

Mission and Outreach Group News – June 2026

Following the review of our mission links in 2025, we are now focussed on developing strong partnerships with a limited number of mission agencies. These are **Church Mission Society (CMS)** [<https://churchmissionsociety.org/>], **Embrace the Middle East** [<https://embraceme.org/>], and **Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** [<https://maf.org/>]. We continue to support our Parish Link, **Namalembe** in Uganda, also. In addition, we support **Southampton City Mission (SCM)** [<https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/>] by regularly collecting produce for distribution and by providing gifts at our Harvest services. Finally, we donate a Christmas Collection to a humanitarian agency such as **Tearfund** [<https://www.tearfund.org/>] and a local charity. **If you would like more information how to give to these societies, please speak to Jo in the office.**

The following are brief overviews of the current position in relation to each of the missions. If you would like to receive regular updates from any specific agency, please contact the office for more information.

Church Mission Society (CMS)



Marcio Ciechanovicz and Noemi Celeti, are both originally from Brazil, and believe God called them to go back to their home country to use their gifts, background, and passion to share the gospel. They have settled in the state of São Paulo, near a rapidly growing area called Indaiatuba. At the heart of the city is a 15 km-long park where lots of people spend time socialising, playing sports and attending cultural events. They aim to be Jesus' presence there among young adults and families who don't yet know that Jesus is

for them. They are leading a project in partnership with the city's secretary of sports, developing sports activities as a way of showing God's love in word and deed to local families using the facilities in the park.

They would like to see a new community being formed, where people who are beyond the reach of traditional church find meaningful relationships, discover spirituality, and where students, young adults and families engage with God's love and his salvation plan.

The family will be visiting us in September this year.

Embrace the Middle East

Embrace enables and partners with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised in their communities, through education, community, and healthcare in Egypt, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria,

Rowena Worthington visited us in February 2026 and highlighted the work that Embrace is carrying out in the Al Ahli hospital which has been a beacon of light amid the devastation in Gaza, with dedicated medical staff serving patients in great need – despite severe shortages of medicine and equipment. The Anar ministry is dedicated to empowering Palestinian children who have been adversely affected by oppression and conflict. They foster their wellbeing, support their healing process, and assist them in realising their full potential through programmes and interventions that utilise creativity and

prioritise mental and emotional wellbeing. The Aviv ministry provides shelter, warm meals, and care to people living with addictions on the streets of south Tel Aviv. The shelter is run by a team of volunteers who travel from all over Israel to serve this often-forgotten community and share the compassion of God with them; and in Egypt, right in the heart of this community is the Oasis, a community centre run by Embrace's partner life vision. The oasis offers a range of services to local residents, particularly focused on education and health awareness.

The special collection at Holy Saviour in February raised £475 for the work of Embrace.

Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)



Richard and Christine Wall joined the MAF Papua New Guinea team in 2025. The community is rich in culture and has a deep need for MAF within its country. With its jungle dense landscape, travel is nearly impossible for the over 300 different tribes that populate the region. They are enjoying being a part what God is already doing there and are excited to see the new things He wants to do.

Marc Giles, the senior Church Engagement & Volunteer Manager and Tim Cosby, the regional co-ordinator for our area visited us during Omega on 14th May.

Whilst there is the possibility of a visit of the UK team in 2026, The Wall family serving in Papua New Guinea, hope to visit us in July/August 2027. In addition, our team is looking at the possibility of the MAF display plane (ground not flying) coming to Bitterne at the time of the visit.

Richard Walls writes,

Hi everyone, a quick update and some really encouraging answers to prayer. I passed my Instrument Flight Rules written exam with 97%, and I've finished initial training and am now moving into the final stages towards my flight test and line training. It's been a really good few weeks, and we're very thankful. I've now finished my initial training, which went really well. We're heading back to Telefomin this week as a family, then I'll return to Hagen in just under two weeks for my flight test. After that, I'll be away from Christine for two weeks as I start line training, flying passengers in other parts of Papua New Guinea. Please do keep Christine in your prayers during that time, and also the kids as they settle back into Telefomin. Christine has also done an excellent job (with the children providing moral support) getting all our shopping sorted for the next three months — the next time we'll be at the shops will be end of August. We'd really appreciate your continued prayers for the flight test, the line training, and getting checked off on new airstrips.

Namalemba

Our own Namalemba Committee continues with their work and updates the congregation on a regular basis. We are celebrating the completion of the operating theatre and are thankful for the gifts from members of the church family which have paid for the training of some people from Namalemba who are studying for ministry in the Ugandan church.

Thank you for all the members of our church family who have contributed to our ministry beyond Bitterne.

Southampton City Mission (SCM)

Duncan writes:

Dear Holy Saviour Saints,

We are so grateful for your continued partnership in loving those in need across Southampton, holding out the hope and welcome of Jesus. We want to encourage you with a recent story and let you know of some more opportunities to get involved.

SCM Schools: One of our Schools workers Joyce wanted to share about a beautiful day with Year 4 at Bassett Green Primary School:

The whole day was absolutely lovely and they were so thoughtful and engaged but I want to share a really sacred moment. I was reading the three trees story (one tree aspires to be a treasure chest, the second a great ship and the last dreams to be tallest tree in the world that points to God) and as I read it, you could have heard a penny drop in the room. When I shared that the first tree was turned into a manger, where a baby was laid, there was a kind of gasp as the kids realised who was being laid in the manger. I had this spiritual moment where I wanted to cry in the middle of the story.. at the end, the third tree is made into a cross and everyone who looks at that tree will think of God and as I finished the kids spontaneously applauded. I can't put my finger on what it was but it just felt really sacred, it felt like worship, and I just wanted to share.



SCM Basics Bank and SCM Marketplace:

As you know, Southampton City Mission helps 6 churches across the city to host and run an emergency food or clothes bank – the Basics Banks. You may be less familiar with the 4 churches that we partner with to run a Marketplace. These are pantries, membership food clubs, community hubs for local people to top up their shopping and become friends with the Christian volunteers that run them week by week.

One of the Marketplaces local to you is at Holy Trinity Church Weston. The congregation there are delighted to have seen God bring people to the food club, who have become part of the community,

come to church, attend Alpha courses and come through to salvation, baptism and discipleship.
Thank you Jesus for your rescuing love!



Matthew 9: 37-38

“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

We have a pressing need to fill some volunteer vacancies for our food projects with mature Christian people, who are interested in others and love to help them practically and compassionately.

We also have some gaps in our van driving and driver's mates teams – these are fun, productive roles, dotting about the city picking up and delivering food to our projects.

Drop us a line at the SCM office if you would like a chat about these roles, or anything else!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and partnership.

Duncan House

A huge thanks to Mike C for compiling this newsletter on behalf of the Missions & Outreach team.