

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

# ARISE SHINE

Hamilton Road Presbyterian

18th - 27th August

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## Word from the Chairman Tom Clarke





Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

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Welcome to the 2023 Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention. Thank you for joining us, for this, our 87th event.

The theme for Worldwide 2023 is *Arise, Shine* from Isaiah 60 verses 1 to 3 and referred to again in many places in the New Testament. This is clearly an important instruction which Christians must take seriously and hence the focus it is being given in this year's Convention.

As ever, the majority of events will be held in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church but there will also be meetings in the neighbouring Baptist Church, First Bangor Presbyterian and Bangor Parish Church among others, and so it is important to check where the events you are interested in are taking place. Outside of Bangor, Worldwide meetings are also planned for Belfast, Drumreagh, Dollingstown, Magherafelt and Dublin. In addition, we are livestreaming some of our meetings to hubs across the country – an exciting extension of the reach of Worldwide during Convention week. Details of all of these will be found on the website.

Each year, Bible teaching forms a core element of our Convention and this year we are delighted that Dr Chris Wright will be leading the studies each morning from Monday to Friday. These are preceded by the daily prayer meetings which are led each time by one of our speakers.

The evening meetings include speakers who will give us first hand accounts about mission work going on in a range of countries from Africa, the Middle East, Europe and across the British Isles. The full programme contains over 30 events, so consider it carefully to ensure that you do not miss anything of interest! Our Global Village is open each evening throughout the week and has over 60 mission agencies represented.

We have a number of new initiatives for Convention 2023 which we believe will enhance the attraction of the event. On Saturday evening we are privileged to host the All Ireland premiere of *If Prison Walls Could Speak* - a play about the imprisonment of a believer in a Sudanese jail.

For the first time this year we plan, in conjunction with CEI to run a Children's Holiday Club throughout the week and there will be the usual special events for Teenagers and Young Adults.

Also for the first time we will have a presence at Bangor seafront during Convention week in the shape of the Gospe Truck, a ministry of Faith Mission. It is well worth a visit.

We believe that we have been guided to present a programme which should have something of interest for everyone and which will deepen our understanding of God's work across the globe. Plan to attend as much of it as you can.

In closing, I would underline our dependence on prayer and thank all who support the Convention, throughout the year, through this vital ministry. If you are not involved already but would like to join us on a regular basis, you can do so in person at our Monday morning meeting in the Congregational Church in Bangor or you can sign up on the website for our monthly updates which always give current prayer points.

Enjoy the Convention and be blessed

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Artless
Theatre Co.

A TRUE STORY OF RESILIENCE, ESPIONAGE AND FAITH FROM THE HEART OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



The tour began in the UK in September 2021 and will take place in around 100 churches through to December 2023.

The production is based on Petr Jasek's powerful testimony of his experience in jail in Sudan, as told in his book *Imprisoned with ISIS*. Petr spoke at Bangor Worldwide in 2018 so this will be an amazing opportunity to gain an insight into his story in this immersive and thought-provoking way.

Artless have been touring theatrical productions to venues across the UK since 2015, providing events for churches that are a springboard for evangelism and outreach. They were honoured to perform for HM Queen Elizabeth II and have been featured on BBC One and Premier Christian Radio. They are a National Mission Partner of Scripture Union England & Wales and a registered charity.

Bangor Worldwide is delighted to facilitate the premiere of the performance in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland this week. Please encourage those you know in these areas to check out the play:

## Saturday 19th August -

Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor, BT20 5HY

## Sunday 20th August -

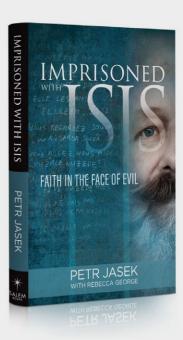
St. Saviour's Church of Ireland, Dollingstown, Lurgan, BT66 7JR

## Thursday 24th August -

Union Road Presbyterian Church, Magherafelt, BT45 5DF

## Friday 25th August -

The Riasc Centre, Swords, Co Dublin





## Worldwide Tripadvisor

5 star review Maja Langvad Denmark





Hi, my name is Maja. I attended the Worldwide Mission conference Compelled in August 2022 as I am interested in global mission and discipleship training. I am a Danish midwife student, and I want to work overseas, probably somewhere in Africa, when I graduate.

