

Outreach Abroad

Supporting rural and urban development projects in Christ's name

New Year 2016



Moorthi and the other children receiving their bicycles – see article on pages 2 & 3

In this issue 54.4

Help me	2-3
Hands and Feet	4-5
Spotlight on Heavenlight	6
Safe drinking water	8
Youth Challenge	11
What is JusticeMission?	13
Ready, Willing and Able?	16



Help me bury my

From **Diordre Moraes** – Partner Liaison Manager, LEADS, Sri Lanka.

Internal displacement

Sri Lanka, also known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, has two major ethnic groups. Tensions between the Sinhala and Tamil communities became a full scale conflict in 1983 with many thousands of people being internally displaced (internally displaced person: someone who is forced to flee his or her home but who remains within his or her country's borders).

Mullaitivu District, in the Northern Province, was one of the most affected areas when in 1985 the villagers of Arumugathan Kulam were internally displaced. The war ended in 2009 but when 98 families returned in 2010 their village bore no resemblance to what they left. Only memories of their homes, livelihoods and neighbourhood remained.

LEADS, a National NGO (non-governmental organization), was established in 1983 to partner with evangelical churches and likeminded organizations to develop and implement programmes to alleviate human suffering and promote wholeness. Subsequent to the 1983 ethnic riot LEADS has been actively involved in carrying out emergency responses and interventions in the resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons.

Starting again

When Rev. Elgan Evans (OA Secretary) visited the Northern Province whilst on a personal visit in 2014* he saw the desperately poor and isolated village of Arumugathan Kulam. It is one of the four new settlements comprising 14,000 families with 2,200 widows, 220 orphans and more than 1,000 disabled people. The loss of livelihood due to displacement was most evident in their community conversations! Additionally, many people are disabled with missing limbs and sight loss in an area devoid

of resources to respond to such tragedies. The village was traditionally involved in dairy production and cultivation. Water, a much needed resource was not available due to the effects of the conflict.

Many stories and a very committed Grama Niladhari (Government officer) were sufficient for Operation Agri to support LEADS and its projects to provide the village with grants for wells, toilets, livelihood loans and bicycles for children.

"The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen" – Roy E. Moody

My story – Anitha

Sundarajan Anitha is the mother of a seven year old but her husband has been missing since 2008. The Red Cross was supporting with the building of houses but being a single woman Anitha had to volunteer to help with the construction of the house and was subject to much verbal abuse in her trek for water. Her son refused to bathe prior to going to school in order to avoid the verbal and behavioural abuse he received on his walk for water.

"LEADS provided our neighbourhood with a tube well and six families of about 25-30 people benefit from it. First of all I would like to give my sincere thanks to LEADS for providing us with water facilities since we have faced lots of difficulties and we have never had our own well and no one else has assisted us. After receiving the tube well my son now has a bath every day and goes to school. My neighbours and I are now able to get water whenever we want. I am planning



painful memories



Anitha – Blessed by the water that is available through the provision of a tube well

to do some home gardening in the future. We thought getting water close to our home is like a dream which we could never achieve.”

“To love another person is to see the face of God” – Les Miserables

Moorthi’s story

“I am Moorthi and studying in Grade Nine and am the eldest. My father is a fisherman. Our village only has a primary school therefore from Grade six I have to travel six miles. There are 33 of us travelling and if I have money I travel by bus but otherwise walk. When we asked our parents for bicycles they said they cannot afford them since they are daily labourers. All the walking makes it difficult to concentrate on the studies and I am unable to attend extra classes, be involved in sports or go to the library. Now I have a bicycle I feel so happy as I am able to do all I missed earlier. Next year I will take my younger brother with me since he will complete his primary education in the village this year.”

The ninety eight families of Arumgathan Kulam village experienced the love of God through the generosity of friends of Operation Agri. The bicycles provided to 20 children have benefited 40 children. The livelihood support received is an assurance

that though they were a marginalized community, God certainly was watching over them. The smiles on their faces reveal that there is hope for a better tomorrow.

