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Spotlight on the OA Chairman

Russell Ashley-Smith

By **Jedidiah Hungbeme**, Church Member of
New Park Road Baptist Church Streatham

WHO IS RUSSELL?

He is a family man, happily married to his wife Gill, and they have two children. Russell is an alumnus of Newcastle University, where he obtained a Masters in Agricultural Engineering. He is also a cellist in both the Dulwich Symphony Orchestra and the South Circular Orchestra.



Russell meeting Margaret, who grows pineapples in Uganda

ROLE IN THE CHURCH

Russell attends New Park Road Baptist Church in Streatham where he serves as the secretary. Among his church duties he is the number one person to go to for information on activities going on in the church, present or future.

In addition, he is a part of the music group that leads the worship every Sunday morning. Usually he plays the piano but on some occasions he plays his cello. He is also involved in the cultivation of young musicians to use their gifts for the Lord. Furthermore, in the holiday club, a week-long event for primary school children run by the church, Russell was a part of the leadership, organising the music as well as leading a small group where he fostered deep and meaningful conversations among the children about the Bible.



Jedidiah Hungbeme has received help from Russell to develop his musical skills

CHARITY WORK

Every year Russell and his wife lead the all-age harvest service. Through the service insight and awareness are provided into global projects supported by Operation Agri. Under Russell's leadership the charity is providing resources to people overseas to attain a better quality of life whether through loans to local businesses, training in agriculture and health or community projects such as building a source for clean water.



Russell meets Rev Paul Kyalimpa in Uganda

To me, Russell is passionate, insightful, funny and talented. He is sensitive to the little things but never fails to maintain the big picture and above all a Christian who strengthens my faith. I am proud to call him my friend.

Front cover picture: Children from the Beersheba project (Oasis Uganda) playing in a circle.

Christians bridge the gap in Nepal

By **Kat Wagner**, Mission Projects Administrator, BMS World Mission



The original dangerous bridge

Earlier this year we reported on the 'Bridging Community with the Gospel' project. Now with the new bridge completed, daily life for thousands of people has changed for the better.

HAZARDOUS CROSSINGS, DIVIDED COMMUNITIES

In mountainous areas like Pelma village in Nepal, people had to walk for hours and cross the fast-flowing Bheri River to get to the nearest town. Communities were divided. Children could not get to school and often dropped out after only a few years of education. Household goods, medicines, tools and food all had to be carried in, making them very expensive and sometimes not available at all. Isolation made life tough for villagers.



Preparing the trail to the new bridge

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

In a true demonstration of Romans 12:1 'sacrifice', more than 50 local Christians worked for 22 days, digging out 4km of pathway by hand, carrying timber and building a 25m wooden bridge. The work was completed in May and now means that people can make the journey from Pelma to Kajarjung village in just 1.5 hours, with a safe river crossing all year round.

CHURCH FINDS ITS RELEVANCY

Before this project, the local church had no tradition of helping the community, and local people viewed the church negatively. However, now the church realises they can demonstrate the gospel by practical work for the community.

Now that people are using the bridge, they are also reacting positively towards the churches. "I thought that Christians are here only to expand foreign religion but they also help and work with the community and for the community," said local leader Jitram B.K.

LIVES BEING SAVED

Every day 40 people use the improved route, helping children travel to school safely and



The completed new bridge, transforming a community

enabling people to get to the nearby villages and towns for essential goods and services. Women like Shanti can now get health care far easier, which will be a welcome relief after her last visit to the district hospital, involving a three day trek while she was nine months pregnant. "Life is much more comfortable and safe for the people of this area," said Basu Budha, Pastor of Pelma Church.

The new bridge has enabled people to experience a better quality of life.

Operation Agri made a grant of £3,750 towards the cost of this project.



The Beersheba project's new community hall

One of the trainee farmers displaying his grafting skills

One of the women sorting rice

Beersheba – a treasure in the global work of Oasis

By **Jon and Charlotte Temple, Joint Country Directors of Oasis in Uganda** – Inward Operations

FROM SLUM TO FOCAL POINT

Oasis Uganda's Beersheba project in Musoto is a treasure in the global work of Oasis. The project's base is a cluster of tidy cream buildings surrounded by a well-loved red dust football pitch, and a lush, verdant equatorial garden demonstrating agricultural techniques. Local adults and children come and go from the compound, perhaps making use of the garden, attending skills training sessions, or coming for daily class at our new pre-school which opened in February this year.