I thought that this was a great opportunity to meet others with a heart for mission and get some teaching about sharing the gospel - and also that it would be a great way to spend the rest of my holiday - and I wasn't disappointed! I want to thank you for welcoming me to Northern Ireland. It was a pleasure to meet you all.

Since I want to work in Africa, I especially enjoyed Dr Hassan John's speeches about Nigeria and David Garrison's talks about the northern, muslim part of Africa. Their testimonies made an imprint on me, and it reminded me that God is working, even when we don't see it.

However, I also really loved to hear about other continents and which work the different agencies are doing there.

For instance, I was very surprised to hear about The Leprosy Mission. I had no idea that leprosy is still such a big problem in many countries today, but I am very impressed by the work they do. Through the teachings, I had a great opportunity to learn more about cross-cultural mission, and I was also challenged in a good way.

One of the speakers said that it doesn't change you as a person to sit in an aeroplane and travel overseas. If you want to live a life as a missionary and bring the gospel to the least reached people, then start now. There are several people in our own communities, who don't know Jesus yet. God brings people to our doorstep - people who need to know Him as their saviour.

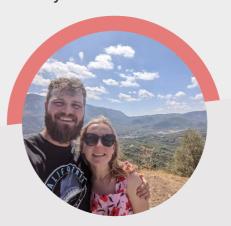
Dr Zack Eswine said something that particularly encouraged me. He taught us about the disciples and how they sometimes had doubts and fear, but they were still used by God as His disciples. "Doubt doesn't count you out" is a quotation that I won't forget.

When I went back to Denmark after the conference, I felt inspired and encouraged by meeting so many people who work for the Kingdom of God by bringing hope and light to the least reached and those with medical needs.

Thank you for a great missionary conference!

## From Lisburn to Latin America!

By Zoe Williamson



My husband, Jordan and I are heading to Guatemala this summer to serve with Latin Link for a period of 18 months. We will be working with a local church in Guatemala's capital - Guatemala City.

After a few months in language school and living with a host family, we will find a place to live and start work with the church we will be joining, which is called Iglesia Reforma. I will be working with women and their children who have been victims of domestic violence, providing a safe place to recover and then supporting them to find a new house and town where they can rebuild their lives.

Jordan will be working with a team from the church in a particularly deprived area of the capital. They are seeking to establish links and build relationships with people in this community. Through both of these ministries, we hope that the Gospel will be effectively communicated verbally and God's love demonstrated practically.

While our application process to serve with Latin Link started about 18 months ago, overseas mission has been on my mind for much longer. Sometimes I have given very little thought to this idea and it has remained at the back of my mind. However, there have been countless times I have been sitting in church, at home, and indeed at Bangor Worldwide, and this truth has hit me like a ton of bricks, sometimes reducing me to tears.

I think that God has used these moments to confirm his calling to involvement in mission in some capacity and remind me that He is the God of all nations. That He is a big God with a big plan that is far better than anything I could come up with. And He invites me, us, to be a part of this.

A verse that we have found encouraging as we prepare for overseas mission is Ephesians 5:2: "And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

We do not know what the next 18 months will hold, or beyond it for that matter. But we know that we have a great God who loves us, goes before us and will provide all that we need.

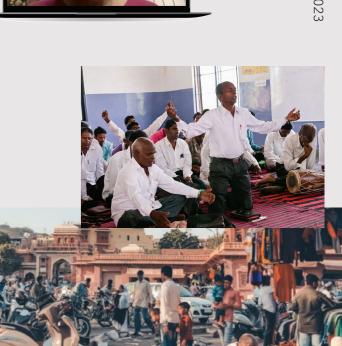
We recognise that this is God's work and not ours and we are aware that doing the work can only be done in his strength. We would love it if you would partner with us in prayer. We hope to send a monthly newsletter - if you would like to receive this, drop an email to jwill12896@gmail.com

## Langham Partnership

# "Through Langham Preaching, I see God's Word working in peoples' lives."

You can join the Langham Live Zoom call every month on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm. See uk.langham/langhamlive for more information or email uk@langham.org to get signed up.





