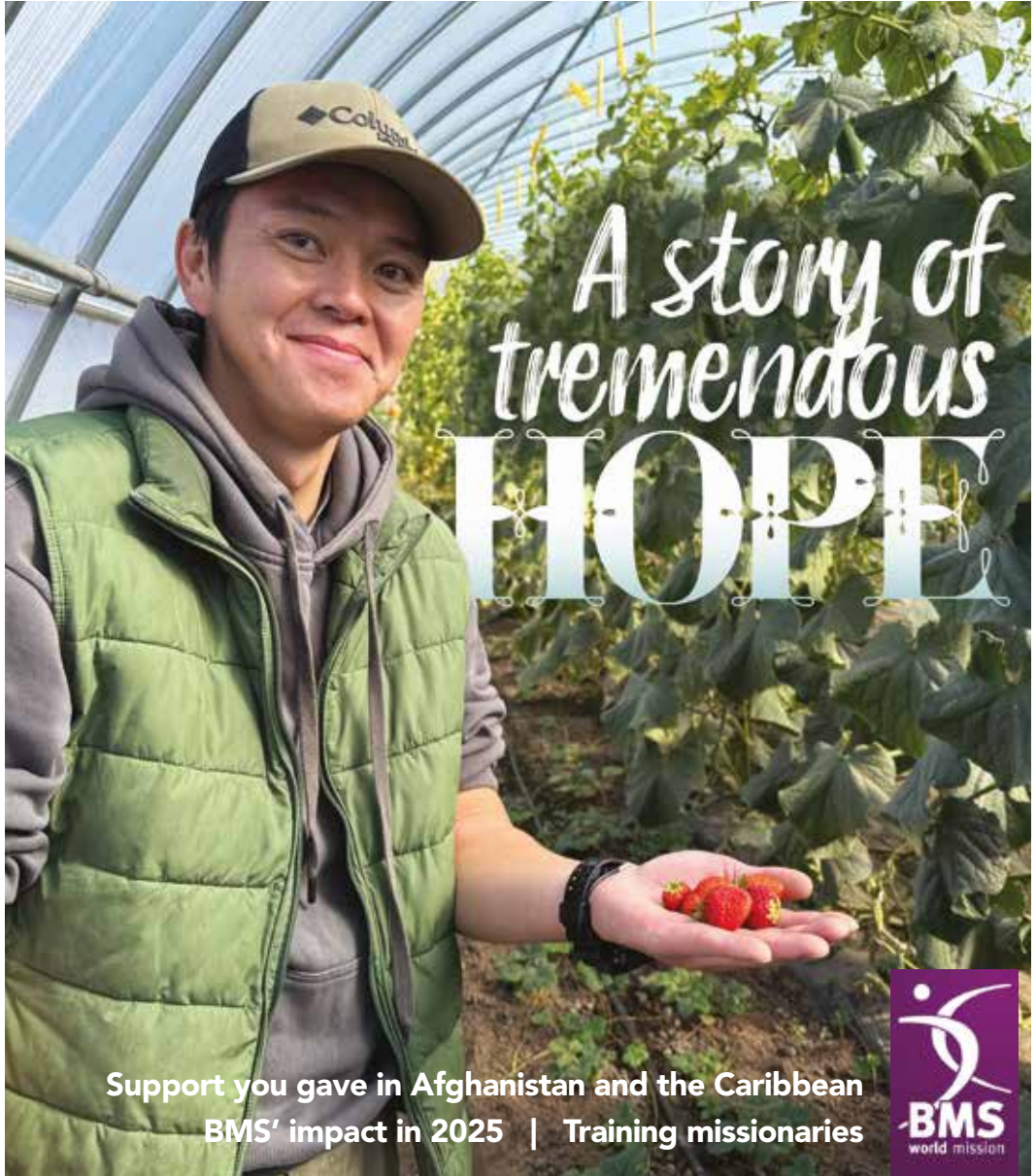


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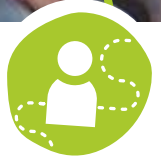
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BMS VISION

Together we are working for a world where all can experience faith in Christ and the abundant life only he provides.

Students at the Clementia Learning Centre, Lebanon



736,514 people have been impacted by BMS work in 2025

We believe that every follower of Jesus has a calling to mission, including you, and we're so grateful you've chosen to partner with us as part of your mission, whether you are praying, giving or serving. Please look through this impact report on our work this year knowing it is your work as well, and ultimately the Lord's work through us and our partners across the global Church.

Together, as our vision states, we are working for a world where all can experience faith in Christ and the abundant life only he provides. We are doing this by getting the right people, resources and skills to the right places following God's right timing and guidance.

