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YOUR CONNECTION WITH TRIBAL MISSIONS



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EDITORIAL

As you read through this Link magazine the imagery of a “door” and the word ‘mobilise’ will become apparent. The mention of a door can be seen throughout Scripture, from Genesis when the Lord closed a physical door for Noah and his family for a time, through to Jesus’ statement in Revelation that we need to respond to His knocking at the door of our lives. The act of mobilising can also be clearly seen as Jesus shared His life with the disciples as He prepared to send them out into the world with the Gospel, a pattern followed by the apostles and one for us to follow today.

Our contributors serve in different countries and ministry roles with the same purpose of reaching out to people with God’s Word, which means that they have much in common.

At the point of planning for a Link magazine, consideration is given as to who should be asked to contribute, initially with just a rough idea of the possible content of the written article, therefore it is always exciting to see how the Lord brings together a theme.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20 KJV

CAMPUS NEWS

North Cotes College has been accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) since July 2021. In January, a three-day re-accreditation inspection took place, two days of which were on site. The inspector was able to complete the assessment ahead of schedule and her closing remarks could be summarised as, “Keep doing what you are doing.” There were no areas of concern raised. Praise the Lord! A report is expected to be presented to the BAC board in March and a decision confirming our ongoing accreditation will follow (this can be viewed online). The Lord’s enabling was sensed throughout this demanding process. The prayers of God’s people were very much appreciated.

The main laundry room was decorated and new washing machines installed during the February break. Over several months the grounds team have worked

on the many metres of hawthorn hedging around the site, reducing it to a more manageable height for future maintenance, planting and laying as needed.

Visitors to our campus often comment on how well it is maintained. But for some time now two main sections of the roads have been deteriorating detracting from this good testimony. The potholes are ever increasing, despite attempts to patch them, and it is now necessary for these sections to be completely resurfaced, which will incur a significant cost. As a step of faith, a topographical survey has already been carried out, and an architect is in the process of producing drawings that can then be given to contractors to tender for the work. Please pray with us for God’s provision and for wisdom in the timing and choosing of the company to carry out this endeavour.



NO ORDINARY BOOK

God's Word is an irreplaceable foundation in evangelism, church planting and discipleship, and that is why Bible translation has such a high priority within the ministry of New Tribes Mission. The teaching of ***Scripture is the God-ordained means through which people hear and respond to the Gospel.*** Faith comes from hearing the Word of God.

It thrills our hearts that the New Testament has now been printed in the Loron language of West Africa. The translation project began in the mid-1970s, and in the early 1990s, New Tribes Mission took on the responsibility to complete the task. After several major interruptions and setbacks in the translation process, we ***praise the Lord that the Loron New Testament was finally printed at the end of 2025.***

In February of this year, we had the great joy of delivering the first few copies of the New Testament to a group of twenty Loron believers in Ivory Coast who have been closely involved in the translation project.

It was an exciting time as the translation team gathered to praise God for His faithfulness in bringing about the completion of the New Testament and enabling the Loron to have copies of His Word in their own language.

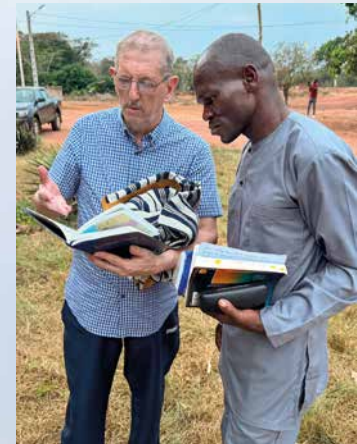
We were honoured by the believers with a special ceremony and presentation of traditional Ivorian dress. The Loron folk thanked us for our years of service among them. It was an emotional occasion. We had a wonderful time with the believers catching up on the various things that the Lord had been doing in their lives, in their families and in their communities.

When New Tribes Mission first contacted government officials to seek permission to work among the Loron people, the

governor of the region was initially very sceptical that missionary work could have any impact on the Loron folk, given their previous resistance to advances in education and health care. More recently, however, the current governor stated that it was only in the villages where the Gospel had been taught, that things were progressing. ***We praise the Lord for the positive impact of His Word in the Loron community.***

The Gospel has been taught in over thirty Loron villages, and local churches have been established in these communities. Please pray with us that God will use this New Testament to bring honour and glory to His Name among the Loron people.

