



Sevenoaks Christian
Counselling

Based to the rear of the United Reform Church off Kippington Road Sevenoaks the service receives clients referred by local health departments, church and self referrals and personal recommendation.

There are now 18 professional counsellors. Due to demand for the service four part time counsellors were taken on recently made possible by funding provided by local churches and organisations. In the first six months of this year the service provided 2006 sessions (about 80 per week).

In the recent Newsletter one of the Directors Wendy Billington explains many of the counsellors have been with the service for many years and have done so as they " Enjoy working in such a loving Christian environment. Each gives of themselves generously in so many ways as they help to ease pain and bring healing into broken lives. We thank God and them for their selfless service."

Each year our Mission Committee have an extra grant to allocate to either an existing partner or another local or international project. This year the recommendation is for SCCS to receive this .

SAYT

Sevenoaks Area
Youth Trust

Two of our committee members attended a supporters lunch hosted by SAYT . There were reports given by two new youth workers on their work locally. These reports covered engaging with young people in areas where anti social behaviour is prevalent, and encouraging young people to enjoy activities and sports and encourage discussion. The position of youth workers has always been a difficult post to fill so this was very good news indeed. The trust are Christian based and very active working with SDC. With reductions in funding by local authorities in this field their work will become evermore important.



MISSION UPDATE

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"What you are doing is much more than a service that supplies God's people with what they need. It is something that will make many others thank God."

(2 Corinthians 9.12, CEV: quoted by the Bible Society)

This Mission Newsletter is my first after I took over the reins of chairmanship from David Matthews recently. David has overseen and developed the Mission Committee very efficiently and made numerous long standing partnerships with the various charities our church supports . I wish to pass on my thanks to David for his hard work and providing me with a comprehensive and thorough handover.

We support our partners not only in financial terms but also in prayer. Many of our Mission partners work in challenging environments and conditions and are tested daily in their faith. Knowing that others are praying for them helps to provide them with strength and conviction to succeed in bringing Christ to peoples lives both here and further afield by action as well as words. I do hope you find this Newsletter both interesting and inspiring and do please add these worthy partners to your daily prayers.

Andrew Hill
Chairman of the Mission Committee

The following material is derived from reports by Mission Committee links, from letters and from websites.

Bible Society: The Bible is now China's bestseller! That's the latest incredible news from the Bible Society. Over 70 million Bibles have now been printed by the Amity Press , a joint venture between the Chinese Government and The Bible Society. Ironically this was the same press that used to print Chairman Mao's 'Little red Book', so quite a turn around from when Christianity was banned in China. One recipient described their joy saying, ' Reading the Bible is like having God talk to you'. It is estimated there are now 90 million Christians in China! If anyone would like to view a short DVD on the subject please contact me (Andrew Hill) Work also goes on in Albania , Tanzania and Vietnam, where scripture is being

translated and distributed in local minority languages. Churches continue to evolve in many places needing hope such as the refugee camps of Darfur in Sudan where the Society distribute free Bibles to these new Churches. In the Uk Bibles are distributed to prisons and refugees . One Georgian refugee in Wales on receiving his, 'hugged it and kissed it and had tears in his eyes'. So please pray for the work of the Bible Society as they continue to spread The Gospel around the world. For further info visit [www. Biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.Biblesociety.org.uk)

Please pray for.....

07.11.10	Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust	05.12.10	World wide Silver Lining
14.11.10	Remembrance	12.12.10	Jon Hargreaves/FEBA
21.11.10	SO District Council of Churches	19.12.10	The Stout family/FEBA
28.11.09	Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service	26.12.10	The Smith family/CMS





Worldwide Silver Lining: WWSL support the work of a Christian Kenyan NGO (non Govt. organisation)

called VICODS (Vision in the Community and Development Services). This is operated by Rev. Jeremiah Kibobi and his staff based at Magnet High School south west of Nairobi. The school of 207 students allows those excluded from state education through poverty to obtain education. Some students are orphans and reside at the school. A number of students have passed the national exams and have then been able to go to university Others are taught a skill such as mechanics, painting and decorating, masonry, dress making or gardening to enable them to gain employment. I recently received this testimony from one of the students;

