

# MINISTRY OVERVIEW

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## mainstream christian ministries

SERVING CHRIST, SERVING HIS PEOPLE

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(Isaiah 43:18-21 NIV)

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

(John 17:20-23 NIV)

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

(Acts 4:31-35 NIV)

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## introduction

When the Lord first called us with a vision for Mainstream Ministries, He gave us this Scripture from ISAIAH 43: 18 -21:

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The Lord spoke clearly and said;

"I am creating the means for all this to become possible. I am doing a new thing, and will provide the way forward for My people. My people, those who accept my Son as Lord and Saviour, who follow my Word, who move by My Spirit are the Mainstream of this world, and its society. It is they whom I have empowered to bring the Life of My Son to this world - not those who have put tradition or man's structures before My Word."

"You are to be a part of this, an encouragement and resource to My People, helping to bring the water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, so that they may drink freely of My Spirit and grow to sound My Praise in a way the world cannot ignore - called to bring a message of a return to our "First Love" and Unity in Christ, just as My Son prayed to Me." [Christ's prayer in John 17:20-23]

Throughout the Scriptures the Lord tells us in various ways that without love for one another, a heart for unity and a passionate love for the Lord we cannot grow, mature or show the world that Christ is Lord and Saviour. Today, more than ever, as the world is seeing the rise of false religions, deception and secularism, we need to stand together in Love and Unity for the light of Christ to shine.

*William Metzger*



From the beginning of Mainstream, the Lord showed us that we would need to work in many different areas, and experience many different situations as we grew into the calling He had for us. Over the years we have been privileged to work with others to fulfil various aspects of this mission, while learning and growing ourselves.

- Ministering within the Travellers' communities in the UK;
- Helping people from difficult backgrounds to learn new life-skills and grow in the Lord in a residential environment;
- Assisting ministries to improve communications through the use of the internet and better visual communication tools;
- Setting up a project to bring Fair Trade crafts from African craftspeople and projects for sale in the UK;
- Preaching and teaching in the UK, Eastern Europe, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Uganda - conducting outreach missions, ministry in churches and to leaders' groups and conferences, and personal ministry to government leaders;
- Working on development of micro-enterprise and income generation projects.

In all the work the Lord has given us to do, our aim has been to establish relationships with other ministries, churches and believers so we can work together more effectively as part of the One Body of Christ. Some of this work has been for a season only, and some is work that we are called to do on an ongoing basis.

Until recently (2007), Mainstream has primarily been the ministry of William and Margaret Metzger, focused on encouraging others, teaching and assisting in different ways, with a strong emphasis on use of the Internet as a tool for ministry.

In 2006 the Lord began to open new doors for ministry in Uganda and Zimbabwe, bringing about relationships with other ministries in those countries. These relationships developed, and in 2008 the Lord made it clear that we were to begin a new season of ministry, with 2009 being a year of "New Beginnings" and time to build a strong foundation for the work ahead.

By the middle of 2009 the Lord had brought together anointed, Spirit-filled men and women of vision, with a heart for the Lord, love for the brethren, and a desire to serve others and expand the Kingdom for His Glory. Consequently, we have now formed regional ministries in Central, Eastern and Southern Africa, and plan to extend this work to Pakistan and India by 2010.

All of this the Lord has done, just as in the early Church - *"the Lord added to their number daily, those who were being saved."* [Acts 2:47] - So too is He adding to Mainstream new partners and opportunities for ministry.

## foundations

## servicing, and learning to serve

## a new season, and the Lord's increase



## mission

From the beginning, our calling and mission has always been fourfold, although expressed in different ways over the years.

1. proclamation & prophetic declaration ... through preaching, writing, the Internet, broadcasting and recording of God's Word to His Church and the world.
2. teaching & resourcing ... by providing a library of written material, conducting seminars and teaching sessions live at single physical locations and via the Internet. This will also extend to creation of a network of Bible Schools and Remote Learning centres, using both in-house materials and in conjunction with other teaching ministries and institutions.
3. encouragement & networking ... throughout the Body of Christ. Integral to all the work that Mainstream does is the aim of sharing with others and seeking to build up and encourage ministries, churches, leaders and believers; and to encourage individual churches and ministries to fellowship and share with one another as members of One Body in Christ.
4. practical help ... to match needs in one part of the Body of Christ with resources in another. This will include helping to set up micro-enterprises and other income generating projects specifically to fund ministry, support ministry workers, create employment and as an outreach tool in the community; sponsorship, twinning, sourcing resources from businesses and other similar programmes.