The project began back in 2006, and has become a living expression of our vision to build Christ-centred communities, helping people to change their own lives. The site has extended gradually over the years, and today it's an important focal point of the local neighbourhood. Musoto was at one time designated the worst slum in Uganda. Thanks in part to Beersheba and our local partner church the Redeemed Church of God in Musoto, it's not that way any more. Over the years, by living out

our values of hope, perseverance and inclusion, we've seen many changes for the better.

THE POWER OF PENNIES

A great illustration of this in practice is our Village Savings and Loan Associations. One of the most vibrant and powerful Oasis initiatives, these groups are made up of fifteen local women. Women joining these groups are extremely poor, with little education or skills, so they begin saving just 25p a week. For members in our community, even this tiny-sounding sum can seem a daunting amount. At the outset they often have little self-esteem, seeing themselves as powerless to change their situation. Under the guidance of our project officer, they receive training in how to organise their group and record their savings.

They receive no seed capital from us – a really empowering and important step; everything these women achieve is entirely of their own efforts. Once they begin to save and lend, they rapidly become empowered, finding their voice,

and aspirations. Groups go from strength to strength. Usually, they decide to increase the amount they save each week, as they experience the benefits and improved household finances being part of the group affords them. Members are able to fund a small business start-up, which in turn enables them to pay for school fees, or housing costs, or business expansion. Walking around the neighbourhood of Musoto, you can meet our proud group members who tell you of their journey. Women go from selling tomatoes in a bowl, to building a stall, to building a brick shop. Or from selling by the road, to building a storage hut for produce which acts as an ingeniously cooling storehouse in the Ugandan heat. Bananas from that store are fresh and delicious!

One of the Beersheba girls

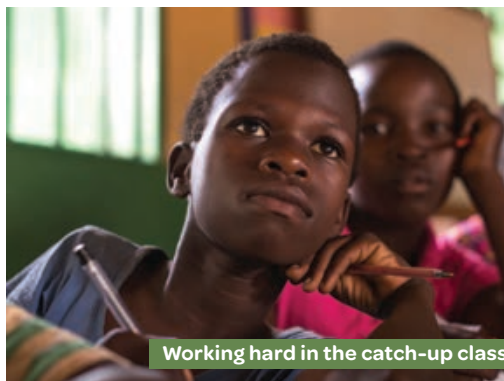


RESTORING GOD'S IMAGE

Most importantly, these women are transformed in how they see themselves. They find their sense of worth, developing hope for their future. As the groups mature, at times there is conflict that requires resolution. Our project officers welcome this stage as it shows the women are finding their voice, and are beginning to have strong opinions that they feel entitled to show. Oasis believes in the "original goodness" of people: before The Fall, God declared everything "very good." We believe that an important part of bringing the good news of the gospel is about helping people towards restoring that original goodness – like restoring a cracked mirror. As the women in our savings groups begin to value themselves and find themselves with the means to explore their potential, we see the cracks in their mirror being removed, one at a time.

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

It's taken time and committed perseverance to build the trust in the community that makes the savings groups possible. Women are often apprehensive about the prospect of saving money, in case it is stolen from them or they cannot afford it. The Oasis team of workers in the Beersheba project see their jobs as ministry and embrace the community they serve. This integrity of character means that Mary, our Livelihoods Project Officer who supports the savings groups, is loved and respected by the local women. From tough beginnings walking the neighbourhood persuading women to try the groups, now Mary has people waiting to join. We've reached 15 groups of 15 members, and we're looking to the next step of making a "cluster" of those 15 groups



Working hard in the catch-up class

– creating a central group representing them all, which can make decisions about initiatives that benefit the whole community. That could be employing a local community worker, or building latrines – something the community identifies as a need, and works to address itself.

Relationships like the ones built through the savings groups grow by walking alongside people for the long term, and Beersheba is present in Musoto for the long term. The programmes grow and change, but its presence is steady. Operation Agri is a huge part of keeping Beersheba resourced to do its great work, and Oasis thanks every Operation Agri supporter who makes that possible.

