

April 2024 - TRINITY Mission News

LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

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"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance" John 10:10

Life In Abundance exists to defeat poverty and restore dignity. We work in fourteen countries in Africa and the Caribbean, empowering local churches to serve the poor, marginalised and vulnerable.

Life In Abundance uses a 4-fold transformational development model, namely:

- 1) Economic Transformation
- 2) Social Engagement
- 3) Education
- 4) Community Health

With the local church at the centre of this model, we invite local church and community leaders to engage in a three-year fixed term project. During this time we provide them with training, resources and support so that they can figure out how best to create sustainable, Kingdom focussed transformation in their communities using Christian principles and values.

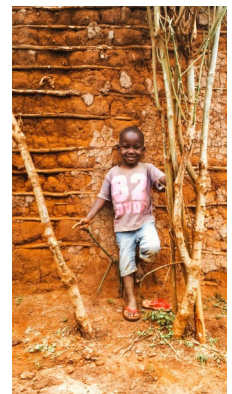
In 2023, Life In Abundance was able to serve over 168,000 individuals in the fourteen programme countries, through 72 local churches and across 63 communities. Of these, 93,822 heard the gospel, 50,265 received primary healthcare services, 58,476 orphans and vulnerable children were supported financially, and 21,718 people received economic empowerment through training and micro-finance loans. A further 12,105 children and adults have benefitted from education programmes.



In Haiti, we continue to provide primary healthcare services through our clinic in the city of Jacmel; please pray for health, strength and safety of our Haiti programme staff and their families who are frontline workers, especially at this time of acute insecurity in the country. Please pray also for a swift return to stable functioning government, and for a reduction to the violence on the streets.

Our programmes in Egypt, South Sudan and Ethiopia have seen a huge influx of refugees displaced by the ongoing situation in Sudan. Please pray for our teams as we serve these vulnerable and traumatised people, especially the young pregnant Sudanese women who have fled to Egypt; and pray for peace in Sudan.

In addition to our own programmes, we are keen to share our insights widely and be a blessing to others. The annual Global Missions conferences, taking place in Jamaica in April and Nairobi in September are intended for exactly that reason. These draw church leaders, missionaries and others together around the theme of 'wholistic impact'. Steve Machell (Life In Abundance UK Director) and Conrad Nevers (LIA UK trustee), will be speaking at the Jamaica conference next month.



For more information visit www.lifeinabundance.org .

GREEN MONEY SEASON AT LEWES CLIMATE HUB 6th – 20th April



Lewes Climate Hub, at Lewes House in the High Street, are hosting three Saturday lunchtime talks exploring how our economic systems could work

better for people and planet and how we can make a difference through the savings, pensions and investments choices we make.

Saturday 6 April, 1pm TALK: Rethinking economic growth
Sat 13 April, 1pm DEBATE: How do we get companies to change?
Saturday 20 April, 1pm TALK: How to invest for good

Lewes Climate Hub is open Wednesday - Saturday 11am - 3pm.
Drop in to find out more.
Further information: <https://lewesclimatehub.org/green-your-money>

PLANT A TREE IN 2024!

Trees are one of our best defences in the fight against climate change. They absorb carbon, cool cities, prevent floods, clean air and protect wildlife. Planting more trees isn't just about saving cute animals, it's about safeguarding our health, homes and future.

You can help by planting a tree in your garden, allotment or community space. Even a single tree can make a big difference.



Ask advice from your local garden centre, or search online for more advice, to choose the best kind of tree to plant, and give it the right conditions to grow and flourish.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS



Lisa Buyinza and Pearl of Grace Ministries: *Lisa writes:* I will meet the landlord on Sunday & expect to open up our temporary office space for POG and have an orientation with our new worker. In the last couple of weeks God has been connecting me to 6 new girls from the local community ... one of whom recently felt touched to surrender her life to Christ when she escorted me to church... and the other returned to church after wandering off course. So praise the Lord, I sense the harvest is ripe for outreach & impact. May God help us structure ourselves well to serve and impact them most effectively.



Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team: Pray that Chaplains will continually be renewed of their minds and emotions after every intervention and for continued excellent relationships and increased favour on our work with the agencies we work alongside including Sussex Police, HM Coastguard and the Mental Health Triage Team.



Please pray for offenders who have suffered loss or bereavement. Loss early in life contributes to offending behaviour (e.g. addiction, violence in young men). Pray for bereavement courses being run in prisons, including Lewes, to give the prisoners space to mourn and grieve safely. The Chief Inspector of Prisons recently stated that a less punitive, more compassionate approach would be more effective at restoration. He advocates for more opportunities for education and employment, while in prison; pray for resources!



We are still praying for suitable funding to replace our practitioner in Hastings. Please pray for the children and families joining in FSW organised holiday activities: such as a visit to Arundel Cricket Club with the Cricket Foundation, a chance to play in open spaces, farm visits to feed the lambs. Praise for the new assistant practitioner starting on April 2nd appointed to Midhurst & Petworth Deaneries. Advance notice: FSW Annual Service and AGM: 25 July at 11.00am in Pulborough



We thank God for the faithful and committed men and women who have served HOMELINK as trustees for many years, some since HOMELINK began 25+ years ago. We pray for the three new people who are considering becoming trustees, that they would be the right people at the right time and for God's hand to be on their appointment.



Many people with dyslexia struggle to read the bible. Praise God for the new Dyslexia friendly bible published by the Bible Society (see their website). Translating the Bible in remote areas of China is very difficult. Agreement with local authorities is needed and the work takes many years using local translators. You can twin your bible to support one of these projects.



Pray that Jesus' love would be seen in Leprosy Mission teams by people receiving treatment & aid. The Leprosy Mission serves in Niger, Bangladesh, Mozambique and Ethiopia, which are among the most dangerous countries in which to be a Christian. Prayer for protection and that the Lord would sustain and bless the work being done, in difficult circumstances. Advance notice: A Splendid Tea Party in aid of The Leprosy Mission 2-6pm on Saturday 1st June Venue: Brownbread Horse Rescue Centre, Battle Call Wendy on 07701 316470 for tickets

ECO TIP FOR APRIL FROM A ROCHA UK

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Re-evaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, e.g. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or changed travel as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

TRINITY Southover is normally open for prayer

Monday to Friday during the day
Southover High Street
BN7 1JH

CAFÉ 12/31

Tuesday to Saturday 9:30am - 2:00pm
Lunches are served daily 10.30am to 1.30pm

Come and enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere and delicious food and drink in our Café at St John's.



Reopening Fri 12th April



GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) TRINITY's parish code 100610471.



You can make direct internet payments to our bank account. Name: TRINITY Southover Church Council. Sortcode: 20 49 76. Account Number: 20775894. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.

If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email Bill our treasurer, and he will give you the relevant form: finance@trinitylewes.org

Our website has more details: <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS



TRINITY supports our local food banks and there is a real need for tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables, and also for empty egg cartons. Items may be left in the church porch.

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