In 2025, that means sending people from everywhere to everywhere – and equipping Christians and churches to help others right where they are. That means church planters and evangelists trained in new discipleship strategies, local churches empowered to serve their communities, and vital services and relief getting to people who need it as efficiently and sustainably as possible. It means doing all that with a commitment to the dignity of all humans and value for all of God's creation and the resources he's given us. We hope the next pages are evidence of our deeds following our words.

Thank you!

Kang-San Tan
General Director
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Heart for the Gospel

Supporting evangelists, disciple makers and church planters, focusing on the most unreached countries around the world*



Openness in Asia

In Asian countries with a minority of Christians many people are joyously receiving the good news, in spite of social stigma and increasing government suspicion and restriction. This includes countries like Bangladesh, India, Cambodia and Thailand (*baptism in Thailand pictured*).



185

BMS-funded **evangelists, disciple makers or church planters**



37,023

People have been **trained** in church planting and evangelism



24,695

Small group **fellowships** have been planted

Perseverance in North Africa

In North Africa sharing the gospel can be dangerous, but people are still called by Jesus, coming to faith and finding fellowship, often in secret. A BMS partner has had to close operations in one country in 2025 in part due to government restrictions, but we have begun to support new work with them in another country this year.



12

BMS-funded **evangelists, disciple makers or church planters**



191

People have been **trained and mobilised** for church planting and evangelism



33

New **fellowships** have been planted

*Countries where less than five per cent of the population identifies as Christian in census data

Hope for the World

Alleviating poverty, suffering and injustice, focusing on the world's poorest countries*



Providing life-changing services

63,546

People received services through regular, planned BMS-funded programmes and long-term partners. Here are a few examples.



MEDICAL CARE

29,708

people treated at G2 Hospital in Chad (hospital midwives pictured above)



EDUCATION

5,675

teachers and students benefitted from educational training in Nepal



LEGAL SUPPORT

15,982

people received legal help from Ugandan Christian Lawyers' Fraternity



PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

850

farmers trained in new agroforestry and agriculture techniques in Uganda

Empowering the local Church

The Church and Community Mobilisation process empowers churches with biblically rooted tools to live out their faith, build relationships with their communities, grow self-sufficiency and thrive as God intends, solving issues that keep people trapped in poverty, despair and hopelessness.

Churches are led through the process by trained facilitators from within their congregations. BMS-funded trainings have begun in four new countries in 2025: **Burundi, Ethiopia, Malawi and Rwanda.**

258

Churches are participating in the process this year



We were reliant on everybody around us, and we had a dependent mindset too... This gift allowed me to take control of my life. Now, I am not a dependent to anybody.



Rev Titus, Vice President, Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone

*Countries in the lower half of the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

Help for the Journey

Helping those forced to flee their homelands, at the source, in transit and in starting a new life



In the homeland

20 Church leaders

received BMS-funded ministry training through Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and Bethlehem Bible College

BMS supports work that strengthens churches and communities, so people don't have to leave their homes in the first place. These leaders are shepherding congregations throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

In transit

6,472

Forcibly displaced people received help in transit

The vast majority of these people were travelling through BMS partner All4Aid's refugee transit centres in Cyprus and Greece, which provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, language learning and job skills support.

At their destination

437

Workers trained to support new arrivals across Europe

2,156

People were reached through their efforts

Once someone arrives in a new place, they must build a new life – and they have new freedom to encounter and follow Jesus.

No-one is safe in the east part of the Congo. Back home I wasn't a believer, but since I'm here, God has really drawn me near to him. I would like to go back and help people with what I've learned here.

Junior, refugee, volunteer, All4Aid Cyprus (pictured above)

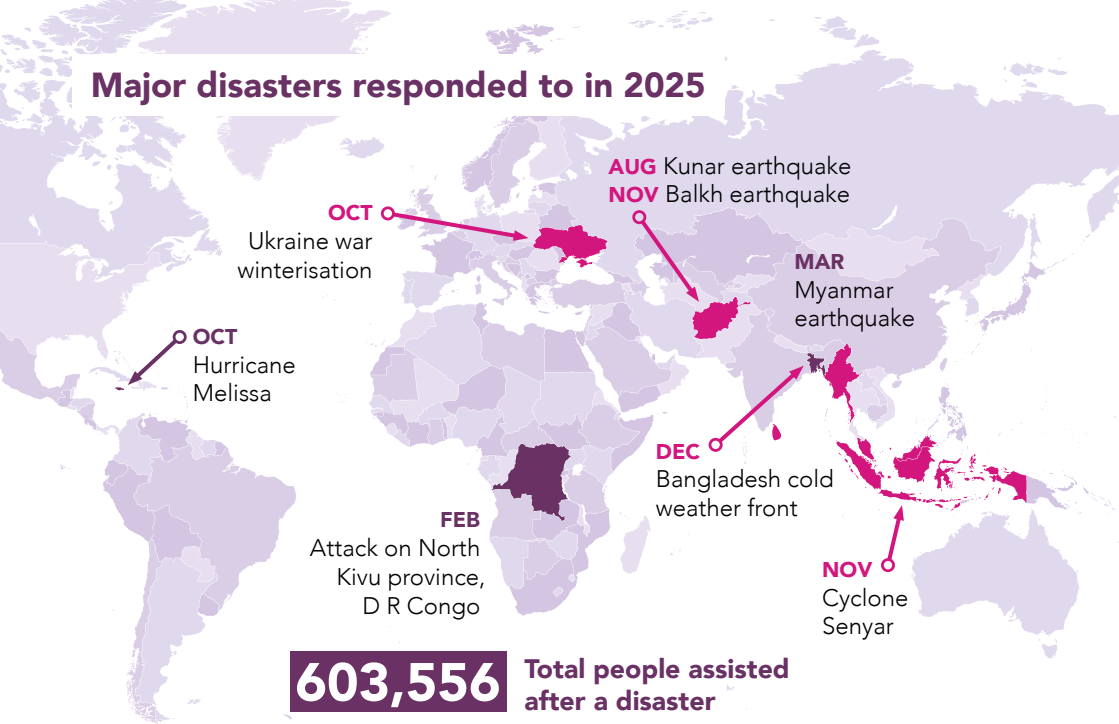
BMS supports both local churches welcoming refugees and fledgling diaspora churches reaching and caring for people in their heart language and home culture.