**Operation Agri has given
£8,000 to this project
during this financial year**

presents *with a* purpose! in the Office

By **Martin Hall**, who attends Sawley Baptist Church and works for Framework Housing looking after a Hostel for those with mental health problems.

"We used to give each other little gifts at Christmas in our office. Now we pool the money and buy some Presents with a Purpose," Martin Hall, who works for a housing association in Nottingham, told OA's chairman Russell Ashley-Smith. "There are about a dozen of us – I think I'm the only Christian. We raise £50+ and some of our residents also contribute. We choose two or three gifts from the catalogue – animals are always popular, we bought some piglets and goats last year. Everyone thinks it's a great idea."

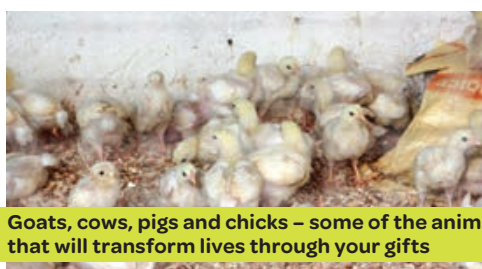
Look out for the new Presents with a Purpose brochure, included in this issue!

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Do you belong to a group at work, at church or in a social setting where you could encourage others to join together to buy some Presents with a Purpose? It might be to celebrate an anniversary, a particular group achievement or to remember a friend or colleague.

Great ideas like Martin's are always welcomed by Operation Agri, and they contribute significantly to the improvement of the lives of people we will, perhaps, never meet. Please let me know your suggestions for promoting Presents with a Purpose editor@operationagri.org.uk Thank you.

Nigel Jones (Editor)



Goats, cows, pigs and chicks – some of the animals that will transform lives through your gifts

News in Brief

Fund raising with green fingers

Each year for the past 16 years Stan and Barbara Crees have opened their garden to all-comers to raise funds for Operation Agri. The event is widely advertised locally and many friends and neighbours have supported them in this venture. In return for tea and cakes and an opportunity to meet people in a colourful garden setting, guests are encouraged to make a donation to support the current OA appeal. Many thousands of pounds have been raised over the years – the last 5 years have averaged at £850 per year.

Why not open your garden to raise funds for OA? It doesn't have to be a spectacular



show – people will come to chat with each other in a pleasant environment and it can also be an opportunity to witness to friends and neighbours and to tell them about the encouraging work undertaken by OA.

If you don't have a garden, consider organising an afternoon tea party or an evening with friends to raise awareness and funds for Operation Agri.

Growing towards agricultural improvement

Mr. Emanuel Muliisa who lives in the Kyenjojo district of western Uganda, operates a six acre farm inherited from his father. Emanuel grows vegetables, bananas, and other food crops plus sugarcane and tea. He also keeps 10 chickens and 3 rabbits. His income from these activities is still very low but he is aware that with training in better agricultural practices his farm can provide a better income.

Although not an organic farmer, Emanuel tries to use good pest control methods and applies animal manure to his land. Gradually his tired soils will be improved. Emanuel is hopeful that the training and assistance he will get from the Operation Agri supported project under Rev. Paul Kyalimpa will change his life and develop his untapped potential as a young farmer. With the skills and good practices being delivered by the project he will be able to develop his land as a sustainable organic farm and thus generate a better income for himself. His ambition is to use his farm as a demonstration of good practise among other farmers in the community.

Changing views in education

In April, at the beginning of the academic year, the scene at the Duaripara Centre in Dhaka, Bangladesh was alive with a crowd of girls and parents. The girls couldn't wait to go to school for new classes, for new friends with new lessons! The trained teachers from the local communities were busy encouraging parents to continue their daughter's schooling and inspiring them to pay school admission and monthly fees for the formal school and the vocational school.

The enormous efforts of our teachers and staff team is changing the parents view on daughters' education and stopping them from considering early marriages. This is by no means an easy task, taking into account the pressures on parents living in poverty with a thousand challenges in life.

However, we are pleased to report that this aspect of the OA supported project has reached its target with an 83% rate of contribution towards fees being achieved out of 77 girls in primary and high school grades in local schools.

