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## EDITORIAL

In Hebrews chapter 11, often called the 'hall of faith', we read about ordinary people who were emboldened and enabled by an extraordinary God. The articles in this magazine depict some of the many different ways the Lord has challenged and supplied the needs of those who have contributed, as they too have stepped out in faith.

Called to go, or called to stay, both can have great challenges and both require steps of faith.

In order to reach those who have never heard a clear Gospel message, our relationship with and obedience to God is most important.

When Jesus healed the man with the demons, the restored man's desire was to travel with Jesus (Mark 5:18 - 20). However, Jesus told him to reach out to his own family, friends and neighbours. Conversely, Jesus called Peter and Andrew to leave their nets and follow Him (Matthew 4:18 - 22). Whatever the Lord leads us to do, may we be willing and obedient in our service for Him.

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**“TRUST AND OBEY, FOR  
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO  
BE HAPPY IN JESUS, BUT TO  
TRUST AND OBEY.”**

Refrain of the hymn: When we walk  
with the Lord by J. H. Sammis 1887

## **“WHO HAS MEASURED THE WATERS IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND...”**

(ISA 40:12)



When Andrew, Eliza, Judah, Gloria and Josephine Keyser first went to West Africa in September 2011, they joined the team at the Bourofaye Christian School in Senegal (BCS). After serving at the school for several years, in 2017 the Lord directed them into a tribal work. They started language learning and things seemed to be going well. However, their daughter, Josephine, had a cerebral haemorrhage and they returned to the Netherlands to seek medical help. Praise the Lord, Josephine was able to receive the treatment she needed and they returned to continue in the work among the Saafi people group.

In the summer of 2020, they went back to where their story in Senegal began...

BCS really needed another pair of dorm parents and asked Andrew and Eliza to consider filling the gap. They accepted this challenge with one condition, that they could have each Friday to work together

with the team preparing materials for the Saafi people or visit villages and friends.

So they became dorm parents of the oldest teenagers at the school (13-16 years) and enjoyed being part of their lives; investing in their spiritual growth, guiding them at times, and also having lots of fun together.

This is a year of transition, not only for Andrew, Eliza, and family, but also for all at BCS. The school has now closed down (June 2022). They had all been dreading the moment of actually having to say goodbye; to one another, to the school, to the life they have lived together, to their 'normal', to what they were used to and what they have loved so much.

In the Netherlands, Andrew and Eliza will, Lord willing, continue to serve the Lord with Ethnos360 Netherlands in leadership.

*Andrew and Eliza Keyser, with Judah, Gloria, and Josephine, are from the Netherlands.*



## CAMPUS NEWS

Recently 170 attendees joined us on site for the 'Make a Difference' conference. It was a time of teaching, challenge, and worship with a missions' focus for reaching the unreached. It was good, once again, to hold the conference in person. It was also a lovely opportunity for likeminded people of all ages to spend time together and the kids had a lot of fun too.

During the last week of April, a 'Friends in Action UK' team of five Christian tradesmen from Northern Ireland gave a week of their time to join the Campus Management Team (CMT) on site to help with a few projects. This included putting up fences between two accommodation buildings to provide a safer play area for children, repairing a spiral staircase, plumbing, and plastering, etc. It was a huge encouragement to all concerned, not just because of the work accomplished but also due to the fellowship, and friendships gained.

A huge answer to prayer is that we are now able to have international students study with us for longer than a single six-month period in a given year. Changes in visa rules mean that those students can come for various courses consecutively if certain conditions are met. We have had to make some changes to how our courses are structured to meet those conditions, but it will be worth it. We are looking forward to once again offering in-person courses all year round at the college from September. Check out our website for all the details about the Bible and missionary training we offer.

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## IMPACT 4 ETERNITY

A European leadership team recently made an exploratory trip to Romania. Their purpose was to establish relationships with churches and their leaders and to see if there might be ways that we can join in equipping Romanian believers for ministry among the world's least-reached peoples. Pray for the contacts made and for the Lord's leading in forwarding this initiative.

Gwen Pierce and her sister-in-law, Betty, have served in Southeast Asia for over fifty years; Gwen with her late husband, George, among the Pwo Karen people, and Betty among the Nya Kurr people. They recently retired and have returned to Ireland where they are sharing a house together and are transitioning well. They are so grateful to God for the doors He has opened, the paths He has "made straight", and His children that He is using to help them settle in their new life in Ireland.