## An insight into Langham Partnership work in South Asia

Alongla Aier has been involved with Langham Preaching for 13 years in her South Asian country\*, and she recently participated in Langham Live, a monthly Zoom call, sharing her passion for the programme with supporters online.

Alongla Aier has been involved with Langham Preaching since 2010. Alongla's nation is vast, divided into various states and has numerous languages and dialects.

For the Zoom event, particular focus was placed on the Northeast region of the country, where Alongla and her husband Rev Dr Wati Aier are based. Together they have two adult children who both reside in the USA.

Alongla and her husband are members of a local Baptist Church in the region. Both Alongla and Wati have a background in Theological education where she has now retired from being a professor of English & Communication at a seminary.

## Post Retiremen

Despite her retirement as an educator, Alongla has maintained an interest in supporting theological training. This interest has caused her to focus on the development of expository preaching as a way to communicate the Bible. She consequently joined the Langham Preaching Movement in her country under the leadership of the regional coordinator. Today she heads up developing Langham Preaching in a region of the country.

## South Asia

Recently, preaching seminars in her country have been held in local dialects. Within her role, Alongla focuses her time on providing administration assistance that is connected to organising Langham events on training preachers along with being a Langham facilitator where she uses her skills as an educator.

Alongla said that being involved in Langham Preaching has been "a radical, transforming perspective, to preach God's Word. It's not easy even now, but there's such a joy, such an anticipation. And the amazing thing is, I see God's Word working in the lives of the people."

## **Preaching Clubs Development**

Before the pandemic development in preaching clubs was very encouraging. However, although the pandemic has caused some disruption to these activities, Alongla has the desire to develop preaching clubs that commence with church leaders being involved in local Bible studies. The purpose of these studies is not only to develop biblical knowledge but also to create a passion within the groups to learn how to preach God's Word accurately and confidently. Recently there has been excitement that these seminars are being held in local dialects.

## South Asia

The hope is that denominations in the Northeast of the country will fuse together, resulting in lasting fruit for the region and beyond.

With effort and the help of God, Alongla and her Langham colleagues have seen the preaching movements develop to where several Level 1 seminars are taking place in the near future with the possibility of others in the pipeline within the region. Already this effort is having a positive impact with local church pastors commenting on how the training is assisting in their preparation and delivery of sermons. It is hoped that these developments will provide the catalyst for denominations in the Northeast of the country to fuse together so that lasting fruit may result in the region and beyond.

## **Blessings and Challenges**

With the blessings of having church leaders hungry to study God's Word and being trained to preach the Bible with confidence and accuracy, there is also the challenge of opposition which seems to be on the increase. Alongla's desire is to provide support so that local church leaders will remain faithful despite any opposition they may face.

## **Langham Preaching 10th Anniversary**

As Langham's preaching celebrated 10 years in the country during the pandemic, it was encouraging to hear Alongla's report on the current positive status of the preaching movement there and the desire is that other states will enjoy the encouragements it has enjoyed under Alongla's leadership.

Langham Partnership's vision is to see churches equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through the ministry of pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the Word of God. Our mission is to strengthen the ministry of the Word of God through: nurturing national movements for biblical preaching (Langham Preaching); fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature (Langham Literature); and enhancing evangelical theological education (Langham Scholars) especially in countries where churches are under resourced.



## of Abaana

## By Scott Baxter, CEO Abaana

It's hard to believe Abaana has been serving children in Africa for a quarter of a century! Twenty five years ago, as a teenager, I felt that God had put it on my heart to help children in Africa, although I didn't know how or what that would look like. After finishing my student days at Regent House School, I set off on a gap year working voluntarily for some charities who worked with children in Africa. This ended with the establishment of Abaana.