## building the body, extending the Kingdom

Central to the call and mission of Mainstream is the message of Christ-centred unity and God's call for a re-igniting of our "First Love", as was seen in the unity, fellowship, love and commitment of the early Church.

### 1. central & multi-regional ministries

**Encourage and Resource.** These ministries aim to help develop and support local churches, church planting and outreach ministries within the regions; and provide encouragement and training.

As additional personnel join Mainstream, projects and ministries can be developed and expanded, as well as the level of support that can be offered to the regions. This will include fund-raising and sponsorship development, partnering with other resource ministries and organisations, and helping to facilitate the "Twinning" of churches from one area with another.

### 2. regional network

**Build and Empower.** Each region is headed up by a local Regional Director, who is responsible for the oversight of the ministry work in that region. They will either be the vision holder for the primary affiliate ministry in that region, or a director appointed directly to oversee and develop the region.

Each region will consist of a network of local churches and ministries. These may be new ministries or churches planted in the region, or existing churches or groups that share Mainstream's vision and wish to affiliate with us. Through this local church base all ministry, evangelism, further church planting and social welfare programmes will be carried out.



Since the beginning of 2009 the Lord has been rapidly adding to the network of ministries joining Mainstream. Most recently we have received invitations from Kenya and South Africa to come and teach, conduct leadership conferences and outreach missions in villages and towns while sharing the Vision of Mainstream to other church leaders. Additionally, we have received several invitations for similar ministry from church groups in Pakistan and India, confirming the next area in which we are being led to go.

This then is the direction that we feel the Lord is taking Mainstream over the course of 2009 and 2010, and beyond.

- Actively seek to build relationships with the new ministries the Lord has and is continuing to bring together;
- Strengthen existing ministry relationships, seeking to find ways for all to work more closely together;
- Strengthen central ministry infrastructure to meet the demands of the expanded ministry network;
- Actively seek the key personnel and partnerships needed to advance the ministry, launch planned projects and support development of funding and income-generation initiatives for both central and regional ministry needs.

The primary focus of the first half of 2010 will centre around ministry within the regions. This will include two extended missions in Africa and South Asia. The second half of the year will focus on the introduction of ministry projects, including the Desertway Bible School and micro-enterprises in the regions.

A team from the UK will travel to all three regions of Africa. The trip overall will be about three months long.

**Central Africa:** Leadership conference and training seminar for current ministry pastors, evangelists and other church leaders.

**Eastern Africa:** Leadership and training seminars. Ministry in local churches and outreach in villages and markets. Tubariki Development meetings. Vision Conference for existing and potential MCM pastors and leaders from the whole region.

**Southern Africa:** Assessment and Planning Meetings with Regional leaders. Vision Conference for potential MCM pastors and leaders. Outreach, teaching and leadership conferences.

From both Pakistan and India there have been invitations to come and conduct evangelistic missions, minister in local churches, conduct leadership conferences and training. The invitations were from ministries with a total network of over 200 churches, mostly rural. The aim of the trip will be to share with the leaders of these churches, build further relationships, encourage missions work and conduct Vision Conferences for other potential MCM leaders. Teams from both the UK and Africa will go on this trip.

## direction

### 2009: Strengthen and Build

### 2010: Regional Missions in Africa & South Asia

#### Africa Mission

#### Pakistan and India Mission



## ministries & projects

### business & internet ministry

These are the Central and Multi-Regional Ministries that are currently in operation or planned for development when key personnel and resources become available.

These are core support ministries which are currently in operation, and will be expanded further:

- Internet communication to provide teaching, help and support for regional ministries; along with Internet facilities, including website hosting and creation, and use of the "Social Web" for interactive support and outreach;
- An online shop, profits of which go to support ministry workers and overheads. Later this will include directly sourced products from the regions, creating income and jobs in those areas;

### Tubariki Media Ministries

Tubariki was originally founded by the current director, Syaviha Mulengya, and recently merged to form Mainstream's Media Ministries, initially within Africa. Its purpose is to create, produce and deliver varied Christian content, music and drama through Radio and TV broadcasts, Internet Broadcasting, CD, DVD, and printed media.

Currently broadcasting on several radio stations in the DR Congo and Kenya, there is already a wealth of recorded and authored material available. We are currently putting together a team to expand both the services offered and the coverage areas.

### Desertway Bible School - Remote Training Initiative

The vision is to provide quality Bible and leadership training delivered in remote areas, supported by tutors in central locations:

1. Training for church leaders, including Bible Knowledge and a focus on missions and leadership skills - especially tailored to potential leaders of congregations in developing nations.
2. Supported leadership courses that can be run by churches or church groups to train further leaders and missions workers.
3. Foundation, discipleship and Christian Living courses, delivered to individuals directly, or used by churches for teaching within their own fellowships.