The Challenge

The conflict has ended but as per the President of Sri Lanka there are now around 40,000 female headed households in the Northern Province of



Moorthi receiving his bicycle from Jeya the District Officer – Trincomalee District in the presence of Grama Niladhari and other officials

Sri Lanka. I am reminded about our community responsibilities by the prophet Isaiah:

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?” Isaiah 58:6-7 (NIV).

*See: Spotlight on a Trustee Rev. Elgan Evans Outreach Abroad – New Year 2015 Pages 4&5 http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/Outreach_Abroad_2015_01.pdf

Operation Agri expects to be providing grants up to £20,000 for Leads activities in Sri Lanka during 2016.

We are Jesus'

From **Jon Temple** – Country Director, Oasis Uganda.

Migration to Musoto

The Beersheba project in Musoto, a suburb of Mbale, is a busy and crowded community. People migrate there for work and because of landslides in the highlands around Mount Elgon. Oasis has worked with this community since 2005. Our numerous and varied projects all have the same objective: *Showing the love of Jesus to people cast aside and marginalised by poverty.* We believe that actions speak far louder than words and that our whole lives are to point the way to the God who transforms people and communities.



Oasis catchup models how our school will work

Oasis has partnered with Operation Agri to help local families through teaching good innovative agriculture skills, building savings and loans clubs. We also work to improve the level of teaching in local schools. The Oasis 'Equipped to Teach' programme has helped teachers upgrade their skills to enable them to manage classrooms without resorting to corporal punishment or shaming.

The Next Big Step

We are now taking a big step to transform lives in Musoto. In February 2016 we will



A student shows her spellings

open Oasis Academy Musoto. This will be the first Academy school outside the UK. Our buildings are much cooler and brighter than the usual Ugandan schools at almost the same build cost. Our teachers understand how to control a classroom and take advantage of children's natural learning abilities. Our ethos is about whole life transformation: following the example of Christ permeates everything we do in the school.

One of the important differences in all Oasis schools is the holistic approach we take. Oasis understands that education is a great way to help a community develop but it needs to be paired with other interventions. Children



Stella is our first teacher

Hands & Feet



The kids love our playground

cannot be well educated, even in good schools, if they are sick, hungry or if their families are too poor to support them. Oasis realises that we need to keep expanding our other interventions to make sure the children are well cared for and their families have the capacities to take care of them.

This school will consolidate and build on Oasis Uganda's skills in community building, delivering excellent education and helping families to access healthcare. It will give a focus to our work and show others how a Christ-centred community can bring real and lasting change to Uganda.

Partnering with UK Schools

This year our first teacher, Stella, worked in our UK Academies to see how a UK classroom works and to strengthen existing links with our supporting Academies. She brought back many new skills and resources which will benefit the whole school. Stella found working in the UK very transforming even though she has heard much from people who have travelled out to Uganda. Stella enjoyed the opportunity to teach hundreds of children something about Uganda and specifically about how children are educated.

Stella says "The English children were amazed by the number of children in a Ugandan class and about how few resources they have.



The Oasis school breakfast

They were also surprised that some of the problems faced by Ugandan children were very similar to their own. It brought them together to decide to do what they could to help those children in Uganda."

Operation Agri expects to be supporting aspects of the work at Beersheba which will lift local women from poverty through self help groups and income generation. £8,000 is available for this work in 2016.

Spotlight on an OA partner

Rev. Heavenlight Luoga

Edited by **Theo Lambourne**, an OA Trustee.

FROM PORT AUTHORITY TO REFUGEE MISSION

Rev. Heavenlight Luoga (43) was born in the south of Tanzania but the family moved to the capital Dar es Salaam where he grew up. His family were nominally Catholic and he rarely went to church, but on his 24th birthday he went to another church and heard the gospel and received Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour. In 1998 he left his job with the Tanzania Port Authority and went to Bible School. Then, in 1999, on a mission trip to Ngara District to work with Rwandese and Burundian refugees he met his wife Kesia who came from a village close to the Rwanda border.