Paul and Marina Briggs from Northern Ireland, have lived and worked among the Loron people in West Africa since 1987.





Paul and Lesley worked as support missionaries in PNG from 2003 – 2024. Along with Callum (20), Amy (18) and Lydia (14) they are now based in Northern Ireland where they represent NTM.



WHEN GOD MOVES THE HEART AND OPENS THE DOOR...

The journey of transitioning ministries involves so much more than the physical move from one country to another. In some ways that is the easy part! The most miraculous part of a move in ministry is that of God moving the heart and opening doors that you never expected.

We began this recent part of our journey after 21 years serving in Papua New Guinea. **We really loved being active members of the missionary support team.** Paul taught in Numonohi Christian Academy (NCA) and helped manage our large headquarters centre and Lesley worked as a physiotherapist at our medical clinic. In 2024 our eldest son, Callum, graduated from NCA, and we

returned home to Northern Ireland with our three children, where it soon became evident that we needed to remain, primarily to look after aging parents.

As we sought the Lord's guidance for what to do in this new, and somewhat daunting re-entry to our own culture, He surprised us by opening up an opportunity for us to work as NTM representatives in Ireland, alongside Matthew and Liz Cuthbert, allowing us to mobilise and challenge folks at home to consider what part they might play in missions.

We have seen God open doors to allow us to work amongst youth and young adults in several settings and have been excited

to represent NTM at Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention, and this year also hope to have a presence at other conferences. It has been encouraging to link with many NTM supporters and churches. Along with six North Cotes staff, we held a really encouraging young adult mission exposure event in Lisburn last October. It was a great day with over 50 people attending and we hope to hold another similar event on October 24th this year.

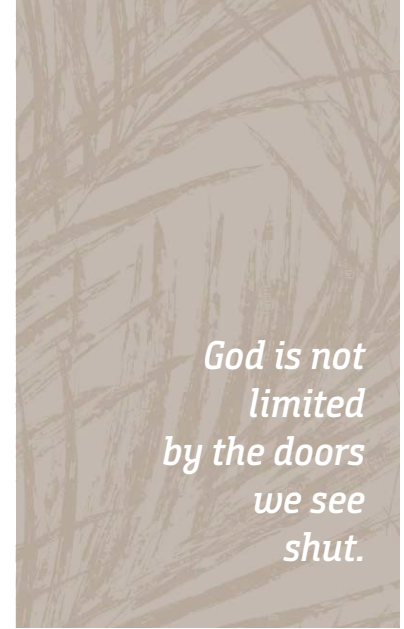
Being able to provide support and encouragement to our missionaries who are on home assignment as well as those who are on the field, is something which we are passionate about.

Stepping away from our very structured ministries in PNG to this representative and member care work has taken a lot of adjustment, but we are so thankful for how **the Lord has shown us so clearly the need for people to be challenged about missions.** We feel hugely privileged to be able to be a part of what He is doing here, encouraging people to pray, to send and to even consider going themselves.

Would you pray that God would give us creative ideas and lots of opportunities to share and to challenge folk to go.



Jonathan and Naomi, along with their children, have been serving the Lord for the past seven years in West Africa.



God is not limited by the doors we see shut.

REDIRECTED



Some of the houses in our neighbourhood are little shacks with no real door at all. Others are solid brick buildings, like the new one just behind us (see photo). It's one of the few doors we walk past that

never seems to be open. In many ways, that door has come to represent what our ministry felt like for several years.

We set off to West Africa in 2019 full of excitement about planting a church among an unreached people group. After investing time in learning French and getting to grips with local African culture, we eventually identified a people group to focus on. From that point onwards, *ministry felt like knocking on door after door that simply wouldn't open*. Weeks (that turned into months and then years) of prayer followed by more closed doors eventually led us to a difficult but necessary moment: accepting that God was changing our ministry direction. One of the joys of living in this part of West Africa has been seeing the growth

of the local African church, particularly in the major towns. As we have spent time with local believers and church leaders, we have become increasingly convinced that the future of missions here lies with them.

As a result, *our role has shifted towards mobilising for missions and training local believers*. A group of African pastors has set up a Bible school near us, and I have had the joy of teaching four students through the book of Acts, exploring God's heart for the nations. We also hope to run a conference for local pastors focusing on why we need to send missionaries and how we can be faithful to the Great Commission.

We are praying that pastors will come, and that they will leave sharing God's heart for the nations - ready not just to receive help, but to send workers out themselves.

