourishing crops for farmers.

10

Safety for food deliveries.

11

Divine intervention for Kapoeta East County, South Sudan.

12

Peace for Kakuma refugees.

13

Higher school attendance in Malawi.

14

Faith during food shortages.

15

Bless local kitchen volunteers.

16

Spiritual and physical hunger to be met in Burundi.

17

Protection for partners and aid workers.

18

Recovery from natural disasters.

19

Strength for vulnerable widows.

20

Bless PFJM family in Kenya.

21

Laptops for remote pastors.

22

Compassion for the poor.

23

For every child to feel seen and loved.

24

Encouragement for local teachers in Zambia.

25

Provide hope against all earthly hopes.

26

Strengthen partners in Pakistan.

27

Provision for those who give.

28

Gospel songs with actions learnt to take root.

Nurturing Growth

Fueling Futures

Global Vision

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Share The Gospel

30
Spiritual fruit in Juba.

31
Gospel growth in all 12 nations.

March Prayer Diary



1
Equip pastors in South Sudan.

Spread Christ's Love

2
Safety for mission volunteers.

3
Thriving churches in Narok.

4
Stability in war-torn regions.

5
Stronger church-to-church partnerships.

6
Gospel light in darkness.

7
Protect all civilians trapped in fighting.

8
Clean water for communities.

Faith In Action

9
Health for students in Zambia.

10
Courage for persecuted Christians.

11
Reaching the "unseen" children in Tanzania.

12
Volunteers giving their time and talents.

13
Power solutions for remote areas.

14
Safety amidst the chaos in Haiti.

15
Guidance for 2026 Mission trips.

Change Lives

16
Resilient faith for Hannah.

17
Bibles for new believers.

18
Unity among mission partners.

19
Effective stewardship of funds.

20
Motorbikes for remote ministry.

21
Debt cycles to break in Pakistan.

22
Trustees led by the Spirit.

23
Healing for the sick.

24
Nutritious meals for all in Burundi.

25
Building a teaching team.

26
Courage for persecuted Christians.

27
Thankful for our shared mission.

28
Growing God's Church worldwide.

29
Wisdom for Mission International Trustees.

GET INVOLVED

Put your faith into action.

The transformation we see across 12 nations and three continents is only possible because of the partnership of people like you. From the remote hills of Bangladesh to the growing communities in East Africa, there are many ways to stand with Mission International as we serve our brothers and sisters across the globe:

- **Donate:** Your financial gifts provide immediate relief and long-term stability. From providing a £3 Big Meal to helping us fund vital transport and infrastructure for overseas pastors, every gift makes a tangible difference.
- **Host a Fundraising Event:** Hosting an event is a wonderful way to raise awareness and funds for our global projects.
- **Partner Your Church:** Connect your local congregation with an overseas church or project. Church-to-church partnerships build deep spiritual bonds and provide consistent support for frontline leaders in the nations we serve.
- **Volunteer on Mission:** See the work firsthand. Join a Mission International team on a short-term trip to support our partners on the ground through practical help, teaching, and encouragement.
- **Become a Trustee:** Use your professional skills and heart for mission to help lead our organisation. We are always looking for dedicated individuals to help shape the future of Mission International.

Ready to take the next step? If you would like more information on volunteering, church partnerships, or becoming a trustee, please get in touch with us at mail@mission-international.org. We would love to help you find the best way to use your gifts for God's glory.

You can support our work by donating using either of the following methods:

Stewardship

To give a one-off or regular gift with the option of easy Gift Aid processing, scan the QR code to visit our Stewardship page or go to

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/missioninternational>



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Account Name: Mission International SCIO

- Sort Code: 30-25-87
- Account No: 00757364

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