**FOR WE ARE HIS  
WORKMANSHIP,  
CREATED IN CHRIST  
JESUS FOR GOOD  
WORKS...**

(EPH 2:10)

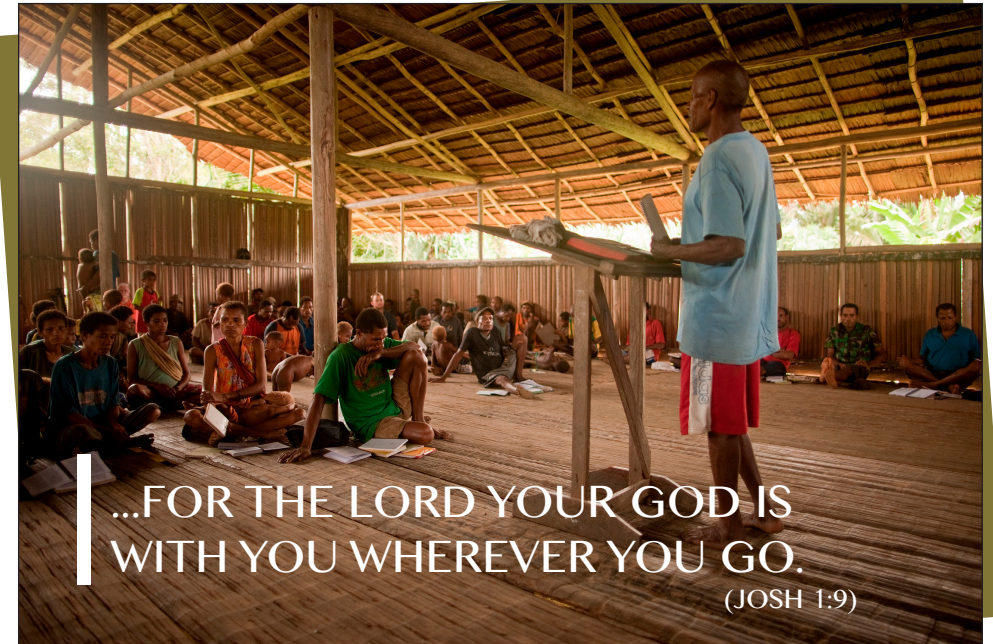
## GOD SHALL SUPPLY



In 1980, the Lord impressed upon our hearts that we were to go and serve Him where the Gospel was not known, so by faith, we obeyed Him. In many wonderful ways, He opened doors for us. In January 1981, we arrived with a one year old son at Matlock, England, where New Tribes Mission had opened a Bible school. After 18 months there, we moved to the United States to continue our training in preparation for serving the Lord overseas.

Our 18 months in the USA were a time of blessing, encouragement, and stretching as we learned to trust the Lord to meet our spiritual and practical needs in ways that only He could. The plaque on our wall said it all: "For my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory." He did exactly that. When we had needs, He met them again and again - food outside our door, gifts in our mailbox, all anonymous, but perfectly timed. He even supplied exactly what we needed for the hospital bill when our daughter was born there.

Once, on a snowy, cold, and early January morning, we were getting ready to leave Missouri to travel to Newark to return to the UK. We found an envelope tucked into our car windscreen with \$30 and a note that



said, "For the road". Not long into our journey, we got a flat tyre but, praise the Lord, just a short distance off the highway was a garage! A new tyre was needed and, of course, it cost \$30. We went on our way with rejoicing and thankful hearts - what a Saviour we serve!

As we looked ahead to Papua New Guinea, all these things gave us encouragement to trust Him for whatever was to come. January 1985 saw us in PNG and, after our orientation, we moved in among the Siawi people group in the West Sepik Province. In 1992, a church was born there. Today, we continue to serve with NTM as representatives for Ireland and it's such a joy to be a part of the Lord's work.

*Matthew and Liz Cuthbert are from Northern Ireland. They have three children and six grandchildren.*

## A PRIVILEGE AND JOY



Arrival



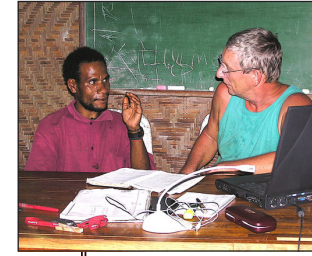
Language & Culture study



Literacy



Teaching



Translating



New Testament

We started missionary training at the former NTM Bible School in Matlock, Derbyshire, with our two small boys. After completing the Bible course, we attended the missions course at Jersey Shore in Pennsylvania, USA, and then language school for the linguistic course in Camdenton, Missouri. We returned to England in 1987 and left for Papua New Guinea in January 1988.