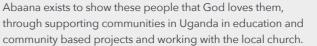
At the same time, I started my University degree, so I wasn't sure where God was leading. However, after a year at Capernwray Bible School and receiving some advice from friends, family, and my pastors, I decided to work voluntarily for a year for Abaana and ... we are still here, 25 years later!

One of the key things that I learnt when I went to Bible school was that God was passionate about injustice. Frequently across the Old Testament, you can read the evidence that when people were oppressed, God raised up prophets to bring justice.

In Isaiah 58, God was calling his people to loose the chains of injustice, to set the oppressed free, to share food with the hungry and to clothe the naked.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see this in action. He preached the good news on the same stage as He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He walked alongside people, He cared for people and He wept with them in their distress.

In a time where we are facing some of the highest inflation I have seen in my lifetime, I am also aware that I am blessed that I get three meals a day, have free medical care, I have a nice house and a car. I am blessed compared to 90% of the world, and incomparably blessed compared to those living in extreme poverty in Africa.



In 2005, I remember so clearly sitting down at one of our first schools in Uganda, Matthew Cardwell Primary in Mpata, just after it was built. We had first visited the school a year before, and I recalled as we arrived in our 4x4, I thought I was approaching a cattle shed. When we got closer, I heard the children inside and you could see them peeking out through the walls.

I still remember feeling the burning injustice, as I thought about how I had gone to a brilliant primary school in Bangor (Kilmaine Primary). I could have listed what seemed like an infinite catalogue of the things I was blessed with, that these children didn't have. So Abaana set about trying to help this one school. Over the next 12 months, we fundraised in churches and youth groups, mostly around Northern Ireland, and eventually raised enough funds to build them a new school.

And here I was, sitting in the new school, with hundreds of children running around the playground at lunchtime. As some of the children and staff greeted the visitors, there was a real sense of gratefulness and thankfulness to God.

As I sat and looked at each of the children and thought about the fundraising over the previous year, I wondered how many people from across Northern Ireland had contributed?







It was a humbling experience, as I was receiving the thanks that these people deserved. As I was presented with a chicken, I remember feeling that I wished I could bring each of those supporters out to Uganda to hear the "thank you" personally.

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Global Village this week.

As we fast forward to the 25th year, we now partner with 17 communities across Uganda where schools have been built and have sponsored thousands of children through their education.

Ultimately, the work we do is not about the buildings we build or the items we buy. It's about people and changing lives, sharing God's love, and equipping them for the future. Recently, I had the privilege of interviewing Caroline, one of the many children that are now exiting our Sponsorship Programme. Caroline was sitting in that 'cattle shed' the day we turned up at Mpata. She remembers the old building and also the new building being built in 2005. She has recently completed her Bachelor of Social Studies degree at University. Caroline is just one example of the thousands that we are currently supporting and who are going through this journey and that is because of people like you.

In 2024, we will be bringing another children's choir drawn from across our various projects in Uganda to share about what God is doing in their villages. The past two tours have been truly amazing experiences, with the children growing in personal confidence, social skills and returning home fluent in English. Many of the children from the previous choirs have been involved in leadership roles in their schools.

Twenty five years have passed, but the work is not finished. We are so excited because we know that in the next 25 years, we can reach many more with God's love.

If your church would be interested in finding out more about hosting the choir in 2024, please phone 02891 451918 or visit www.abaana.org/choir

## **Academic Special**

## **Union Theological College**

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- MTh in Old Testament
- MTh in Reformed Theology
- Postgraduate Certificate in Biblical Greek
- PhD in Philosophy Ordained Ministry Training
- Deaconess Training

Union Theological College also houses The Gamble Library which is the largest theological library in Northern Ireland with nearly 64,000 books, more than 20,000 pamphlets and over 50 theological periodicals, plus online resources.