Children's page

By **Janet Streeter** – friend of Operation Agri

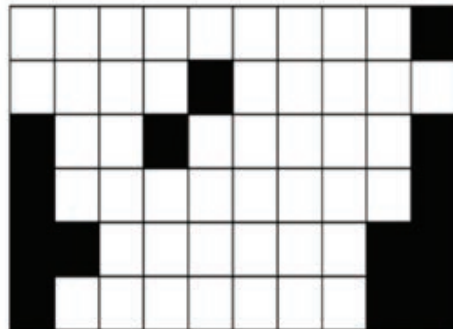
Last time Oppy was in UGANDA.

To find out where he has travelled this time rearrange these letters: **PNLEA**

Oppy is in this time.

To find the message in this puzzle use the letters in the columns below the grid in the right order for that column. To help, you the letter in the first square (top left-hand corner) is 'O' and the 'A', therefore, goes in the next square down.

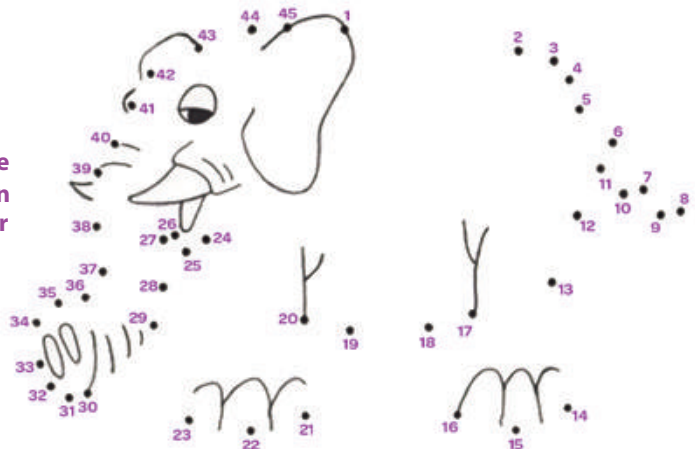
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 G N I I L T N K
 T R A K E I S N
 A P H E A T I H G
 O I O R A W O A L S



Here are some more clues if you need them:

1. One of the words is the name of the country you worked out above.
2. The last word begins with 'W' and ends with 'S'
3. When people are being taught how to do something they are said to be 'In t _ _ _ _ _'

To find an animal that lives in the country Oppy is visiting just join the dots by starting with number 1 and flowing the numbers until you reach number 45.



Children's Challenge

**Are you ready for a challenge?
Read on to see how you can
help people in Uganda.**

In the last edition of the magazine (Summer 2014) there was an item called 'Spotlight on a Partner' which was about Rev. Paul Kyalimpa who lives and works in Uganda. The picture on page 3 of that magazine shows Paul with his wife Christine. Here the pic to remind you:



Paul and Christine Kyalimpa

While Paul works with farmers Christine supports many of the local women.

Recently Christine has been teaching these ladies how to knit. Perhaps you know how to do this or you know someone who knits jumpers, scarves or hats and gloves. For Christine's ladies knitting is an important way to earn money for their families.

This is where *you* can help Operation Agri and Christine by sending us knitting wool which is no longer needed. Any colour and any type of wool is needed and also any knitting patterns and any knitting needles.

You may want to do this yourself by asking if anyone has wool, patterns or knitting needles they can give you to send to Operation Agri. Another possibility is to work together as a Sunday School, Boys' or Girls' Brigade or any other groups to which you belong.

By **Janet Streeter** – friend of Operation Agri



Please send what you collect to:

**OA Children's Challenge
Church Office
Carshalton Beeches
Baptist Free Church
Banstead Road, Carshalton
Surrey SM5 3NL**

You have just two months to collect and send in your wool, patterns and needles as we need to close the Childrens' Challenge on the last day of November.

Please get searching for that unwanted wool, patterns and needles now – but please check with an adult too!

Thank you very much for helping Christine's ladies. Paul and Christine are very excited about this and hope you will be able to send them some wool, patterns and knitting needles.

One more thing: Christine's ladies could also use a knitting machine. Wow that's big. If you know anyone who has a machine they no longer need please ask them to send the details of the machine to: editor@operationagri.org.uk then we will pass the information on to Christine.

Youth Page

By **Richard, Steph Tom and Sam Beales**
– friends of Operation Agri

Linked to this year's OA appeal, we're going to focus on Afghanistan – a country which features regularly in the news.