That closed door behind our house still reminds us that ministry does not always unfold as we expect. However, we are learning again that *God is not limited by the doors we see shut*. Sometimes He is simply redirecting our steps toward doors we never thought to knock on. As we walk alongside local pastors and churches, our prayer is that God would raise up men and women here who will carry the Gospel far beyond their own communities - to the nations, for His glory.

MOBILISATION MINISTRY IN ROMANIA

For years we had heard of the eagerness of the Romanian churches to be involved in mission work. In fact, one pastor said to us, “The Romanian church is prepared to endure hardship. In 1989, the Romanian Revolution liberated our country from the abusive ideology of Communism. While living under communism, life was hard. However, in those days, the church welcomed suffering for the cause of Christ because it resulted in the maturity of the church.”

He continued, “During those hard years, the Romanian church received support from the church abroad, including Bibles smuggled across closed borders. The generosity of the church hasn’t been forgotten. The Romanian church is grateful. **We were receivers, but now we are ready to be givers.** We want to reach

the hard places for Christ. Suffering is something we have learned to embrace, and it will result in our maturity.”

In the spring of 2022, we made a vision trip to Romania, along with several of our Ethnos360 European mission leaders. During those weeks, we met with many pastors and received an invitation to come to Romania.

After seeing the enthusiasm of the churches, **Carrie and I felt compelled to follow the Lord’s leading to Romania.** We have been here for three years, and the opportunities are limitless. We have had opportunities to speak to groups as small as six and as large as eight hundred. Though we live in Bucharest, we spend many days on the road and have been to many areas of the country.

Ron and Carrie Lindsey have served with Ethnos360 for over 40 years. Initially, for 20 years in Papua New Guinea as church planters. Then for 20 years at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute in the USA. In 2022, they sensed God prompting them to return to overseas work again. Now in their 60s, returning to the jungles of Papua New Guinea was impractical, but God, through His leading, directed them to start an Ethnos360 recruitment and mobilisation ministry in Romania.

At a recent mission conference, two couples told us that they desire to attend our Bible college and a single girl, from a different church, has told us that she is considering serving with Ethnos360.

Clearly, God is on the move!



These are a few quotes that we gathered from a variety of pastors:

“Regarding missions, we are very open. We want to learn and want to be pushed.”

“In reality, at least 50 people in our church are committing their lives to missions. Ron, we need you and Carrie to come and help establish these people in their next steps toward missions.”

“We need to look more and see the unreached world. We need people who have done it to share with us. We need to get people out of their comfort zone. We need to have a new understanding of missions, a revival.”

“If 40% of our church is called to the mission field, we will find a way to send them.”



IMPACT 4 ETERNITY

Ron and Carrie Lindsey thank the Lord for blessing them with new co-workers, Michael (from the USA) and Michaela (from Germany) Fournier, who joined them in July 2025. Mike is in full-time Romanian language study, and with their young family they are settling into their new ministries and building a support team. Pray for them and for the team to grow to a minimum of five families.

Pray that God will challenge many Romanians with a desire to plant churches among the least reached around the world. Pray for Abigail, Lucas, Maria, Daria, and Adi who desire to train with Ethnos360.

Jakob and Christina Klein are in a season of transition as they prepare to return to Germany. Pray for God's peace, wisdom, and guidance for the whole family as they adjust to this next chapter. Pray especially for their children, who have grown up calling England their first home and will be leaving behind many beloved friends and cherished memories. Pray that God would move the hearts of individuals to step into the ministry of kitchen manager, providing faithful leadership so that this role can continue to bless the students, guests, and wider community at North Cotes.

Make A Difference Conference is a residential 'all-age' missions conference which will be held this year from 19th-21st June. Please pray for the speakers and all those involved up front and behind the scenes, and that many will be challenged and blessed during this weekend.

REACH further Please pray for the Vision Trip to Senegal from 3rd-15th August 2026. There may still be places available, if you are interested contact us at reach_further@ntm.org.uk



*Behind THE SCENES -
SERVING MORE THAN JUST
MEALS!*

The kitchen team provides the meals for the single students during term time, the number of which can fluctuate year by year. The main meals are served in the communal dining room, and food is provided for breakfast in the kitchens in the students' dorms where they can help themselves.

Others living on site, and those staying in the guest facilities, can book in for meals too.