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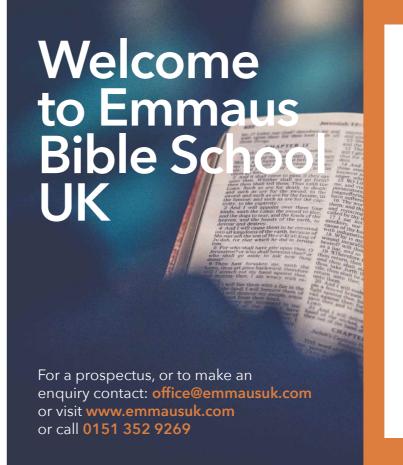


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## Your 2023 Programme

Registered events. Please book online at worldwidemission.org

All events held in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church unless otherwise stated



Sunday 20

**United Sunday Night Celebration** 6:30pm

Featuring Ricky Ferguson, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dick Brogden (Live Dead), interview with Lisa Flach about her short term trip to Africa with AIM and much more

Music HRPC Band

Welcome to stay for tea & coffee afterwards in the Welcome Centre and view the Small Exhibition

## Worldwide @ Lurgan

## 6:30pm

St Saviour's Church, Dollingstown

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## Worldwide @ Belfast

Newtownbreda Baptist

With Chris Wright (Langham Partnership), Glenn Bowden (Acre)

## Worldwide @ Drumreagh

## 7:00pm

Drumreagh Presbyterian

With Dr Harvey Kwiyani (CEO Global Connections)

## Monday 21

## **Prayer Meeting**

10:00am - 11:00am

## **Bible Study with Chris Wright**

11:30am

## **Gospel Truck**

10:00am - 4:00pm Bangor Seafront

## Worldwide Kids (R)

11:00am - 1:00pm

Hamilton Road Baptist

Register online. Children's Special for P4 - P7 in association with CEF with God's Word, quizzes, games and crafts

## Creche (R)

## 11:15am - 12:30pm

Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian

## **Mission Agencies Prayer Meeting**

6:00pm

## **Evening Celebration - Africa**

With Veena O'Sullivan (Tearfund), Dr Harvey Kwiyani (CEO Global Connections). Challenge by Chris Wright

Music Greyabbey Presbyterian Band Chairman Rev Jim Cheshire

## Tuesday 22

## **Prayer Meeting**

10:00am - 11:00am

## **Bible Study with Chris Wright**

11:30am

## **Gospel Truck**

10:00am - 4:00pm Bangor Seafront

## Worldwide Kids (R)

11:00am - 1:00pm Hamilton Road Baptist

## Creche (R)

11:15am - 12:30pm

Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian

## **Evening Celebration - Europe**

## 7:30pm

With Kostya Bakanov (ECMI), Glenn Bowden (Acre). Challenge by Chris Wright

Music Greyabbey Presbyterian Band Chairman Rev Colin Dickson

## Wednesday 23

## **Prayer Meeting**

10:00am - 11:00am

## **Bible Study with Chris Wright**

11:30am

## **Gospel Truck**

10:00am - 4:00pm Bangor Seafront

## Worldwide Kids (R)

11:00am - 1:00pm Hamilton Road Baptist

## Creche (R)

11:15am - 12:30pm

Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian

## Ministers Lunch & Q&A (R)

## 12:45pm - 2:30pm

Hamilton Road Baptist

With Dai Hankey (Red Community) & Chris Wright. For all clergy & those in full time ministry

## **Evening Celebration -**Middle East

## 7:30pm

With Dick Brogden (Live Dead). Challenge by Dai Hankey

Music Roger Irvine & Trinity band Chairman Jason Brodie

## Thursday 24

## **Prayer Meeting**

10:00am - 11:00am

## **Bible Study with Chris Wright**

11:30am

## **Gospel Truck**

10:00am - 4:00pm Bangor Seafront

## Worldwide Kids (R)

11:00am - 1:00pm Hamilton Road Baptist

## Creche (R)

## 11:15am - 12:30pm

Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian

## Ladies Afternoon Tea (R)

## 2:30pm for 3:00pm

Bangor Parish Church, Hamilton Road

With special guests Naomi Dudgeon (Faith Mission), Kate Namate (ShineHisLight - Street Family Org Kenya)

## **Evening Celebration - UK**

## 7:30pm

With Eddie Floyd (Fireblade Ministries), Ronnie McCracken (Escol Ministries). Challenge by Dai Hankey