In recent years, Afghanistan has suffered from such severe instability and conflict that its economy and infrastructure are in ruins, and many of its people are refugees. Since the fall of the Taliban administration in 2001, followers of the hard-line Islamic movement have re-grouped and are now a resurgent force, particularly in the south and east, and the government has struggled to extend its authority beyond the capital and to forge national unity. (Source: BBC)



Preparing the water channel for hydro electric power

HOW IS OA HELPING PEOPLE IN AFGHANISTAN?

OA's grant enables villages to benefit from electricity – for lighting in the home, use of a radio, and extended time for handicraft work in the evenings. Afghan villagers are building water channels and power houses, to harness mountain streams and install small-scale hydroelectric plants. This programme utilises the country's abundant natural resources, and provides cheap and renewable sources of energy.



...FOCUS ON AFGHANISTAN – FACTS

Official Name: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Area: 652,225 sq km
Population: 33.4 million
Capital City: Kabul
Head of State: President Hamid Karzai
Language: Dari, Pashto
Major religion: Islam
Currency: Afghani
Main exports: Fruit and nuts, carpets, wool, opium
Life expectancy: 49 years (men and women)

Maybe the most important effect from the electricity project is the increased self-esteem of the people because they experience a great success in being able to build their own power plant. Then of course there is the potential for new income generation activities and more educational opportunities. Fuel for oil lamps is not needed any more. So the people save money and their health improves.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT OA'S WORK IN AFGHANISTAN?

Why don't you or your youth group use some or all the Operation Agri appeal resources from the website in a church service to **raise awareness** of OA and the work they are doing in Afghanistan and Tanzania. You could also **raise money** for the annual OA appeal to support the building of power-plants for light in Afghanistan.

Also, why not follow Operation Agri on their Website (you could read the article on



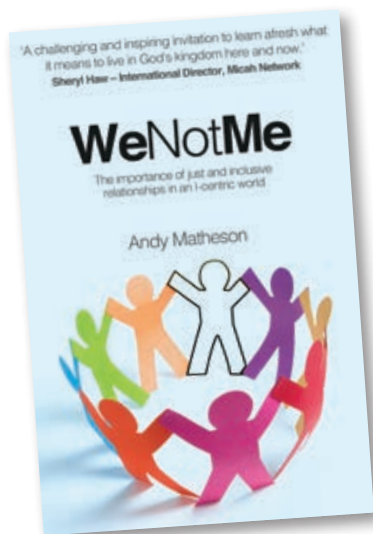
Afghanistan from the Summer 2014 Magazine – the QR code (left) will get you there on your mobile device), sign up today for Facebook and Twitter.

Get your friends, youth group and church to do the same! Send us details and photos from your fundraising events!
editor@operationagri.org.uk

Book review: **WeNotMe**

“The importance of just and inclusive relationships in an I-centric world”

By **Andy Matheson** – International Director of Oasis



OUR WESTERN INDIVIDUALISTIC LENS

Individualism is so pervasive that it has become the lens through which we view and understand our lives, including our spirituality. It is the lens through which we view the Bible. Yet, community is so core to God's nature and purposes that it undergirds everything that is explicitly stated or implicitly inferred on every page of the Bible.

If we can rediscover what it means to be a community – the kind of community where all barriers are broken down and where our lives reflect the original vision of the gospel – then we will play a much more effective part in ushering in God's Kingdom.

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH A COMMUNAL LENS

When we read the Bible with a communal lens we find that God's purposes are not so much about rescuing individuals as they are about creating a vibrant, loving and supportive community among whom he can dwell. He wants to invade the space between us as well as dwell within us.

This understanding begins in Genesis 1 where we discover that the essence of being human

is the need for relationship. It is developed throughout the Old Testament as God seeks to form a community that he can dwell amongst – a community that is characterized by *shalom*.

Sadly, the people of Israel are unable to be that community. Instead of being inclusive of every member of their community, widows, orphans and others, many were left out. Worse than that, the poor were exploited and faced injustice at the hands of those who led them. Something needed to change.