### Remote Community Resource Centres

The RCR Centres are computer/communication centres set up in remote villages, with computer, internet and video equipment and power source. Both Christian material and general community service, educational, medical and agricultural information could be delivered to the village along with other services. The project would be a joint enterprise with Mainstream, sponsoring or "Twinned" churches and the government.

### Church "Twinning" Project

This project aims to link, or "Twin" a church in a developed nation with one in a developing nation in order that they may build close fellowship ties and share resources - both spiritual and practical. Both would benefit through regular communication, even live joint prayer and worship, becoming real partners in ministry, and build close relationships, while meeting needs on both sides.



*Joining with indigenous churches and ministries is central to the move of God today. We also believe the Lord is raising up the Church in Africa to help lead the global Church to fulfil the Great Commission. From here, we believe the next move will be from within Asia, and indeed the Lord is already moving powerfully within that region.*

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**Regional Director: Pastor Samson Chimedza**

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Mainstream Christian Ministries

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In recent years, it has been difficult to build a viable infrastructure to expand the ministry within Zimbabwe. However, here and in South Africa, under the ministry of Pastors Chimedza and Samuel Gunguta, a great deal of aid work has been carried out, and good relationships built. Interest in joining with Mainstream is growing and we anticipate a real breakthrough in 2010 in many ways.

*[Region covers: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Malawi, Lesotho, Botswana, Angola]  
Currently active in Zimbabwe and South Africa*

**Regional Director: Jane Francis C. Kipkorir**

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**King of Kings Restoration International Ministries**

Registered in Uganda as an NGO: No. 4755 [S.5914/5124]

Lungujja Kitunzi, Post Box 21971, Kampala, Uganda

This is already a network of churches in Eastern Uganda and Western Kenya, mainly in remote villages. Further church planting, and work with orphans and widows continues, and is growing.

**Sounds Of Hope Children And Youths Centre**

Registered Community Based Organization; No. CD: 5585

P.O. Box 67, Lukaya, Masaka, Uganda

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Registered Junior School currently serving 348 students, about half of which pay no fees and are supported by the school. A church and further youth work are other key parts of the ministry.

*[Region covers: Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, DR Congo, Sudan] Currently active in Uganda, DRC, Kenya*

**Regional Director: Rev. Sone Charles**

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Light and Life Missions [Mainstream Central Africa]

Registered as a Religious/Faith organisation: No. 90/12/1990

P.O. Box 355 Kumba, South West Region, Cameroon

There is a tremendous vision for growth in this region. Currently a the group of 20 churches and ministers in Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon carry out ministry and social welfare projects.

*[Region covers: Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Chad, Republic of Congo]*

## regions

*NOTE: Listed here are regions that currently have a Regional Director. We expect to appoint Regional Directors for Pakistan and India later this year (2009).*

### Southern Africa

### Eastern Africa

### Central Africa



# What we Believe — a summary

## The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

## God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now sits as our High Priest and Advocate.

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

## Mankind, Salvation and Eternity

We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost. Only through personal faith in Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

We believe that the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ through faith are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

We believe in the physical Return to Earth of Christ in power and authority; and the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

## The Church

We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through personal faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is Head. As such we are commanded by God to love one another, forgiving one another as Christ loves and has forgiven us. [John 13:34-35; Col. 3:13]

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that each local church should work together for mutual encouragement and for the sharing of resources, giftings and experience.

## Unity and Evangelism

The Church's visible unity in Christ's truth is God's purpose for His people. Evangelism also summons us to unity, because our oneness strengthens our witness, just as our disunity undermines the message of the Gospel and keeps unbelievers from seeing Christ in us. We who through Christ are One Body, should be closely united in fellowship, work and witness. [John 13:35, 17:21-23; Eph. 4:3-4; Phil. 1:27]

## Churches in Evangelistic Partnership

We believe that a new missionary era has dawned. The dominant role of western missions is fast disappearing. God is raising up from the younger churches a great new resource for world evangelisation, and is thus demonstrating that the responsibility to evangelise belongs to the whole body of Christ.

All churches should therefore be asking God and themselves what they should be doing both to reach their own area and to send missionaries to other parts of the world. Thus a growing partnership of churches will develop and the universal character of Christ's Church will be more clearly exhibited. [Rom. 1:8; Phil. 1:5; 4:15; Acts 13:1-3; 1 Thess. 1:6-8]