We worked in the Sepik Region with the unreached Nimo tribe in an isolated location on a jungle river (one of over 800 tribal groups in the country). Our two boys attended the mission school in PNG and now are grown up and working.

Learning an unwritten language was a daunting task, but thanks to much prayer, and by the grace of God, with willing Nimo language helpers, we were able to learn the language. Then came literacy, teaching the Nimo people to read and write their own language, along with teaching chronologically through the Scriptures leading up to the Good News of salvation.

Translation was progressively carried out to give Scripture portions to the new readers as church planting continued. Praise the Lord, people

became Christians from this group and the first New Testament Church was established in that village.

Translation of the New Testament into the Nimo language has been completed, along with lesson books for teaching the Old and New Testaments.

It was also our privilege and joy to travel around the different tribal areas of PNG and be involved in language and culture consulting to help new missionaries learning language. It was good to see so many young families reaching out to many tribal groups with the Gospel.

In September 2013, we returned to the UK to live and later became involved in representation work for NTM.

*Andrew and Ruth were born in the north of England. They worked in secular jobs before joining NTM. Their missionary journey spanned from 1982 to 2022. They have now entered a new stage of life as they have retired from service with NTM. They are so thankful for people's prayers and support over the years.*



We at NTM are grateful for their many years of faithful service.

**...BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS  
ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD,  
KNOWING THAT IN THE LORD YOUR  
LABOUR IS NOT IN VAIN.**

(1 COR 15:58)

# B y faith



The decision regarding going into overseas missionary work was not easy, but God's Word convinced me during Bible school that it was the right thing to do, and I obeyed. What a huge step of faith it was to give up my life, security, good income, family, friends, and church at home, and move to an unknown country. At first, I could not even speak the language, and the culture could not be more different.

When thinking about missions, we tend only to see the huge sacrifice at the beginning when leaving as

the big step of faith. It's true, it is hard to leave the known behind. Yet now that I have lived here for a year and a half, I can say that it is not only one big step of faith at the beginning, but actually little steps of faith that have to be taken over and over again, while trying to become relevant in a new society.

There are plenty of opportunities to become disappointed and discouraged along the way. Some examples are: not being able to communicate well, being misunderstood, having no idea how good friendships work,

seeing needs but not being able to do anything about them, feeling insufficient for the task ahead, and being lonely like never before.

Pure excitement and adventure are definitely not enough to endure on the mission field. We all need faith in God that when everything passes away (or changes), His Word will not (Matt 24:35). Do we have enough faith and believe that what Jesus said is still true: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt 28:20). Feeling helpless and being out of our own comfort zone makes

for a great way to experience the presence of the Lord. In addition, being dependent on Him and not our own strength and ability, is a place where we all belong.

Having faith is not a "once in a lifetime thing". When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, faith is a daily necessity, which keeps us close to our Lord, prevents us from giving up too quickly, and also helps us to do the right things honouring Him instead of pleasing the world around us.

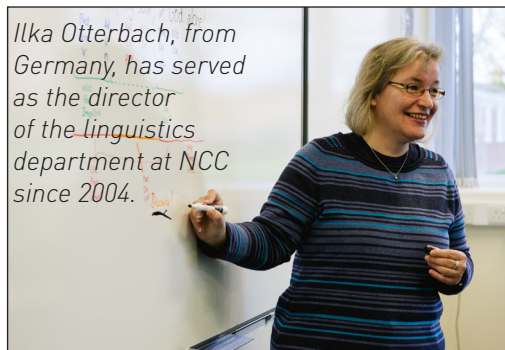
**HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS  
MY WORDS WILL BY NO MEANS**

**AWAY, BUT  
PASS AWAY.**

(MATT 24:35)

*Christian, 37, from Germany, serves in Asia-Pacific, and is currently learning the national language and culture. He seeks a support role teaching nationals and equipping them to reach their own people, or a tribal support ministry to help teams function in remote locations.*

