

News & Prayer Letter.

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Message from CEO: **"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". Luke 12.32**

We live in a time when there are many fears that can overtake our lives. The war in Ukraine has sharpened our focus on what it means to fear. We see in our daily news bulletins so many who have been affected by this war, and it feels like it is on our very doorstep. Some are so scared that they don't want to close their eyes to sleep at night, just in case some sort of nuclear war starts before they have the opportunity to escape.

Jesus encourages us not to fear anything other than God Himself. In Luke's Gospel chapter 12:22-34 He draws our attention to the daily cares that we face, the need for food, clothing. Jesus points out that even the lowliest creatures are cared for by God the Father. He also tells us that we cannot by being anxious and fearful add even a single hour to our lives, no matter how hard we try.

The truth is, as we accept Christ as our Saviour, then we can live without this kind of fear because we know that he has promised to care for us, even through the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. And should the worst happen, then we are eternally secure in Him.

In verse 28 Jesus tells those listening to Him that they need to have faith. This means that they put their faith and trust in Him. They had already seen many of Jesus' miracles and should have been well aware that He was able to care for them in times of hunger, etc.

Today we too need to put all of our faith in Jesus. We may say we don't have enough or even any faith, but he has covered that as well. Our faith is a gift from God, and even if it is as small as a mustard seed, when put in Christ can move mountains.

John 14:1-7

1"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2**In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4**And you know the way to where I am going." **5**Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7**If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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Hugh Henderson MBE, CEO Mission International

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The situation in Ukraine continues to escalate and the horrors of this war appear in news bulletins on a daily basis. Mission International's contact in Poland is distributing crucial support to some of the millions of Ukrainian refugees now in Poland. Many have no place to go, many sleep on the streets. Graciously local people try their best to help.

With your help MI is able to provide some much needed funding to buy food and essentials for those in such a desperate situation. If you can help and would like to support this very needy cause then please donate on line here: -

<https://account.stewardship.org.uk/donation/oneoff/UkraineProjects>

The devastation the war has caused has had a knock-on effect on food and fuel prices worldwide. In countries where day to day living is such a challenge the war has caused so much more problems due to escalating prices. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and that this awful war will come to an end allowing Ukrainians to return home.



MI PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

Pakistan -Excessive heat in Pakistan, where temperatures can reach 50 degrees Celsius, makes it very uncomfortable for school children and teachers as they work. MI's Pakistan partner asked for help to buy cooling fans for the classrooms of their school. We were able to provide some funding towards such, and as you can see from the photographs they have now been put in place. Our partner is very grateful for such help and MI are appreciative of those who have supported such endeavours.



Malawi and Mozambique— Countries across the region are recovering from multiple storms and cyclones that have caused serious damage to homes, land and crops. Mission International partners are trying to help where they can with limited resources. Here the elderly are initially given pumpkins in a gesture of love. Also some needy families around Chikwawa that have suffered, receive food from our MI Malawi partners. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to this gift of food for the poor. If you can help these poor people who have lost everything, then please donate online here:

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Ghana -The Big Meal was highlighted in our earlier Newsletter and in Ghana it became an anti-war message between 2 villages in Upper East region, Kandiga and Doba, near Bolgatanga. These villages are poor, but have a new vigour to teach their children of God's love for them and that they can have for one another. The fruits of this are beginning to show with a drive towards lasting reconciliation between the 2 villages. Please continue to pray for this situation that reconciliation will prevail. We also give thanks for our MI Partner Pastor Peter Awane who has recently recovered from a debilitating illness and has been central in the effort to bring peace.



Uganda and DRC - There's a first time for everything! The BIG meal at Easter in Nakivale refugee camp in Uganda, where Congolese refugees have been staying for many years due to strife in their home country. Normally the BIG meal takes place at Christmas time, however, disappointingly, it didn't work out for Nakivale this time at Christmas 2021 and so the children of the camp sent a deputation to the Pastor asking if he could request MI for an Easter BIG meal instead. MI managed to fund this and so more than 300 children attended the first (and perhaps only) Easter BIG meal. A big thank you to all who have contributed, bringing joy to so many.



Invite us to come to speak:

Mission International representatives would love to come to visit your church, group or society. Now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted our speakers are now able to travel up and down the country providing information about the work in which we are involved around the world.



- Speakers can arrange to come during day time, in the evening, at the weekend, or even take part in a Sunday Service.
- We are able to send a speaker to almost any part of Scotland (and to other parts of the UK as well) to explain in detail the work that we do. Our desire is to find others who are willing to partner with us in the work and to find ways we can together provide holistic support to needy individuals, families and communities in the developing world.
- The information we bring can be tailored to suit the needs of the group. It can be a short 10 minute talk or a 30-40 minute report.

- Please email us on mail@mission-international.org to request a speaker and we will make every effort to arrange a suitable time to visit you.

POINTS FOR PRAYER :-

Prayer Points:

- We have already highlighted the Ukraine situation.
- Please also remember our MI Partners in countries where conflict exists.
- We especially remember those in Myanmar and Haiti whose lives are constantly at risk.
- Please pray for their protection and for an end to the difficult political situations that exist in these countries.
- Due to the relaxation of Covid regulations MI is looking forward to arranging Team Visits once more. We would appreciate your prayers in the arrangement of teams.
 - Haiti Team— 30th May 2022
 - Burundi Team— August 2022 (To be confirmed)
 - Kenya School team 2023 being planned now (Dates to be confirmed)
- Widows DRC: One widow had died recently due to Asthma leaving 6 children. We are currently looking for ways to help this family who have now lost both mum and dad.