

## Mission Interest Group (MIG) Annual Report – 2017



*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40*

What an exciting year for mission support! Highlights included the design of a new grant application and accountability process, a number of fundraising and advocacy events, preaching and teaching from visiting speakers, and volunteer opportunities at home and overseas. The MIG team, following the retirement of Mike Brzezicki who faithfully served 4 years as MIG chair, comprises Ann Start (chair), Miriam Isaacs (treasurer), Patrick Lambert, Nick Lavender, Lynn Nwagbara, Magda Bos and Christine Adedokun.

Following prayer and careful consideration, the following organisations or activities will receive support for the next three years:

MISSION PARTNERS
1. <b>African Enterprise</b> (Evangelism on the African continent)
2. <b>Alternatives</b> (support for women in crisis in Brussels)
3. <b>Banunule School</b> (education for children in Uganda) <i>To be phased once in local ownership</i>
4. <b>Bible distribution</b> Prison Ministries <i>One-off donation only, still to be completed</i>
5. <b>Bishop's Advent Appeal</b> Joel Nafuma Refugee Centre, Italy <i>One-off donation only</i>
6. <b>Evangelical Theological Faculty</b> of Leuven (student bursaries, Belgium and worldwide)
7. <b>Gap year student</b> (John Lavender YWAM in Australia and Asia Pacific region)
8. <b>Giraffe Project</b> (education for slum children in Nairobi, Kenya)
9. <b>Ichtus</b> (evangelism and support for students in Belgium)
10. <b>Hands of Friendship Zimbabwe</b> (support for vulnerable families)
11. <b>Hope International</b> (microfinance, African continent) <i>Prayer support only</i>
12. <b>International Justice Mission</b> (anti trafficking, Germany and worldwide)
13. <b>Oasis Belgium</b> (elderly care; vulnerable women/children in Belgium)
14. <b>Protestant Social Centre</b> (support to people in Brussels suffering economic hardship)
15. <b>Retrak</b> (street children on the African continent and Brazil )
Support to Mission to Seafarers, Cheeseman family and Beautiful Gate Lesotho has now ceased.

Policies are adopted for grant applications, payment of expenses to guest speakers and the support to the Bishop's Lent and Advent Appeals. Each MIG team member has a portfolio of projects where they develop a deeper relationship with the congregation links and organisation representatives.

In the name of Jesus, and in response to His command to love one another, MIG dispensed €18,900 on behalf of the allocation of Saint Paul's tithe. We cannot thank you enough for the generous and compassionate giving of time, money, prayer, and volunteering: together, you and our mission partners have changed and saved countless lives.

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20*

Ann Start, Chair.