All4Aid work in Cyprus images by Myrto Papadopoulou/BMS World Mission/Fairpicture

Disaster recovery

Responding to disasters and building preparedness in our Baptist family around the world

Major disasters responded to in 2025



Building preparedness

This year, the Multipurpose Community Development Service in Nepal and four Baptist conventions in Ethiopia were trained in preparedness for disasters by Baptist World Aid through BMS support.

The Ethiopian conventions then formed the new Ethiopian Baptist Denomination Alliance Committee to be ready in case of a crisis.

// We were given a great opportunity to learn in advance about disaster response, preparedness, how we should get ready, how the Church should prepare, and the responsibility it carries in addressing and preventing challenges. ...May God help us and increase his grace upon us. With this, we will go forward and serve the community. //

Netsehena, Project Co-ordinator,
Addis Kidan Baptist Church, Ethiopia

Intercultural Learning and Collaboration

Training and sending Christians from everywhere to fulfil God's mission to everywhere



Issa Elbechara, Lebanese pastor at Quest Academy

11,940

People have been trained or listened to talks by BMS workers about mission from everywhere to everywhere – and right where they are.

Mission training hubs

BMS is currently partnering and helping develop training with five hubs recruiting, equipping and sending effective mission workers.

Quest Academy is training Arabic, Farsi and Dari-speaking migrants to reach their peers in Europe.

The African Oasis Hub is mobilising Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa for mission in the Sahel, North Africa and the world.

-  **North East India Hub, India**
-  **African Oasis Hub, Ghana**
-  **Peru Hub, Peru**
-  **Quest Academy, Ireland**
-  **International Baptist Theological Study Centre, Netherlands**

People Pool

Launched in August 2024, the BMS People Pool allows our partners to identify a need for expertise and be matched with an available expert. So far we have sent experts from Indonesia to Uganda, Uganda to Ghana, and within India. As of December 2025, the People Pool has:

30 highly skilled experts from

13 different countries

“ The past two days have been truly life-changing for me. I have felt the presence of God in a way I never had before.

...The preacher's words were not just sermons they were like living water to my soul...

For the first time in my life, I found the courage to open my heart completely to God. **”**

Alen, Attendee, Phom Baptist Church Youth Revival, India

How we work

In all our work, BMS seeks to care for God's creation and uphold the dignity of those made in his image.



Creation stewardship

We are committed to honouring God's handiwork, stewarding his resources and caring for our neighbours on this planet.

Learning opportunities

BMS continues to provide regular creation stewardship learning opportunities, including developing teaching for the International Baptist Theological Study Centre in the Netherlands and the March4Mission training for young adults in Asia.

10 BMS partners benefitted from a resource-sharing webinar with Engineering Ministries International

Eco Challenge Fund

Five partners received Eco Challenge Fund grants for projects including eco stoves (pictured), solar panels, tree planting and maintenance this year.

45,000 Tree seedlings

were distributed to 100 smallholder farming families in Uganda



An eco stove in Peru.



Gender justice

We are committed to upholding the equal value of men and women as God's image bearers, their equal efficacy for ministry, and their mutual flourishing.

Organisational accountability

68% of BMS partners have a **gender policy** or equivalent

76% of BMS partners have **women in senior leadership**

Gender Justice Programme

Six organisations received Gender Justice Programme grants, ranging from setting up a social enterprise to provide schoolgirls and women with sanitary pads to strengthening the gender justice capacity of Tanzania Christian Lawyers' Fraternity.