MISSIONARY WORK WITH CLOTHES AND SHOES

In 2002 his church sent them as missionaries to Karagwe in the far north west of Tanzania where they are still working today. Heavenlight writes: *"Once I reached there I started to teach and preach the good news of Christ. Although I have been used to teach the Word of God, also in my heart I was feeling a burden to help the poorer communities. I collected used clothes and shoes from Dar es Salaam and brought them here for distribution. In 2008 I established the Video Bible Training School, which included students from different denominations. It was at that time the idea for the present work of Farming Partners Initiatives*



Kesia and Heavenlight

(FPI) was birthed. One student asked me to help them with food; it was the time of shortage of foods and people were suffering with hunger. One stated; 'You're doing a very good job to train us and feed us spiritually, but how about physical foods? As you know in Karagwe villages there is shortage of food'. I told him that I haven't the answer right now, but I will see what to do. This is how the current FPI project began; I started looking where I could find an organization to help my vision until I came to contact you (OA)."

MORE 'HEAVENLIGHTS'

Heavenlight and Kesia have four children; a girl: Lightness Heavenlight (13), a boy: Heavenlight Morice (11), a girl: Glory Heavenlight (5), and a boy: Bright Heavenlight (3).



Heavenlight and Kesia's children

In June 2016 Farming Partnerships Initiatives will complete their third two year cycle of training for local farmers and it is their hope to run a fourth cycle to reach a further group of villages.

What is your generosity achieving?

By **Stan Crees and Marisa Rawlins**
OA Overseas Team.

OA's work in Africa is currently supporting four partners working in Tanzania and Uganda.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FARMING INITIATIVES

(SAFI) is based in the Kyenjojo district of western Uganda where Rev. Paul Kyalimpa started this new project in January 2014 based on previous successful projects in the north at Gulu and in the south east at Busia going back to 2003. Paul delivers intensive training to a group of carefully selected farmers called CFT's (Community Farming Trainers) who in turn pass on what they have learnt to other farmers in their identified group. Field Workers travel around the groups reinforcing the teaching, encouraging the individual farmers and monitoring progress.

A recent development has been the move from using oxen to using donkeys for ploughing and transport.

FARMING PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVES

(FPI) operates in the Kagera region of northwest Tanzania. It was started by Rev. Heavenlight Luoga in 2008 who contacted OA and asked for help in training local farmers in his area in sustainable agriculture. OA enabled Heavenlight to visit the project at Busia in Uganda and he and his colleagues returned home enthused with all that they had seen. FPI runs on a two-year cycle in

which every three months Paul Kyalimpa travels down from Uganda to deliver four days of intensive training to CFT's who pass it on in the same way as it operates in Uganda.

SETTING DEVELOPMENT KEEPING THE FOUNDATIONS

(SDKF) started by Dennis Ssettaala continues to make a huge difference to the lives of many in a slum area of Kampala as well as 70 km (about 43 miles) up country in Nakaseke. In Kampala OA is funding the training of young people in Tailoring and Design and also in Hairdressing and Beauty. When they complete the course a revolving loan fund enables them to set up their own business.

The latest development in Nakaseke is the provision of rainwater catchment tanks for ten primary schools built to the tried and tested TWAM (Tools with a Mission) design. With a grant from OA each school will get one tank and later it is hoped to provide a second one.

BEERSHEBA

Is a project in Mbale, Uganda run by Oasis Uganda. Funding from OA is supporting the work of developing Self Help Groups (SFG's) and is making a real difference to the lives of many women in the area.



Tank at Lumpewe Primary School (Before Plastering)



Tank at Lumpewe Primary School (After Plastering)

Safe Drinking Water for Poor Schools

By **Pastor Dennis Ssettaala.**



Tank at Mbukiro Primary School

NO SAFE WATER FOR CHILDREN

Kikamulo is one of the poor sub-counties in Nakaseke district and has the highest school enrolment. Some schools enrol more than 400 pupils. The schools are known for their huge number of pupils which has led not only to high teacher pupil ratio but also to a greater need for access to clean water. Clean water is needed for both drinking and all washing related activities. Most of these schools have no water sources, which has led to children travelling long distances to fetch dirty water from shallow wells. This makes them more vulnerable to diseases.