Music Roger Irvine & Trinity Band Chairman Keith McIlwaine

## Worldwide @ Magherafelt

## 7:30pm

Union Road Presbyterian

If Prison Walls Could Speak Not suitable for children under 12

Friday 25

**Prayer Meeting** 10:00am - 11:00am

## **Bible Study with Chris Wright**

11:30am

## **Gospel Truck**

10:00am - 4:00pm Bangor Seafront

Worldwide Kids (R) 11:00am - 1:00pm

Hamilton Road Baptist

## Creche (R)

11:15am - 12:30pm

Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian

## Celebration 7:00pm

With Dai Hankey and members of New Irish Arts

## **Worldwide Youth Event**

## 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Hamilton Road Baptist

Food, worship, stories & teaching with Dai Hankey

## Worldwide @ Dublin

## 7:00pm

The Riasc Centre

Organised with IMAP

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## Weekday Bible Studies Arise, shine

## Weekday Bible studies in Isaiah with Dr Chris Wright

Chris Wright will open God's Word with us on the subject of 'Arise Shine' exploring the book of Isaiah. Born in Belfast, Chris was ordained in the Anglican Church of England in 1977 and served as an assistant pastor in the Parish Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Tonbridge, Kent.

In 1983, he took his family to India and taught at the Union Biblical Seminary (UBS) for five years as a mission partner with Crosslinks. While at UBS, he taught a variety of Old Testament courses at BD and MTh levels. In 1988, he returned to the UK as Academic Dean at All Nations Christian College. Then he was appointed Principal there in September 1993. In September 2001, he was appointed International Director of the Langham Partnership International.

Chris, has a passion to bring to life the relevance of the OT to Christian mission and ethics, and loves preaching and teaching the Bible.

His books include: Knowing God: The Trilogy: Knowing God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament; Old Testament Ethics for the People of God; The God I Don't Understand; The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission and How to Preach and Teach the Old Testament for All It's Worth.

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For further information please contact Janis Wilby, National Coordinator for UK & Ireland, janis@lwaac.org or visit us at our stand at the Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention.



## Remembering

## George Verwer

The committee of Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention were deeply saddened to learn of the death on Friday 14th April 2023 of George Verwer. With his passing we have lost not only one of our regular contributors but also a strong supporter, advocate and friend.

Since he was first invited to speak at the convention in 1974, George has been a regular visitor and we have many happy memories of his times with us. His last visit was in 2016 when he was the main speaker at our opening night in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

As he travelled the world with OM, George spoke warmly of the Convention, as the opportunity arose, and often called it "the only one of its type in Europe".

We will always be grateful to God for the encouragement he brought us through his faithful servant, George.

He is survived by his wife, Drena, their three children, Ben, Daniel and Christa; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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## Finance at Worldwide

Cecil McWilliams, Treasurer



## Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention has been held every year since 1937 and is a testimony of the Lord's peoples' continued support of mission.

Last year our theme was Compelled, and we had 11 different missions represented on our Thank Offering envelope and over 60 Missionary Societies represented at the Global Village exhibition.

As you can appreciate, there is a cost in organising and facilitating the weeklong Convention in August and whilst we continue to monitor our expenditure to keep it as low as possible, last year we had some £12,000 of necessary expenditure which were one-off costs, and which will not be repeated in 2023.

Last year our normal income was just over £172K which was slightly down on the previous year's figure, whilst our expenditure amounted to £55,903.

However, 2022 was an amazing year and we received 3 different legacies which amounted to £963,261 bringing our total income for the year to £1,135,832. In past years, I have reminded you that Bangor Worldwide is not like a normal mission. We do not have a 5-year business plan, cash flow projections nor a projected profit and loss account. Whatever our income is, then that is what the Lord intended.

I have rarely mentioned supporting missions by way of a legacy, but if you want to consider this option then speak with your solicitor who can arrange this on your behalf. You can of course allocate the mission(s) you wish your legacy to be sent to and we will be happy to carry out your instructions. Alternatively, you can leave distribution of the legacy to the discretion of the Convention's committee.