## LINGUISTICS



**YET I WILL  
REJOICE IN THE  
LORD, I WILL JOY  
IN THE GOD OF  
MY SALVATION.**

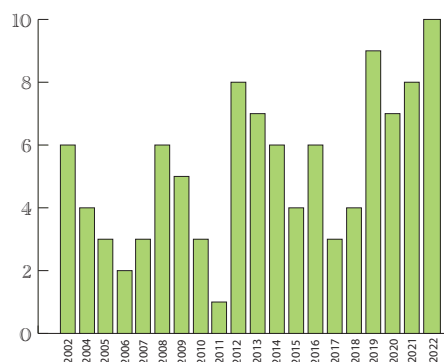
(HAB 3:18)

By faith, back in September 2001, the Advanced Linguistics course was launched at North Cotes College (NCC). From then on, everyone involved wished it to run consecutively year after year, but of course, nobody knew if this was going to happen. However, the Lord honoured those steps of faith taken by the NCC leaders and trainers, and by His grace and faithfulness, the course is well established today. The current class consists of ten students, which is the largest ever.

In July, if God wills, these ten will graduate, the twentieth course will conclude, and we will have trained 105 linguists in all. Students have come from many different countries, e.g. the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the USA, Norway, Australia, France, Belgium, Paraguay, Austria, Italy, Germany, and even China.

Today, many of these linguists are serving the Lord all over the world, to establish mature churches cross-culturally and cross-linguistically. These countries include the Philippines, Canada, Brazil, Paraguay, Senegal, Papua New Guinea, and Asia. It has been a great privilege for the trainers to be involved in their lives and to see them equipped, so that the Gospel can be shared accurately, naturally and clearly. We are truly grateful for God's faithfulness.

*Number of linguists and the year in which they graduated:*



## BEHIND THE SCENES



I grew up in a community of Europeans in Paraguay, South America. As a child and teenager, I heard a lot about missions. However, being a quieter person, I never thought of myself as someone who could become a missionary. When I got to know NTM missionaries in my home church in Paraguay, I was challenged to become part of God's work among unreached people groups around the world. I saw the Lord guiding me to North Cotes College to get a solid foundation in God's Word and be prepared for cross-cultural ministry. The Lord used the three years of training to work in different areas of my life for which I am very thankful.

After finishing the training last year, I decided to stay on for a year to serve as part of the college personnel. I assist the teachers of the Advanced Linguistics

course with office work such as marking student assignments and doing admin work. Being part of the team here is a joy and a great opportunity to learn from my co-workers. I also enjoy building relationships with the students. Seeing their love for the Lord and commitment to Him is encouraging. It is a privilege to be involved in the preparation of future missionaries.

I am not yet sure what the next step will look like for me, but it is my heart's desire to continue to be involved in missions and possibly go to the mission field. Growing up I would never have thought that one day the Lord would have me serve Him in this way. But, I would not want it to be any different. What a great privilege it is to be part of His work to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“By faith Moses... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.” (Heb 11:24-26)

Moses could have had it all: money, power, ease, security, the lot! Even though he grew up in the palace of Egypt, his eternal perspective caused him to make a lifestyle choice that included suffering and hardship for the cause of Christ. It’s easy in our western context to get our kingdom priorities skewed isn’t it? We think that our time, our talents and our treasures are primarily ours to use to build our own kingdoms. Yes, we may give a little out of our abundance, but our hearts can still be held captive by the “gods of Egypt”. Moses could have justified his choice to stay in the comfort of the palace by thinking, “I can leverage my position here to advocate for the Israelites,” or, “I’ll utilise Pharaoh’s wealth to alleviate the suffering of my people.” Similarly, we are in danger of making the same excuses by saying, “If I stay, I can advocate on behalf of the unreached,” or, “I’ll use

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my salary to support missionaries,” when all along, we are choosing the pathway of ease. How fickle our hearts can be!

So, why did he choose suffering and servitude over a celebrity lifestyle? Simply put, he looked to his eternal reward. Isn’t Moses just a pale imitation of our Lord Jesus Christ? Didn’t Jesus leave the wealth and opulence of heaven to suffer and die for us who are slaves to sin? Didn’t He bear the reproach of men to win an eternal reward, the souls of precious people? How much more then should we surrender our lives in every part to Him who bought us by His blood and made us children of God? Let’s not settle for earthly ambitions, but rather stand up to be counted with those who by faith inherited all of God’s promises.

by Daniel Hulley

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