Saturday Pizza night has become a recurring event that is part of community life on campus with many of the student families, volunteers and personnel joining for good food and fellowship.

The kitchen team, often with some extra help, provide all the meals during conference time and at other events – sometimes cooking for hundreds of people!

For the last seven years Jakob and Christina Klein from Germany have been our kitchen managers. Each year they have had a new team of volunteers; this year they have been ably assisted by Anita and Heinrich.

Jakob and Christina share, "It has been a true blessing to witness how God faithfully guides different people to serve in the kitchen at North Cotes. We have seen Him place a genuine desire to serve on the hearts of volunteers, calling them to step into this ministry with willingness and joy. Through these experiences, we have been privileged not only to share in the work of providing for others but also to witness the growth of meaningful relationships and deep friendships. The bonds formed over pots, pans, and shared meals have become a tangible reminder of God's love at work, and the memories of laughter, teamwork, and service will remain precious to us for years to come."

In July, Jakob and Christina will be returning with their family to settle back into life in Germany. They will be greatly missed, and we are very thankful for their faithfulness and investment in so many lives.

“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER” Phil 4:6

Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission said, “When we work, we work. When we pray God works.” That is why the Lord Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” Matt 9:37,38.

Throughout the past three centuries there has been a continual shortage of labourers for the work of Gospel ministry amongst the world’s least-reached peoples, and it is still the case in the twenty-first century. Is it due to the failure of the Lord’s people to pray? Is there a reluctance on the part of God to send? Could it be that there is an unwillingness among God’s people to be sent? Is there a shortage of labourers fitted to be sent?

One thing for certain is that there is no hesitancy on the part of God “who desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth,” and He provided the only way for man to be brought back into a right relationship with Him, “through the man Christ Jesus who gave himself as a ransom for us all.” 1Tim 2:4,6.

Another certainty is that Christ will build His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt 16:18. We are also certain that when the church is complete

there will be people “from every tribe and language and people and nation,” singing their praises to God. Rev 5:9.

Pray

- » *for the clear communication of the Gospel into other languages and cultures – Eph 6:19.*
- » *for courage for those preaching the Gospel. Eph 6:18-20.*
- » *for open doors where currently there is limited or no access for the Gospel – Col 4:3.*
- » *not only for access for the Gospel but also for the achievement of Gospel ministry – 2 Thes 3:1.*
- » *for the protection from harm of God’s servants – 2 Thes 3:2.*

“Prayer doesn’t suffer from jet lag, language barriers or culture shock. It can cross thousands of miles and any number of time zones; penetrate any building in any weather and all in less than a second.” Missionaries are needed to preach the Gospel to those who are still without access to God’s saving message but the fruitfulness of that ministry will only be fully realised as God’s people partner in prayer to God for Him to do what He alone can do.



Frank Brearley

A HEART TO EVANGELISE

David Rodda 10th December 1946 - 26th July 2025, known as Dubby, was raised in a Christian household, he had an early conversion experience, aged eight. But it was only at age fourteen that he received assurance of salvation. He was inspired by the writings of a pioneering missionary in Tanzania, Dr Paul White, who wrote a series of books called Jungle Doctor.

When Dubby was fifteen, he was challenged to reach African people groups. His response, “Since Jesus is Lord of my life, if that is what He wants me to do, then I have no choice but to say ‘Yes.’” He then decided to plan his educational goals with missions in mind.

After completing his Ph.D. in 1975, in animal science and genetics, Dubby trained with New Tribes Mission (NTM) in North America for two and a half years. He then spent twenty-eight years in Senegal, the first fifteen years teaching French to missionaries and evangelising local people. He discovered the importance of teaching Scripture chronologically, starting in Genesis, after recognising that Jesus taught the disciples this way (Luke 24:13-35).

During this time, Dubby met Anna, his wife-to-be, also with NTM. Anna spent nine years analysing the language of a West African tribe. They married in 1992, and then lived among another people



until 2008, learning their language and culture, and preparing the ground for future workers.

Dubby’s heart was to evangelise, and to challenge the Church to return to the authority of God’s Word. As well as working with his local church, Dubby continued to keep in very close touch with the ongoing work in Africa. He also developed his YouTube channel and his ministry website.

Dubby temporarily leaves behind Anna and their son Charlton.

A fuller rendering of this article can be found at <https://creation.com/en/articles/dubby-rodde-interview-by-kind-permission>.





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