You could also support the Convention by signing up to become a *Friend of Worldwide* and setting up a monthly standing order which would be transferred directly into the Convention's bank account.

These funds are used directly to offset the convention's expenses. Leaflets are available in the foyer, or you could contact me directly. My contact details are on our website www.worldwidemission.org

Whatever way you support the Convention financially, if you are a UK taxpayer, by completing the Gift Aid Declaration the Convention will benefit by a tax refund equivalent to 25% of your gift. A synopsis of our accounts is available if you wish to see a more detailed breakdown. I am well aware of the difficult financial times in which we are living, and that the Lord's people are not immune from this, but this does not stop the Lord from carrying out his purposes.

Remember the words of Ephesians 3:20-21 and be inspired - we have an AMAZING GOD.

On behalf of Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention a very sincere thank you to all who contribute so generously and for your continued prayerful support in the work of mission.

## 2022 Summary



Income - £1,135,832 What we gave to mission - £1,078,630

## **Supporter Churches**



Our vision at Bangor Worldwide is to encourage churches to become more directly associated with the work of the Convention by becoming a Supporter Church.

Over the years we have developed links with many local churches in the greater Bangor area and have developed, as part of the programme, satellite events in other parts of the province and in Dublin.

We want to strengthen those relationships further and to encourage more churches to engage directly with the work of the Convention by becoming a 'Supporter Church'.

We will provide you with publicity material, prayer points and information on missions and will ask you to provide us with a contact person to promote the Convention within the congregation.

As a 'Supporter Church 'you will also receive tickets for our opening night at a discounted cost.

We give thanks to those churches who have joined us already and we pray more would join us in our vision:

- Ballyholme Presbyterian Church, Bangor
- Ballycrochan Baptist Church, Bangor
- Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church, Glengormley
- Bethany Baptist Church, Bangor
- Castlereagh Fellowship, Belfast
- Conlig Presbyterian Church, Bangor
- Hamilton Road Baptist Church, Bangor
- Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor
- Kings Church, Bangor
- Lisnabreen Presbyterian Church, Bangor
- Ravenhill Presbyterian Church, Belfast
- Shore Street Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee
- St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bangor
- St Mary's Church of Ireland, Dundonald
- The Crescent, Belfast
- West Church Presbyterian, Bangor
- Windsor Baptist Church, Belfast

\*This list is correct at the time of going to print.

If you are interested in becoming a supporter church and want to know more about what is involved, please contact Keith McIlwaine via keithtmcilwaine@gmail.com





## Friends of Worldwide

How many of us have come to Bangor Worldwide and been challenged and inspired by the Bible teaching and reports we have heard of what God is doing around the world?

Just think of the number of people who have gone out from this country to serve God and the missionaries and missions Bangor Worldwide has supported through prayer and finance over the past 87 years. We invite you to join us as we continue to realise the vision birthed all those years ago to promote and support world mission.

Bangor Worldwide costs in the region of £30,000 to run annually (this does not include funds which are allocated and go direct to ministries and missionaries). Would you prayerfully consider joining others by becoming a 'Friend of Worldwide' and contributing £5 or £10 per month not just to enable this ministry to continue, but to allow us to pass the baton on to the next generation?

Tracey: "I wanted to be part of Bangor Worldwide, even in a small way. Being a friend helps me do that. God uses each of us in different ways and for me, my part is to provide regular and necessary support to help make it happen."

As a friend, we will keep in touch. You will receive our monthly Prayer Update email which follows up on those who have spoken at the convention over the years; receive an invitation to special events and pre-booking with reserved seats for our opening night. We'd love to have your support in this manner!

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Worldwide and want to know more about what is involved, please contact Lorraine via lorraine@worldwidemission.org



## Can't make all the events in Bangor this week?

## We've got it covered online!

Bangor Worldwide have a small dedicated media team made up of volunteers that work non-stop during the event each year to broadcast as much audio and HD video as possible. Audio recordings are normally live on the Bangor Worldwide website as quickly as five minutes after a speaker has finished and HD videos of the speakers are live usually around one hour later. Due to the fact that as technology has evolved from cassette tapes and CD's to online streaming, we are able to provide audio and HD video recordings free of charge. Whilst our evening events in Bangor reach on average 700 people per day, through our Vimeo channel, where we host our HD videos, we are reaching a worldwide audience covering 134 countries at present.