FROM RUIN TO RENEWAL

BMS World Mission supporters help those who lost their homes

On 28 October 2025, the Caribbean was hit with a category 5 storm, known as Hurricane Melissa. With houses

and churches destroyed by winds of up to 185 miles per hour, the storm had massive repercussions across many countries. With more than 80 deaths, and over 1.5 million people affected in Jamaica alone, the damage that occurred was unimaginable for the entire Caribbean.

In response, BMS supporters gave an incredibly generous £15,000 in relief funds to those in the Caribbean, alongside other charities providing aid. The money helped provide care packages to support those who needed it the most.

After a month the impact was still being felt. "We are reeling and trying to pick up the pieces," says Rev Conrad Thomas. "We are without connectivity, still

without light, still without water, but the resilient spirit, faith and determination to start again are there."

The Christian community in Jamaica still hosts church services at the Peace and Justice Centre, an initiative of the Jamaica Baptist Union (JBU) meant to explore whether the Church could be a catalyst for positive change in the troubled community. Made entirely of concrete, the small building sustained minimal damage. A long-standing community hub, it usually hosts local meetings, parental training sessions and just about every community activity imaginable. Now it serves as a church, clinic and distribution centre.

Your donations to BMS' disaster recovery fund allow us to reach those who are most affected by disasters across the world. Thank you for giving in preparation for times such as this. To find out more, search 'Relief' on the BMS website.



Afghanistan relief update

You may remember in the last issue of *Engage* we told you of your generous donations, totalling £40,000, that went to Afghanistan to help bring relief from the devastating earthquake that struck on 31 August 2025.

Since then, there has sadly been another earthquake, increasing the destruction the country faces. Some of our staff went to visit to see the impact of your giving on those who needed it the most.

On their visit, they went to Lachak, a village in the Narang District. There they met with a member of the Afghan National Disaster Management Authority named Asuleman*, who explained the devastation they had seen across the entire area.

Bruce Clark, BMS' Relief Lead, remembers how one survivor described the earthquake. "He thought there had been a rocket attack," says Bruce. "The

kind of horror people must have felt..."

Asuleman notes that many have lost their livestock as well as their homes due to the earthquakes. People usually keep their animals on the ground floor in their houses, while the families live above on the first floor. When houses collapsed because of the earthquakes, the livestock were killed by the impact.

Some of the funds given by BMS have been used to provide cash grants to those in greatest need. The money was spread across the most affected areas, focusing especially on orphans and those who had been widowed. The recipients used the money to purchase food and medication, and were able to travel to the local towns and cities to get much-needed supplies.

Your generosity and support have allowed us to help those who have lost everything to begin to build back their lives.

**Name changed*



GRAPPLING WITH GAZA

Opportunities to come together and discuss reactions to the Israel-Gaza war have ensured the conflict and its continued challenges remain a priority for BMS World Mission.

On 18 October 2025, BMS' Director for Mission, Arthur Brown, was invited to Lambeth Palace for a gathering of UK church and Christian charity leaders. The event was an important opportunity to listen, collaborate and discern ways in which Christians in the UK could strengthen their solidarity with communities in Israel and Palestine.

Arthur was able to offer a BMS perspective in discussions alongside other voices from the Baptist world, including Steve Tinning, Public Issues Enabler for the Baptist Union of Great Britain. "I was deeply moved and encouraged by a powerful speech given by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell," reflected Arthur. "He spoke with clarity and courage about injustices he'd witnessed first hand when visiting Palestine. We also heard from leading Palestinian theologian Rev Dr Munther Isaac, with a challenge for the UK Church to do more in the face of the

atrocities that have been taking place."

In January, Arthur once again opened up a chance for discussion among guest speakers and BMS supporters. An online webinar, co-hosted with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and entitled *Faith, Gaza and the Baptist response*, welcomed more than 100 attendees. Speakers included Baptist minister and author Rev Dr Ian Stackhouse, Rev Dr Yohana Katanacho of Nazareth Evangelical College and former Baptists Together President Rev Dr Steve Finamore.

Helen Harris, BMS' Director of Fundraising and Communications, commented that those who came experienced it not only as a learning opportunity, but as a powerful time of fellowship. "As all our presenters reflected, sharing knowledge gained through biblical study helps the Church pursue reconciliation across ethnic and political divides; ultimately, it builds the Kingdom in which 'there is neither Jew nor Greek', but all are Christ's."

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's speech can be found under the 'Speaking and Writing' page at www.archbishopofyork.org

Thank you

Thank you

You gave the gift of hope



A huge thank you to all who donated to our Harvest and Christmas appeals in 2025. Your generosity has been a lifeline for refugees in desperate need of practical love and care.

At harvest, you raised an amazing **£131,382.30** for our *Refugees Welcome* appeal. At the heart of our appeal was a welcome centre in Cyprus run by BMS partner All4Aid. Thanks to your support, the centre can continue its vital work providing food, clothing, hygiene supplies and vocational training – and what's more, a sense of hope and community.