A NEW ERA

The New Testament opens with that change in mind. Jesus arrives and begins to proclaim that a new era is dawning. One where a community of people is being formed who will live lives of inclusion, vibrancy, health and justice; where *shalom* characterizes their lives and relationships. That community gives a visible face to the good news of God's Kingdom and it's called the 'Church.' Many New Testament writers then give us insights into the shape of this 'Church' where all barriers are broken down and Jew and Gentile are ONE.

The Bible then finishes with a beautiful picture of this community when it is fully renewed in the new heaven and earth that is God's final purpose for the future.

Yes, when we read the Bible through communal lenses we end up with a much larger and greater understanding of God's

purposes within which we as individuals fit.

Copies of Andy's book are available from Lydia Fry (Lydia.Fry@oasisglobal.org) at £8 plus £1.50 p&p.



Author – Andy Matheson

Transforming Rural Communities in Nakaseke

Uganda

By Pastor **Dennis Ssettaala**,
Executive Director SDKF, Uganda.

Organic farming is now the 'in-thing' in Kikamulo Subcounty, Nakaseke district. Having used chemical fertilizers for some years, farmers are now reverting to organic farming.

ORGANIC FARMING CHANGES LIVES

Nearly three hundred farmers in Kikamulo Subcounty, a district of Nakaseke, have been given first-hand training in how to become successful farmers using organic farming techniques. The project called Improving Rural Livelihood through Sustainable Agriculture, is run by SDKF Uganda (Setting Development and Keeping the Foundation) and is sponsored by Operation Agri. In this project, farmers are trained how to grow crops like bananas and maize using organic farming. Senyonga George is one of these farmers who has embraced organic farming and improved his family's situation.

MEET SENYONGA GEORGE

Senyonga George is one of our Community Farmers Trainers (CFT) and a beneficiary of the project. George says that organic farming has helped him to increase the yield and nutritional value of his crops. Located in Lutete Village, Kikamulo Subcounty, George grows crops like bananas using organic manure and fertilizers. He says that with this method of farming the yield and quality of the crop is much better.

He has raised 1.5 acres of bananas on his farm using organic farming methods. He says that a banana plant grown using



George and his son making compost

organic farming produces more than 10 clusters instead of the three to four clusters normally seen in ordinary cultivation.

The bunch has adequate space between clusters and hence the fruit is also big. Every bunch which he sells from his garden fetches him more than 12000 Uganda Shilling (UGX) (about £2.76), hence putting him in a better position to pay for his children's school fees and the family's other needs. Previously, his bananas were normally prone to wilt attack but now with organic farming the plants have become disease free.

For better results on his farm, he uses compost, mulching and organic fertilizers which are composed of organic matters such as liquid manure prepared using cow's urine and cow dung. As a farmer who is practicing integrated farming, he uses the dung from the oxen for his organic fertilizer. He has also planted two acres of maize and two more acres are under organic farming with oxen ploughing.

Another uniqueness of George is that he produces liquid bio-fertilizers and natural pesticides; an innovation many neighboring farmers have started to embrace.

REAPING BIG THROUGH OXEN PLOUGHING

Musisi Fred is a farmer in Kiruri village in Nakaseke district and he joined the SDKF sustainable agriculture project funded by Operation Agri as one of the farmers who had no income to sustain his family.



Making 'plant tea'

Fred says that before joining the SDKF sustainable agriculture project he used to plant rice but on a piece of land having a very small yield. However, happily, when he was introduced to oxen ploughing, he embraced the practice and last season (March-July) he ploughed 4 acres of land giving him 3,500kgs of rice fetching him 7,000,000 UGX (about £1,610).

He has now prepared another 6 acres of land using oxen ploughing.

Looking at Fred's success through oxen usage, many farmers have started to use oxen to plough big pieces of land for growing rice and other crops in Kiruri Village.



Fred using oxen to plough in preparation for planting rice

Overall some remarkable changes have been achieved in this region.

Operation Agri has made a grant of £5231 to SDKF Agriculture this year

PICT CREDIT: SDKF, UGANDA

We Need Your Skills!

In recent years Operation Agri has faced challenges that its founders could never have imagined! The names of long familiar nations have passed into history and very different forces and powers shape the politics of many fragile national communities, whilst global regulations now control international financial transactions. Communication is possible across the world at the click of a mouse. Today is very different from the setting in which OA came into being!

Sadly there are still far more opportunities to help the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities around the world than the resources OA has available.