Tank at Mbukiro Primary School

HARVESTING RAIN WATER

In a major effort to contribute to good sanitation and reduction in time wasted in fetching water at these primary schools SDKF, in partnership with Operation Agri, has started constructing ferrous-cement water tanks to harvest rain water. They will contribute clean water for both drinking and washing activities.

We are excited that so far, six tanks for six primary schools are complete. These schools now have a new source of safe, clean water. Our first target is to construct tanks for each of ten primary schools. With clean water and training in sanitation and hygiene, more time can be devoted to learning instead of gathering water and dealing with sickness.

Imagine the potential for these young minds!

THE NUMBERS REPRESENT PEOPLE

- Improved water sources reduce diarrhoea morbidity by 21%
- Improved sanitation reduces diarrhoea morbidity by 37.5%
- The simple act of washing hands at critical times can reduce the number of diarrhoea cases by as much as 37%.

These may be statistics but they represent children.

Operation Agri sent £4,092 on 20 July this year to cover the cost of these ten tanks. There is a need for two tanks per school and more schools are making requests for tanks.

I've got goats in the ambulance!

By Russell Ashley-Smith,

chairman of Operation Agri, has been writing about the work of the farm centre at Diptipur, India, for over 40 years.

GOATS AND RICE

One of the early grants made by Operation Agri in the 1960s was for improved goats for the Diptipur farm project, West Orissa, India, where John Smith was a Baptist Missionary Society agricultural missionary. He transported special Jumnapari goats 1,000 miles across India using a converted ambulance, much to the bemusement of the police who stopped him en route to the remote mission station, the West Utkal Agricultural Centre (WUAC), run by the United Church of North India.

Alan Casebow was the next BMS agriculturalist at Diptipur. The local situation became critical following the failure of the

wide geographical area and included bio-gas, literacy classes, income generation including assisting hand-loom weavers (the unique 'Sambalpur weave') and tailoring. On the farming side there were chickens, fish farming in the reservoirs, introducing dryland rice varieties and different vegetable crops, the ubiquitous goats, plus a reading room where people could read news, farming pamphlets and Christian literature while waiting for the bus.

PLACE OF LIGHT

OA has supported the work at Diptipur (meaning 'Place of Light' in the Oriya language) for many years and has recently funded specific projects rather than general



Tal cutting completed – 1st rains

autumn rains in three successive years, vital for the paddy (rice) crop. Alan mounted an ambitious 'Food for Work' scheme in which local people received wheat and a small payment for digging irrigation canals and reservoirs so that rain would not run to waste in future years. OA has subsequently funded many 'water harvesting' projects in the area.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP

When Alan returned to the UK he was replaced by local pastor, Rev. Reuben Senapati, since when Indian leaders have been in charge. The Centre had its ups and downs but was in its heyday in 1985 when Gill and I visited. Its work was spread over a



Alan with goat kids

WUAC running costs. The currently funded projects are in their final year.

Undoubtedly the lives of many people in West Orissa have been improved thanks to the ministry of WUAC over almost sixty years. OA is pleased to have been able to support the Centre's working out of Jesus' love in this remote, backward and strongly Hindu area.

The ministry of WUAC, Diptipur, featured in OA's 2007 resource materials, Inside India. A few copies of the DVD and resource book are still available. Many more historical details are given in the booklet The Story of Operation Agri 1961-1999. Contact: admin@operationagri.org.uk

Children's page

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

Last time **Oppy** was in **KENYA**.

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

Oppy is in this time.

The answer to the puzzle last time was
'Operation Agri provided a new water tank at Githagara village.'

Unscramble each of the clue words below.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number. The answer is the country Oppy is visiting this time



B E S T A L N U S I A

1			1							4	

T Y R V E O P

				2			

N A I T O A T I N S

1				3				3		6	

L C N A E

	4			6	

W E T R A

	5			2	

U N M O I T Y C M

					6	3			

A T N K

				7

N E D C A U T O I

					8		3		6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8



The eight words you have unscrambled can all be found in the magazine – some more than once!
When you have found each word write down the page number in the pentagon.