"Back home I wasn't a believer, but since I'm here God has really drawn me near to him," says 19-year-old Junior, who fled from violence in D R Congo.

Logan, who helps All4Aid run the centre, is full of gratitude for your generosity. "The reality is that

organisations like us would not survive very long without partners like BMS World Mission and the individuals that give to BMS World Mission," he says.

Then at Christmas, you gave the gift of education to refugee children who have lost everything. We're so thankful for the **£56,066.16** you raised for the BMS-supported education centre in Lebanon run by our partner Thimar. The centre is rooted in Christian values, and gives children a safe space in which to heal from the traumas they've experienced.

Many of you also sent in cards filled with messages of hope, letting the children know that people are praying for them and loving them across the miles. Please continue to hold all these precious individuals in prayer, asking God to be a light to their path this year.

The fundraising totals are correct at the time of writing.

From Nepal to Scotland



Isobel Strang heard from God clearly in 1983 after praying and fasting for guidance about her future. "God clearly said to me, 'In a year's time you will be overseas,'" she remembers. Isobel applied to BMS World Mission to use her skills as a physiotherapist in Nepal, and worked there for 11 years before returning to the UK. These days, she serves as a deacon at Stranraer Baptist Church in Scotland.

Recently, Isobel generously decided to leave a gift in her Will to BMS. She likens her gift to the loaves and fishes Jesus used to feed the 5,000. "I don't think it will change the world – Jesus can do that, not me," she says. But she has personal experience of God being in the business of multiplication. In Nepal, one of the families she assisted went on to form an organisation that has helped thousands of people and established churches in almost every corner of the country.

"My experience in Nepal is that if you just help one family, that family could inspire a country," Isobel says.

We're so grateful to Isobel for her generosity. If you'd like to find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, please visit www.bmsworldmission.org/legacies



Running the race

An enormous thank you to Rev Andrew Scott, who will be running the London Marathon MyWay for BMS partner Thimar on 26 April. The race allows participants to complete a 26.2-mile outdoor run anywhere they wish on the same day as the London Marathon. Andrew is the minister of Ashtead Baptist Church in Surrey, and has a particular heart for Gaza and the Middle East.

Could you become one of our amazing community fundraisers this year?

Visit www.bmsworldmission.org/fundraise to find out more, or email our fundraising champion Beth Phillips on bphillips@bmsworldmission.org

MONGOLIA

a growing Church needs your help

A country emerging from the grip of Communism.
A fledgling Baptist Convention brought together in 2024.
A population where fewer than one per cent know Jesus.

This is the reality of evangelism in Mongolia.
It's also the story of how you can help.

Seeds on barren ground

On the day that Pastor Oggii joins a telephone call to share about the reality of life as a minister in Mongolia, it's 16 degrees below freezing. Snow is packed up around Pastor Oggii's car, the sun is low in the vast grey sky and, Pastor Oggii explains, this isn't even as cold as it can get.

In the winter, temperatures routinely tumble below -35 degrees and life, especially for the rural nomadic population of Mongolia, is perishingly difficult. It's for these reasons that Pastor Oggii felt called to return to the country after moving away to the USA where, in 2003, he and his wife became committed

followers of Christ. BMS World Mission-supported worker Ardi Wiriadinata knows Pastor Oggii well. "He's a very humble man – he won't talk about himself, but he was living, working and had a Green Card to stay in the US. But he felt called to go back to Mongolia."

It couldn't have been an easy decision for a man who remembered growing up under secular Communism. "Prior to 1990, we didn't have any temples or churches in Mongolia," Pastor Oggii explains. "My father had the opportunity to study Russian in what was then Leningrad. But as an educated person from Mongolia, he was targeted, and ended up in prison. He was there for ten



Pastor Oggii felt a call on his life to return to Mongolia after becoming a Christian in the USA.



Baska's greenhouse is an opportunity for rural families to experience gospel fruit.

years and then died in 1975. I grew up being cared for by my mother."

It was Pastor Oggii's mother who first brought the gospel to the family in 1993, after hearing it from one of Mongolia's first Bible school students. But, as is still the case now, the widely held religion of Buddhism wasn't just a tradition, it was a way of life. So it wasn't until later, in America, that Pastor Oggii really felt himself opening up to God's grace. "And then my Christian life started," he adds.

The first shoots

"Now life as a Christian in Mongolia is a little bit better, but there's still persecution," Pastor Oggii shares. Some landlords are unwilling to rent buildings

to congregations, as just one example. "We're an established church, but we have no permit to meet as one. We operate as an NGO," he explains.

It's an incredible encouragement, then, that in 2024, Mongolian Baptists established the country's first convention. Seventeen churches have joined, becoming part of the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation, where BMS' partner worker Ardi serves as Director for Mission.

