

Sharing the Light

A Mission Education Service from JMA

Opening Responses

Sun and moon and shining stars

Come and praise God's name

Fire, hail, snow, and ice

Come and praise God's name

Mountains, hills, fruit trees, and cedars

Come and praise God's name

Wild beasts, farm animals, snakes, and birds
on the wing

Come and praise God's name

Kings, princes, governors, and judges

Come and praise God's name

Boys, girls, old men, children, and women

Come and praise God's name

Let us all praise God's name!

(From Psalm 148)



The **Methodist Church** 

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Blessing

The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make light to shine on you.
The Lord hold you safely forever.
Go out in to the world to learn, to pray and to serve.
Amen.

Sharing the Light across the World

The Methodist Church in Britain has links around the world, here is a list of the national churches that are our main partners:

Africa (13)

West Africa

The Gambia (the last overseas district of the British Methodist Church)
Methodist Churches of Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, Bénin, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Togo and Nigeria.
The Presbyterian Church of Cameroon.

Southern Africa

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa (which covers Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Swaziland).
The United Church of Zambia and the Methodist Church Zimbabwe.

East Africa

The Methodist Church Kenya, which also supports mission work in Tanzania & Uganda.

Americas (14)

South America

The Methodist Churches of Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

Central America & the Caribbean

Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), including the districts of Leeward Islands, South Caribbean, Jamaica, Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, Haiti, Belize and Honduras, Costa Rica and Guyana.

The Methodist Churches of Guatemala, Mexico, Panama and Cuba.

North America

United Methodist Church (USA)
The United Church of Canada

Asia (16)

Church of Pakistan Church of North India (CNI)
Church of Bangladesh Church of South India (CSI)

The Methodist Church of Upper Myanmar
The United Mission to Nepal (UMN)
The Methodist Churches of Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia.
China Christian Council
The Methodist Churches of Hong Kong and Korea
The United Church of Christ in Japan

Methodist Church of Aotearoa/New Zealand
The Uniting Church of Australia (UCA)

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The Pacific (5)

United Church in Papua New Guinea
United Church of the Solomon Islands
Methodist Churches of Samoa and Fiji.
The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga.

Europe (8)

The United Methodist Northern Europe Central Conference:

Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland (*Swedish language*), Finland (*Finnish language*),
Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia.

The United Methodist German Central Conference

United Methodist Central and Southern Europe Central Conference:

Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Poland,
Switzerland/France, Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia.

The Methodist Churches of Portugal and Ireland

The United Churches in Belgium, Italy and Spain

2005 is another bumper year for Mission Partners, please remember the following

Revd Dr Janet Corlett to Honduras
Revd Alison Facey, Chris Esdaile and Luke to Chile.
Revd Rosemary Fletcher and James Rowley to Sri Lanka.
Revd Augusto and Mrs Mirna Giron with Gabriel and Debora to Italy.
Richard and Kathryn Jackson to the Solomon Islands.
Shani Sedgwick to Bangladesh.
Allan and Andrea Smith to Nepal.

JMA's sharing the light this year

During 2004/5 JMA spread the light with the money you raised by:

- Giving grants for post-tsunami relief work to Church of North India, Church of South India, Methodist Church of Sri Lanka, Methodist Church of Indonesia.
- Helping the Church of North India train its leaders about HIV/AIDS.
- Giving help to the churches of the Caribbean recovering from hurricane Ivan.
- Paying Jonsen Sembiring in the Methodist Church of Indonesia who helps church communities to develop income-generating projects such as pig rearing using integrated organic farming methods.
- Supporting The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI), an initiative of the World Council of Churches with the mission to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in non-violent actions and concerted advocacy efforts to end the occupation.
- Assisting The Methodist Church of Zimbabwe with a large grant to develop children and family services at the Matthew Rusike Children's Home near Harare, especially for those affected or infected by HIV/AIDS.