My name is Sammy Chege and I am a student at magnet high school. I joined this school in February 2008 in form one. The principal Jeremiah Kibobi took me from kirathimo camp where we were staying after our homes were destroyed during the post elections violence in 2008. We were 39 students that were granted chances to access secondary education at magnet high school from the internally displaced persons camp. I and my fellow students are forever grateful for the wonderful help accorded to us. We do not pay a cent to cover any of our requirements and we do not know what would have happened to us if we did not get this chance since some of us are orphans and the rest our parents properties were completely destroyed and were left hopeless.

God bless you all for all the support that you have been giving to magnet so that so many of us can get a chance to acquire secondary education. You will always be

greatly favoured by our great and loving God.

www.Worldwidesilverlining.org.uk is the place to visit for further info, and please pray for the staff and students of Magnet High School.

Church Mission Society: To all our brothers and sisters in Christ in Otford, warm greetings from Nairobi.



Our peace was shattered a few weeks ago, as all the trees on the plot opposite us were cut down. The next day the noise of "diggers" and lorries went on until 4 am. That was the first we knew that the Chinese were about to start putting up a five storey Plaza, all part of the growth of Chinese involvement in Kenya. The bungalow next door to us will disappear and a similar size block will go up. The area is changing rapidly, and we face living surrounded building sites for months on end. And of course, our landlord has put up our rent!!

Carlile College has been going through a fairly difficult time. This month the college principal resigned and so Colin has been given even more management responsibilities. In between, he tries to fit in the things he really feels called to. Anita is enjoying ministry but sad to see friends leave Kenya.

Kenya is gearing up politically. Tragically, 3 grenades were thrown into a crowd at a prayer rally in Uhuru Park next to the Cathedral, killing 6 and injuring over a hundred.

Thank you again for all your interest and support.

Anita, Colin, Sheila and Sandie



In your prayers please remember:

- Colin** with all his responsibilities;
- Carlile College** as they look for a new principal;
- Sheila and Sandie** at school;
- Anita** working at the cathedral;
- Kenya**, for a peaceful country and a just and merciful government.

The above is adapted from their most recent email. Please don't hesitate to write to them as well as praying for them.
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January's earthquake - an event that changed the nation of Haiti. More than 200,000 people died, and over a million more were made homeless. Ten months later, and the needs are still great. Thanks to our Supporters, MAF has and continues to make a vital difference in carrying aid and hope to those affected. Here are just two quotes from beneficiaries:

'Thank you for your willingness to be God's instruments in these people's lives.'

'All the trips you have made up here with supplies have been so encouraging and brought so much joy.'

MAF continues to be involved in the co-ordination of aid flights and the distribution of aid in Haiti. You can watch a short video about their work in Haiti on their website www.maf-uk.org in their news section.



Christingle is The Children's Society's largest fundraising appeal, raising key funds to help support work with vulnerable children.



A big thank all those who took part in a Christingle celebration last year. Your generous contributions helped raise nearly £1.2 million. This has helped hundreds of disadvantaged children like 12-year-old Robbie who escaped a life of danger and loneliness on the streets.

This year the Children's Society are aiming to beat this sum to help even more children like Robbie who are still facing danger or isolation.

At St Bart's our Christingle service is on **Sunday 5th December at 4.00pm**. Please let Sylvia Grafton (01732 452117) or the [Church Office](#) (01959 523185) know if you would like a Christingle

Staff at feba in Pakistan have been active in training local people in media and radio programming to provide post disaster health awareness broadcasts.



A similar programme has also been operated in the remote area of Leh in India where a mudslide wiped whole villages from the hillsides.

Both before and during the Commonwealth Games a radio programme was produced by feba staff encouraging sports fans to consider issues beyond sport, which produced lively discussion from listeners.