Pastor Oggii plays his own role as Mission Chair for the convention, and is thrilled by the appointment of two BMS-supported church planters who have come alongside the churches.

"We're planning outreach events right now," Pastor Oggii explains. "But

the convention can't support our church planters on its own. Mongolia's economy is very, very bad, and a lot of people leave for Korea or the USA. Mongolia is so close to China, we don't have our own industries. There are so many people without jobs."

In other words, it's an initiative that desperately needs the support of BMS' community of generous givers. It's work you can support through BMS' Mongolia Easter Appeal.

Bearing fruit

Baska is one of the church planters who is passionate about reaching rural Mongolian families. He became a Christian in 2011, and since then has seen many foreign short-term missionaries try their best to grow churches in Mongolia by giving gifts and hand-outs to desperately poor rural communities. "When they stop giving out gifts, people stop coming to church," Baska explains. "We need to meet people's spiritual needs."

His heart aches too for the brokenness found in so many rural communities. When it's dark and dangerously cold for six months of the year, nomadic people stay on the move to keep warm, and often turn to spirit worship and animism for their hopes of survival. It's no wonder alcoholism is such a big issue for families with nowhere else to turn. Baska has also seen younger generations try to push their ageing parents to move to the capital in the hope of a better life. But once there, they're met with mass unemployment and a huge loss of identity and culture.

Baska is determined to help people see the spiritual fruit and living hope

that knowing Jesus brings. "Their Buddhist identity is their heritage. They see Christianity as being foreign, from the West. They're used to worshipping animals, or wooden objects or stones. We need to build relationships and show them a fruitful life."

When the weather warms up, he plans to reopen a greenhouse where he's been teaching rural families how to grow fruit and vegetables, a secondary source of income and vital for the health of nomadic people who eat a protein-based diet of meat and dairy. It's a great opportunity to meet people and build trust. The sweetness of the strawberries and watermelons they've harvested points towards a lasting sweetness: the joy of knowing Jesus.

It's a story of tremendous hope – a Church rising up to boldly share the good news after years of oppression. "Doors are opening," says Baska. "That's why I have faith. God really wants us to be reaching out there."

Could you help this Easter?

Baska desperately wants to host outreach events as soon as the snow melts, but the believers in Mongolia can't support him alone. Please give £30 this Easter to enable his work

today. Your generous gift could help invite someone living in rural Mongolia to place their trust in Jesus Christ.



FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE

Mission has traditionally been seen as being “from the West to the rest”. But in Ghana, there’s a very different story playing out – and it’s one that BMS World Mission is thrilled to be part of.



As a young Christian, Ghanaian Kwame Adzam dreamed of being involved in sharing the gospel. And he’s certainly doing that: these days, he heads up BMS’ Heart for the Gospel ministry, building strong evangelism and discipleship programmes. But he also had another, more specific dream.

“When I became a believer, I was thinking, ‘When will Ghana be able to send mission workers to other places?’” he remembers. “I’ve always been praying, ‘Lord, would you open the doors for the Global South Church so that we can become significant partners in fulfilling your mission?’”

Now, finally, this vision is taking shape.

Stronger together

Over recent decades, mission agencies have begun thinking of mission less as something belonging to the West, and more as an enterprise “from everywhere to everywhere”. While the Western Church is struggling, Christianity in the Global South is thriving and growing. And with this vibrant faith comes the desire to spread the gospel.

“BMS was beginning to change posture, thinking about the gift of God that lies within the Global South Church,” says Kwame. In 2024, with support from BMS and local partners, the African Oasis Mission Hub was born. It’s a centre in Ghana where Christians from

across Africa can gain the knowledge and skills they need for engaging in mission – in their own continent and beyond. The training includes modules on evangelism, discipleship, world religions, risk management and community transformation. There's also a three-month practical placement.

It's a phenomenally exciting new venture. "This is the beauty of the Oasis Hub: it's intentional," says Kwame. "It's the first of its kind, deliberately and strategically working with churches to identify, recruit, train, send and support mission workers from Ghana, from Africa, to other places."

Having a mission hub in Africa brings all kinds of benefits. For instance, it's easier for African Christians to access certain countries where western workers might struggle to gain entry. There are often fewer linguistic and cultural barriers to overcome. And in areas that are less open to the gospel, African Christians can share the good news of Jesus without ringing the alarm bells that western workers might.

This is where the hub can be really strategic – for example, in reaching into North Africa, where many countries are hostile to Christianity. "We are hoping to energise the sub-Saharan student population, who know life in the North African countries and have built some relationships," says Kwame. "They can then begin to connect, albeit in a sensitive and discreet way, with the nationals."

A harvest for generations

Graduates from the Oasis Hub are already sharing the gospel enthusiastically across Africa. One student, Ife, came from Nigeria to train

at the hub. He's now serving God in the Gambia, a Muslim-majority country where less than four per cent of the population identify as Christian. It's somewhere BMS would never otherwise have been able to send a mission worker. "The gospel harvest that will happen in the Gambia for generations to come is because BMS was generous with the resources God has given us, but also generous in our heart posture to see God's Kingdom expand," says Kwame.

