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Rev Uel Marrs
Secretary
of the Council for
Global Mission

Thank you so much for your faithful, generous support for the United Appeal year after year. This enables PCI to engage in a wide range of Kingdom building work, undertaken through overseas partner churches and missions. Indeed, the annual grant from the Appeal received by the Council for Global Mission covers some three quarters of budgeted expenditure. Not only does this mean PCI can continue to send out and support global mission workers, currently there are 19 serving in eight countries, but also engage in vital ministry and mission in more than 20 countries, some of them too easily forgotten and where few missionaries can reach.

Take Myanmar (Burma) where the Christian community is a small, at times persecuted, minority. Right now, our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) are enduring growing hardship, impoverishment, and living in the jaws of a relentless civil war. Despite this, PCM's Theological College continues to move forward, supported by grant and scholarship funding from PCI. Indeed, there are currently over 500 students enrolled for training in ministry, evangelism and a whole range of church work. The college principal writes: *"Our gratitude to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland goes beyond words, as your commitment has made a significant impact on the lives and ministries of our future leaders. We are especially thankful that PCI has expressed a willingness to continue supporting scholarship holders for the coming year (2026) as well. We are truly overwhelmed by your generosity and partnership"*.



Together, *loving the stranger*

Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.



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Loving the stranger

The International Meeting Point (IMP) has a clear mission: 'love those who are strangers' (Deut 10:19). Working across two sites, in South and North Belfast, IMP reaches out to asylum seekers and refugees who have come to make their home among us, while also connecting with local communities.

Rev Colin Dickson, project leader, expands on the mission: *"It's what we call integral mission – that's gospel proclamation, Bible studies, sharing Bible literature, and also mercy ministries where we feed people, we clothe people, we help with advocacy form filling and even levels of pastoral care."*

In addition to the work carried out by the IMP North, based in the old hall of St Enoch's Church, a charity shop on Carlisle Street plays a vital part in the mission. The 'Op Shop' focuses on children's and babies' clothes, equipment and toys, and would often have visitors who don't speak English as a first language, or have arrived in the city as a newcomer. The volunteers and the managers in the shop offer to bring them around to the hall for further assistance. And vice versa – for those who come to the IMP with young children, or are pregnant, and need equipment or clothing, they get taken to the shop.

Shirley McGonigle, assistant project leader, shares her vision for IMP North: *"The vision is to continue what we are doing and to increase the reach. To become an established feature within this community in North Belfast, for all who reside here and to be an open door. And obviously our vision is to reach as many people with the gospel as is possible. For that we seek God's guidance and the power of his Spirit."*



Rev Colin Dickson
Mission project leader,
International Meeting Point

"We really are thankful to the United Appeal for their support, here in IMP South Belfast, North Belfast, and the shop. This is something we can do together."

We couldn't do it without the wider Church supporting us, and that includes the presbyteries of North and South Belfast. We work closely with South Kirk and Grace and Hope – and together, we really are making a difference in impacting lives for the gospel."

▶ A short film sharing more about the work of the International Meeting Point is available to view at www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappealfilms or scan the QR code



Providing hope in Kenya

Stephen and Angelina have been serving amongst the Samburu and Turkana people in northern Kenya since 1989. They serve with PCI's partner in Kenya, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) and are based in Tuum.

During periods of conflict, the church continues to be a voice of hope and an image of the change that can be identified with the gospel. Education is part of this process and an increasing number of children are going to primary school. Tuum's secondary school has also seen an improvement in educational standards. In addition, youth camps give an opportunity to bring children together to learn about the gospel and provide a solution to ongoing cultural conflicts.

Despite educational advances, many cannot read and oral culture remains strong. However, there is a quiet uptake of the iTeach literacy app and more lessons are being added, in topics such as civic education, early marriage and biblical content.

The protected land rehabilitation site also provides opportunities for education in rain conservation, irrigation, controlled grazing and honey production.

Stephen writes: *"Whilst there is an increasing number of young people attending church, there is a clear gap between the generations which is hard to bridge, as local customs are less relevant but still strong. Thank you for faithfully praying for God's Word to take root in lives here. Please pray for visionary leadership in the years ahead."*



Angelina and Stephen Cowan
Global mission workers,
Kenya

Please pray...

For Stephen and Angelina, as they share the good news of Jesus to those they meet.

For other countrywide discipleship courses which have students from Tuum participating in them.

For the expanding youth ministry, and the three youth camps held each year.

That the wider PCEA would catch a vision for greater involvement in outreach amongst the Samburu and Turkana people.

▶ To watch the Cowans most recent Digital Dispatches film, please visit: www.presbyterianireland.org/digitaldispatches or scan the QR code