Youth Page

GIVE IT UP!

We are privileged

We were inspired by Marisa Rawlins' recent article about children in Bangladesh. It made us realise that we are very privileged, receiving a good education with plenty of time and opportunities for play and leisure.

We were particularly struck by the following facts:

- According to UNICEF there are about 4.7 million working children aged 5 to 14 serving tea at roadside stalls; weaving between cars selling goods; begging on the streets or as domestic workers
- They are denied access to education, leisure and play
- They are at greater risk of exposure to abuse, trafficking, violence and exploitation

Duaripara Family Development Project In Bangladesh

Operation Agri supports this Christian run centre which has worked in the Duaripara slum in Dhaka since 2004 and has established a safe environment for girls to access education and learn life and business skills.

Many children are sent to work in garment factories; fortunately none of these girls work. Families receive health information and advice on preventing early marriage. This has successfully changed the mindset of parents.



(For the full article:
www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/Outreach_Abroad_2015_10.pdf).

Youth challenge

We have challenged ourselves to raise money to support this project. We read that most children in Bangladesh do not have access to education, play or leisure. So, we came up with the following idea: **GIVE IT UP!**



...FOCUS ON BANGLADESH – FACTS (CORRECT AT TIME OF WRITING)

Capital City:	Dhaka
Area:	143,998 sq km (55,598 sq m)
Population:	152 million
President:	Abdul Hamid
Prime minister:	Sheikh Hasina
Language:	Bengali
Major religions:	Islam, Hinduism
Currency:	Bangladeshi Taka (118 BDT=£1.00)
Life expectancy:	69 years (m), 70 years (f)
Main exports:	Carpets, clothing, jute goods

(Source: BBC but numbers vary)

We will keep a record for one whole week starting **Sunday 31st January** of how much time we spend on leisure activities; watching television; socialising with our friends; and on our phones as well as how much time we spend at school including homework!

Then, we will ask people to sponsor us to **GIVE IT UP!** for the week starting **Sunday 7th February**. Well - at least some of our leisure for a week but not our education!

Join us and let us know how you get on

Let your sponsors know why you are asking them to sponsor you – show them this article and details of the project in Bangladesh.

Please pledge your commitment to:
editor@operationagri.org.uk

Editor's note: We will allocate all donations from this challenge to the Duaripara project but reserve the right to apply them to other OA supported projects depending on the circumstances at the time.

Prayer Points for New Year



AFGHANISTAN

Due to changes in security and other factors we have decided to stop all

the RESAP work in Badakhshan province until further notice and to run projects only out of our Kabul base.

However, we give thanks that this year we connected ten rural communities across Badakhshan and Panshir/Salang to hydroelectricity from their water resources.

Please pray for the remaining RESAP team to receive all necessary funding to fulfil the hydroelectric plans for 2016, for stability and peace to come to Afghanistan and for enough rain and snow this winter.



NEPAL – MCDS

Pray for peace and stability in Nepal. Due to blockage of the supplies

at the border, relief and development agencies have problems delivering goods and services to needy people and life had become very difficult on every front. If, as you read this, the situation has not been resolved – pray that it will be quickly brought to an end.

Plans for Marisa Rawlins (OA trustee) to film this year's appeal in Nepal had to be postponed. Pray for Marisa and Gill Ashley-Smith as they continue their efforts to arrange a filming visit for 2016.

The CHEP Project, funded by OA at Morang in the east of Nepal, has recently commenced its work. Pray for this and other MCDS projects, that there will be good implementation at every stage.



UGANDA – OASIS BEERSHEBA

Thank God for financial support this year. As the

women gain confidence and self-esteem pray for sustained growth of Self Help Groups and small businesses.



TANZANIA – FPI

Farming Partnerships Initiatives in the poor rural

area of Karagwe in North West Tanzania have constructed a building to use for agricultural training. Land around the building will be used for demonstration crops. Pray that this new initiative will prove to be a real asset to the whole community.