Other hub graduates are serving in countries as diverse as Guinea, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. In time, Kwame hopes the hub will send workers beyond Africa to help revitalise the Church in the West.

The story doesn't end with the Ghana hub. BMS recently started making plans for a second mission hub in Thailand, which could reach an incredible 1.6 billion people. "It's really exciting for me to be part of this," says Kwame. "It feels like it's a call God gave me decades ago coming to be."

Please pray

- Give thanks for the mission workers who have been trained and sent into some of the least evangelised places, and pray for more doors to open.
- Pray for wisdom for the hub's leaders to make strategic choices in the face of so much need.
- Pray for humble collaboration, so that Christians everywhere can join together in fulfilling God's mission.

Called, trained and sent

How do you train a missionary?

You may have heard of charities such as Youth With A Mission (YWAM), which train people from all over the world. But did you know that BMS World Mission helps support a training course called March4Mission?

March4Mission takes place during the month of March, with the aim of training young adults in mission. The course is designed to ignite young people's passion and equip them for a life of mission wherever God leads. It combines training, practical engagement and deep reflection to encourage cohorts to consider what mission can look like from a variety of angles, including in the workplace and from a gender justice perspective. The course ultimately looks at how every area of life can be an

MARCH4MISSION



Name: Vetho

Age: 25

Hidden talent/skill: Can wake up before alarm goes off

Favourite Bible verse: Isaiah 41: 10

Favourite dessert: Tiramisu

MARCH4MISSION



Name: Khrieke

Age: 29

Hidden talent/skill: I'm good at cleaning. I've been told that the floors look shinier when I clean them!

Favourite Bible verse: Romans 8: 38-39

Favourite dessert: Chocolate truffle cake

avenue for mission.

Meet Vetho and Khrieke, two of the 2025 cohort. They were part of a group of 30 young adults, all from north east India, who learnt about the impact they can make in their own lives.

Vetho joined March4Mission last year after seeing a poster and hearing about



it in a local church service. “I’ve never been a part of anything mission-related, so I thought it would be an interesting experience, and I just said yes,” he explains.

He had originally planned to study theology, but was unable to begin the course for a variety of reasons. “But [during] the period of waiting, I believe that the Lord presented that opportunity for me to join [March4Mission],” he says.

Khrieki, on the other hand, wasn’t sure if she wanted to go on March4Mission at first. With important exams coming up, she remembers, “[When] I came across the posters online on Facebook, the first time I saw it, I didn’t think much of it.”

The next time she saw the posters, she noticed that there was more information and the courses intrigued her. “[There were] some topics like gender justice and mission,” she says. “There was medical aid and mission, and even sports and mission, and so many other topics that interested me – even creation care and mission.”

Caught between the need to complete her exams to start her job and her desire to participate in



March4Mission, she asked God for guidance. “I just knelt down,” she says. “I remember kneeling down and praying to God and saying, ‘Lord, this is something that I really want to attend. But I have an exam coming up and I can’t afford this distraction right now. So if it’s your will, you’re going to have to give me some sort of sign.’” She smiles. **“There was something that kept pulling me to this programme.”** Khrieki’s exams ended up being in February, which allowed her to register at the last minute for the course.

During March4Mission, Vetho was struck by participants’ eagerness to share their perspectives and experiences. “Something that stood out for me was how open everyone was [to] learning from each other,” he says. “Even with my inexperience, they were still excited

to learn about what I was doing, wanting to know about my life and desires for ministry.”

Since meeting in 2025, the group has carried on communicating using WhatsApp. They are eager to continue the friendships forged over the course and to pray together, support each other and share what’s going on in their lives.

During the programme, Khrieke discovered a confirmation of her calling. “When I was in the training programme, the results [for my exam] actually came out,” she recalls. “I qualified for the interview and I cleared it. So everything just fell into place at the right time.” In a clerical job for the government, Khrieke has been inspired by March4Mission to view her job in a secular context as a form of mission. “In my daily work, even if it doesn’t feel like I’m doing mission work most days, I remind myself that what I do, it matters to God. And then it matters that I do it well,” she says.

Vetho is now studying for his Masters in Divinity, and is continuing to explore what mission can look like in his context. His life has also been marked by March4Mission. **“It changed my whole perspective on what mission can be,”** he says. “Growing up, the stereotype was that you study this theology, you have to do this Masters in Divinity, you have to go and work in church or teach in a seminary or something. But just learning about how God works through different areas of mission changed my perspective.”