Earlier this year the Trustees tasked a small group with looking into ways that Operation Agri might improve its effectiveness in raising funds and increasing its supporter base. This will enable OA to expand its overseas budget for grants assisting the work of overseas partners.

Very early in their work the group identified

that the work of OA demands **skills**, especially in areas such as **publicity, fund raising, promotion**, and **IT expertise** that are not currently in the skill set of the Trustees.

Do you have any skill or experience in these areas? Do you know someone in your church or among your friends who has such skills or experience?

We are asking all who are interested in exploring opportunities with OA to contact our secretary, Elgan Evans, on secretary@operationagri.org.uk

We are a Baptist organisation within BUGB and welcome enquiries from all who are willing to work within its Christian ethos. More information about us can be found on our website www.operationagri.org.uk.

At this stage the Trustees want to avoid precise definitions or prescriptions. They do, however, envisage that those who respond will have demonstrable ability in a particular area, the ability to work as part of a committed team, be self-motivating and available to gather for discussions at a mix of physical and internet meetings through the year.

Prayer Points



INDIA

WUAC, Orissa. Pray for Mihir Sagar and the staff at West Utkal

Agricultural Centre as they continue training and encouraging villages in their area to maximise the yield from their land and crops. Give thanks that communities now have a voice and more influence through the forming of Farmers' Clubs and Self Help Groups.

Oasis Borivali, Mumbai. Give thanks to God that the women's weekly bible class and the children's bible school continues to grow and nurture those attending, and for the dedication of staff. Pray for their renewal and guidance in every area of work.

Pray for the Oasis staff supporting the Operation Agri funded projects – that the new centre will be a focal point and fully utilized to increase awareness on trafficking, health support, education, outreach and training activities for local community members.



TANZANIA

Pray for the work of Farming Partnerships Initiatives (FPI) in the

Karagwe district of North West Tanzania as they reach the midpoint of their third phase of sustainable agricultural training. Thank God that the training has yielded amazing improvements in crop production for some farmers.



UGANDA

Remember Paul Kyalimpa in prayer as he works with the farmers

who are being trained in the Kyenjojo region through the current phase of the Sustainable Agricultural Farming Initiative.

Pray for SDKF (Setting Development Keeping the Foundations) as they offer hope to unemployed young people in a slum area of Kampala, training them in Tailoring or Hairdressing.

Remember the work of Oasis Uganda through their Beersheba project at Mbale. Pray that the Self Help Groups will continue to make life changing improvements to the lives of their members.



BANGLADESH

Praise God for continued blessings as the project at Duaripara continues

to serve the girls, encouraging them to walk a meaningful life for God's Kingdom! Thanks to the support provided by OA the girls are growing in their understanding of community life.

Give thanks for the work of SHED Board as they manage the Indigenous Women's Empowerment Project reaching out to the poorest of the poor in Bangladesh with education and training.



SRI LANKA

Pray for the two projects we support here – Farms Lanka as they serve

through the local church and LEADS as they work to bring change in community life at many different levels.



HOME

Marisa Rawlins, an OA trustee, is in Bangladesh this month visiting

projects supported by OA and directing a local film crew. Please remember her and then Gill Ashley-Smith who will use this material to prepare next year's OA resources.

Many churches will have used this year's OA resources during harvest festivals. Pray that the videos of Afghanistan and Tanzania will continue to be put to good use in schools, clubs and groups.

The OA Trustees are considering the proposals of a review group, with the aim of increasing support for the ministry, and streamlining working practices. Please pray for God's guidance.

Response Form

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I enclose a gift from our church/organisation towards the work of OA:

£

Please send me the "Outreach Abroad" magazine by post every 3 months:

Yes/No

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Church or Organisation

Address:

Post Code

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Operation Agri BMM

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☐ today ☐ in the past 4 years ☐ in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Please notify us if you: want to cancel this declaration/change your name or home address/no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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Date

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To support Operation Agri BMM regularly by standing order, please complete the details below,
IN BLOCK CAPITALS and return this form to the OA Administrator

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Account No.

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Please pay to Operation Agri BMM at:

Bank of Scotland, Direct Business Accounts,
Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue,
Edinburgh, EH12 9DF

Sort Code: 12-20-29, Account No: 00142961

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