BANGLADESH – OASIS DUARIPARA.

Pray that God expedites government registration of the

Church of Bangladesh so that funds can be disbursed to Duaripara. Pray that the girls excel in their education and learning.



PRaise AND PRAYER ON THE HOME FRONT

Give thanks that there was a small

increase in giving to OA last year, partly the result of a grant from a Trust, making it possible to increase our funding to projects. Pray that this trend will accelerate in 2016!



INDIA – OASIS BORIVALI

Give thanks for improvements in children's behaviour,

success of pre-school, life skills sessions, counselling, awareness, health camps and bible classes. Pray for guidance in planning, strategy and financial blessings.

The **BIG** mission question: What's **JusticeMission**?



By **Steve Sanderson**, BMS Manager for Mission.



Chilis drying for market

In recent decades world mission has asked itself some probing questions. Mission agencies send people from the west to the rest. That is mission; right? However, in re-examining the question of what is mission through the lens of **justice** we open up a fresh new way of living and engaging in God's world, to bless others and be blessed ourselves.

So here are two of four vital truths we must consider:

1. MISSION: LOVE AND JUSTICE

Mission belongs to God and he is doing a new thing! Today mission is from everywhere to everywhere, no longer from the west to the rest. Unshackling the world Church from the expectations of the western Church has released dynamic evangelists and encouraged emerging mission confidence in the Global South - Africa, Central and Latin America and most of Asia. Many Global South mission movements seek theological answers to lived experience. Increasingly they are arriving at:

a mission paradigm with transforming love and justice at its heart.

For western mission agencies there will always be a role for the 'expert' mission worker serving overseas but we also need to rework our mission paradigm. Justice mission is a central theme. Consider the 'ministry of reconciliation' in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. This presents the good news of eternal life uniquely found in Christ and also holds out the good news of shalom sought now in

'the Kingdom'. Justice is a common meeting place where the western church meets the global church – it is a fertile location for joint purpose and partnership.

2. MISSION: KINGDOM CHALLENGES

God has made us in his image but I still feel hungry! Justice is a key to unlocking several Kingdom challenges, the most pressing of which is physical poverty. BMS partners with grassroots believers engaged in 'access to justice'. As an example, we can take land rights as an arena where justice mission lies at the heart of community transformation. Local Christian lawyers walk through the process of registering property with local farmers. The farmers then invest in productive land without fear of losing the property to pernicious and customary land claims.



Farmers selling

With legal help the local farmers can coalesce into a *community based organisation* and engage in collective bargaining with cash crop food buyers. They can then pay medical bills, send their children to school and withstand other shocks. Having registered their land they can raise mortgages secured with a defined surety. They can risk mechanisation, improved seeds, marketing and means of transport to market and further grow their means of production and household income. It starts with justice but requires the solidarity of justice mission along the journey.

**TO BE
CONTINUED...**

Dedicated to improving the well-being of present and future generations...

By OA's Overseas Secretary, **Stan Crees**.

This bold statement introduces us to the subject of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It demonstrates the determination of the UN to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

WHAT ARE THE SDGS SEEKING TO ACHIEVE?

These new goals replace the Millennium Development Goals and were adopted by the UN in September 2015 following the success of similar work started in 2000. There are 17 new goals which participating nations will be working to fulfil in the years leading up to 2030. Here we concern ourselves with just the first six:

- 🌐 End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- 🌐 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
- 🌐 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- 🌐 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all.
- 🌐 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- 🌐 Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

HAVE THINGS CHANGED IN THE LAST 15 YEARS?

We might think these are unattainable goals but the evidence shows otherwise. Since 1990 the number of undernourished people in the world has fallen from 23% to 13%, the number of under 5 child deaths has fallen from 12.7 million to 6 million and the number of children not in primary schooling has been reduced from 100 million to 57 million. An extra 2.6 billion people have gained access to piped water since 1990.



The Braison family are able to enjoy a nourishing meal together

HOW IS OPERATION AGRI ASSISTING WITH THIS CHANGE?