In March 2026, March4Mission was scheduled to take place in Penang, Malaysia. For the first time, the course

was open to trainees from both Asia and the UK. Working alongside the Malaysian Baptist Theological Seminary, the exciting team of speakers included some of BMS’ own staff. Orla Moxon, BMS’ Youth Engagement Officer, arranged for three young adults from the UK to travel to Penang for three weeks to take part in the course.

Levino Liegise, BMS’ Training and Learning Lead, is among the trainers leading March4Mission. She is enthusiastic about the opportunities the course offers for participants to learn about each other’s cultures and share their values and vulnerabilities. “Through the course, they’re able to humanise each other a lot more,” she says.

How do you train a missionary? You show them they are already doing it.

Please pray

1. Thank God for the last two cohorts: for their engagement and passion to follow God, no matter where it takes them.
2. Pray for those involved, that God will have blessed their time and that he will continue to move and use them in their contexts.
3. Pray for the organisers who arrange March4Mission as they begin to prepare for next year’s cohort, especially as they plan to create a certificate linked to a college.

This information was correct at the time of writing – during the time of print March4Mission '26 was underway.

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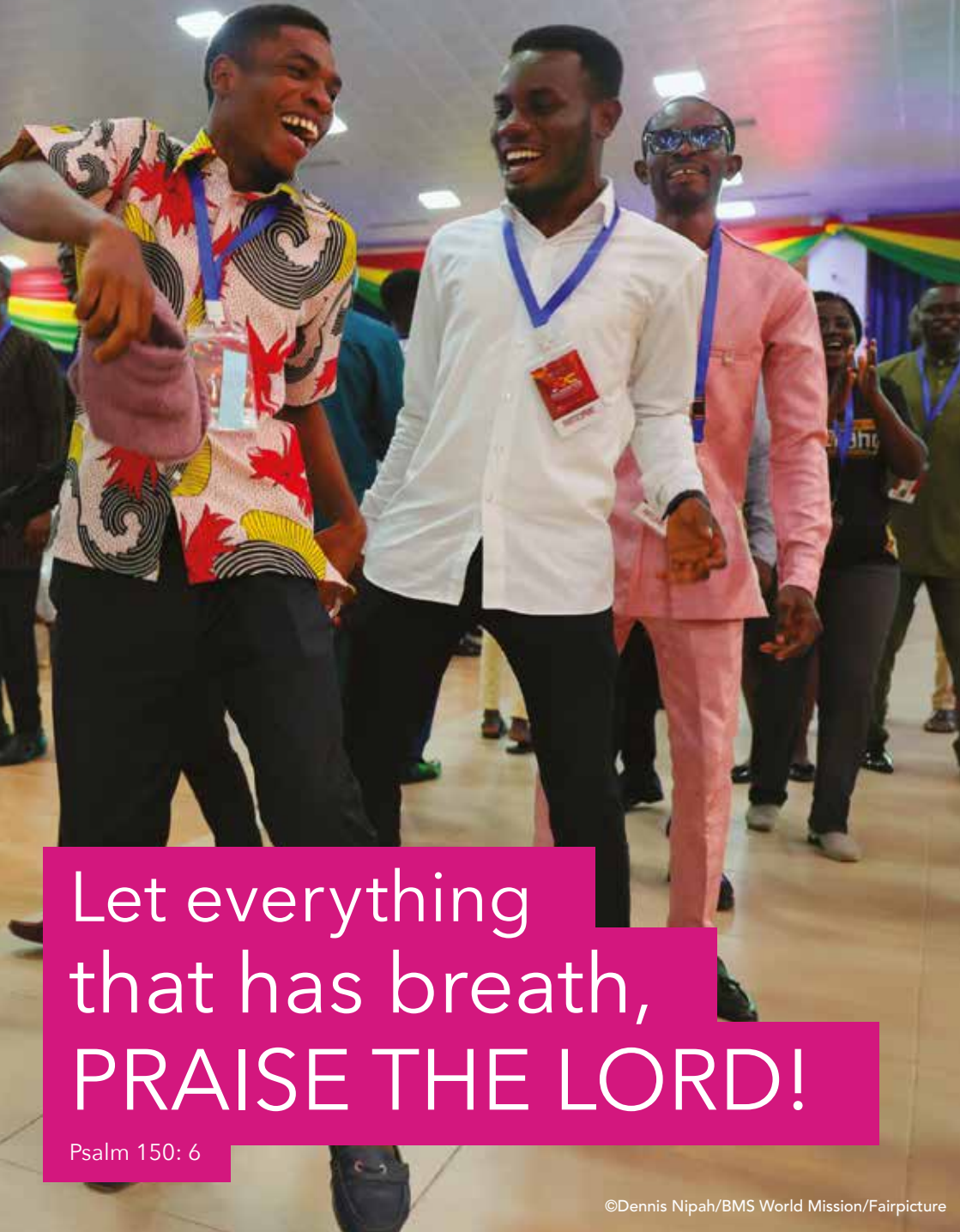
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Psalm 150: 6