Our website and Vimeo channels are resources for your use, so if you have missed an event or a particular meeting or seminar, then you can make use of our catch-up channel which can be viewed here: www.vimeo.com/bangorworldwide

worldwidemission.org



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## Global Village 2023

Our Global Village is located in the Millar Craig and David Searle Halls behind the church. Opening Times: Monday to Thursday: 9pm to 10.30pm; Friday: 6.00pm to 6.45pm and 9pm to 10.15pm.



## Millar Craig Hall

As you enter the Global Village via the Millar Craig Hall, you will be greeted by our stewards who are there to serve you. Your journey will begin in Africa, then travelling through the Americas, Asia, Europe, UK & Ireland and the Middle-East.

Moving from the Millar Craig Hall, you can visit our Information Hub and MAP stand, Prayer Area and Living Library.

## Information Hub

(located between the Millar Craig and David Searle Halls)

OSCAR is hosting an INFORMATION HUB with information on opportunities to serve God overseas and at home as well as volunteer opportunities within mission agencies. Heather would love to chat to you so do call with her.

MAP (located in hall beside the Information Hub) Perhaps you have never heard of MAP, allow us to introduce you to them - please do check out their stand.

## Mission Action Partnership (MAP)

MAP is a partnership of mission agencies based in Northern Ireland. MAP is a ministry of Global **Connections** which is the UK network for world mission. MAP exists to inspire and equip the local church in reaching neighbourhoods and nations with the good news of the Kingdom of God through the ministries and expertise of member organisations.

To find out more about MAP and access some of our resources visit our website www.globalconnections.org.uk/map or if you would like to meet with Pam McCullagh our MAP Coordinator, contact her at pmccullagh@globalconnections.org.uk

Living Library (located in the room to the right of the Information Hub)

This year we are giving you an opportunity to meet and chat with our speakers/missionaries and mission agency reps over coffee, one-to-one or with a friend. It is a great opportunity to ask those questions you always wanted to ask: "How do I know God is calling me to go overseas?" "I believe God is challenging me to mission - what steps do I take?" "How can I volunteer at home?"

Prayer Area (located in room to the left of the Information Hub)

Our **Prayer Area** is a quiet area where you can take time to pray, visit prayer stations and also pick up excellent informative prayer material to help you pray specifically for mission around the globe.

## David Searle Hall

Your next stop is the David Searle Hall where your journey will continue throughout the Globe.

We invite you to stop and pick up a cuppa at the **Coffee** Hub (located in the David Searle Hall). This year's Coffee Hub will be run by our mission agencies with a different international theme each evening.

Monday night: Asia Tuesday night: Europe Wednesday night: Middle-East Thursday night: UK & Ireland Friday night: Americas

Enjoy!

## Global Village 2023 Directory

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## A date for your diaries...

# Worldwide is back in 2024 from 16th - 25th August!

## 2024 Bible Studies with Colin Smith

We are looking forward to welcoming Colin Smith, senior pastor of The Orchard Evangelical Free Church, Illinois, to lead our Bible Studies next summer.

Born and raised in Edinburgh, Scotland, Colin trained at the London School of Theology where he earned the degrees of Bachelor of Theology and Master of Philosophy. Before coming to the States in 1996, Colin served as senior pastor of the Enfield Evangelical Free Church in London.

He is the author of several books including Momentum:
Pursuing God's Blessings through the Beatitudes; Heaven, How
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Navigating a God-Centered Life; The One Year Unlocking the
Bible Devotional; 10 Keys for Unlocking the Bible; The 10
Greatest Struggles of Your Life; as well as others. His preaching
ministry is shared around the world through Open the Bible.



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To keep up to date with all of our speakers and to pray regularly through the year for the work of Worldwide and our mission agency partners, please sign up to our prayer email via

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