OA's primary purpose is to *"show the love of Jesus in action by attacking the basic causes of poverty amongst some of the least fortunate people in the world."*

We aim to achieve this by working with partners in a number of ways:

- ♥ Sustainable agricultural methods are taught in Uganda and Tanzania, improving food security and nutrition as farmers adopt new techniques.
- ♥ Health training is supported in Nicaragua and Nepal, showing how simple changes can transform the lives of those who lack access to primary health care.
- ♥ Through partners in Bangladesh and India girls are given access to education and business skills in creative ways. Women join self-help groups, empowering them in homes and villages.
- ♥ In Sri Lanka communities are assisted in a wide variety of activities including the improvement of water supplies.
- ♥ We believe that with your prayerful and financial support we can continue to fulfil the purposes of God as we play our part alongside the UN in bringing justice to needy people around the world.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsproposal.html>

Response Form

I enclose a personal gift towards the work of Operation Agri:

£

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

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Full Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Rev/Dr

Church or Organisation

Address:

Post Code

Gift Aid Declaration

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity: Operation Agri BMM

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details (in addition to those above)

giftaid it

Signature Date

Email address

Please let us know if your address or circumstances change.

Standing Order Form

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

My Bank Details

To: The Manager,

Bank Name

Bank Address

Postcode

Sort Code

Account No.

Account Name

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

the sum of £

starting date

and every * month / quarter / year

until further notice from me in writing

This order * is in addition to / replaces

my previous instructions relating to this charity

Signature

Date

* Strike out words that do not apply

Please send this form to Operation Agri, 361 Firs Lane, Palmers Green, London N13 5LX.
Any cheques should be made payable to 'Operation Agri BMM.'

Ready, Willing and Able?

Assistant Treasurer needed

In line with the risk management practices and policies adopted by the trustees of Operation Agri we are seeking to recruit an additional trustee to the new role of Assistant Treasurer. This needs to be someone with financial accounting capability to work with the Treasurer and be able to take over should the need arise. If that situation occurs the Assistant Treasurer might desire to become the Treasurer or prefer to continue to act in the Assistant role until a new Treasurer is appointed.

Interested in finding out more?

In the first place please email John Durrant: treasurer@operationagri.org.uk

Overseas Secretary needed

Key responsibility:

To lead Operation Agri's Grants Group, currently a team of three, each responsible for a given geographical region. The main tasks, which relate to projects OA supports in five countries, are to

- maintain contact with overseas partners by email
- organise the appraisal of grant applications from partners
- progress project documentation
- help the treasurer prepare the annual budget
- prepare the overseas agenda for the Trustees' meetings (thrice yearly)
- attend the Trustees' meetings, two of which are internet conference calls, and the third is currently midweek at Baptist House, Didcot
- undertake other tasks linked to the overseas projects as they arise
- liaise with BMS World Mission regarding other projects which OA supports in partnership with them

This very rewarding role can be expected to take up 3 or 4 hours weekly.

Please apply to Malcolm Drummond, Operation Agri BMM, 361 Firs Lane, Palmers Green, London, N13 5LX
tel: 020 8803 0113 (daytime or evening) **email: admin@operationagri.org.uk**



WANTED

Your skills and time needed

Do you remember Theo's pens on page 7 of the Summer 2015 magazine?
(http://www.operationagri.org.uk/oa/Outreach_Abroad_2015_07.pdf)

What could you do to provide school books or medicines or fruit trees by way of your hobbies such as gardening, photography, picture framing, sewing, knitting, greetings cards, afternoon teas, event organising, second hand books sales, or holding auctions?

Just some of the very many possibilities which exist for you to both practice your hobby and make a difference to the life of an individual, a family or a whole community.

Please contact the editor with your ideas: editor@operationagri.org.uk



Need a really great birthday present?

Contact Theo Lambourne – OA Trustee
Theo.Lambourne@btinternet.com



An Operation Agri BMM AGM will be held in the Chapel at Baptist House on Thursday 16th June 2016 starting at 3.30 pm.