



## FOUNDER'S COLUMN

As the world lurches from one crisis to another, AMEN has had partners in the right place to respond quickly: The Covid-19 appeal resulted in us being able to provide significant help in different countries; devastating typhoons in the Philippines resulted in us purchasing food and building materials; the unfolding tragedy in the Ukraine has enabled our partners in Romania to personally help with food and accommodation. Your generous donations and giving have made a real difference. However, the general fund, from which we support our regular ministries, currently needs help. There is so much more we would like to do. If you don't already do so, would you consider setting up a standing order for £10 or more per month using the enclosed form? Your gift would make an impact amongst all our partners. God bless you, Gareth.

#### **SPRING 2022**



## **AMEN News**



The above photo shows scholars of SIKATT (Christ is the Saviour of Tondo). Most of them live in the 'Smokey Mountain' dumps of Tondo, Manila.

# ary Ann - from abject poverty to professional accountant

## **Philippines**

Today, she is the accountant of SIKATT ministry and also runs her own business in the Philippines. She grew up in Parola, a squatter area in Manila. When she was 4, her father was shot dead right in front of her. The family was so poor that the best food she ever had was left over chicken meat pulled from bones, spiced up and fried. This was collected from the rubbish bins of KFC or McDonalds and resold cheaply. In 'Smokey Mountain, it is referred to locally as 'Pagpag'. Aquiring books and notebooks was almost impossible, but with the meager earnings of her mum who sold fried snacks on the streets, she made it to high school although due to lack of nutrition, Mary Ann contracted TB. In 2003, SIKATT ministry came to her

school and challenged the students to finish their studies and not let poverty become a pathway to failure. She became a SIKATT scholar and she was allocated an allowance and a food bag while her Grizzel family was also given some help. At the age of 17, she was invited to a youth camp run by SIKATT, and there, with Grizzel's help (see photo on right) she put her faith in the Lord Jesus, She recognises that without her faith, she would have lived a life far from God. She says with a laugh, "Now I am praying for a godly husband!"

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

#### **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

AMEN partners in **Romania**:
Casa Vietii, Perspectives
Danes and David and his
team together with other
trusted friends of AMEN are
extending God's love in
UKRAINE. They are involved
in assisting refugees with
food, medicines, clothes
and are providing
accommodation. They also
drive to the border between
Romania and the Ukraine
to collect individuals and
families fleeing the war.





Tender Heart is continuing Covid-19 relief which we started 2 years ago. So far we have distributed over 5000 food parcels. Thank you for your generous donations. Francis & Alison

#### PHILIPPINE TYPHOON

On behalf of Companion With The Poor, I would like to thank you for your prayers and donations to victims of super typhoon Odette. 920 galvanized corrogated steel sheets were given to 629 families and 1,000 families each received relief packages comprising of least 6 meals. We also shared the gospel with them. Winston &

Jannette



### A BIG THANK YOU

to all those giving by standing order. We can better budget when you give regularly.

The GENERAL FUND needs new supporters. Can you help?





Romania

We collected 2417 shoeboxes but more are always needed. This gypsy family, among many others, received their only Christmas gifts - AMEN

shoeboxes which brought great joy.



#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

AMEN NEEDS GROUPS or CHURCHES TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2022 SHOEBOX COLLECTION. email janet@amentrust.co.uk



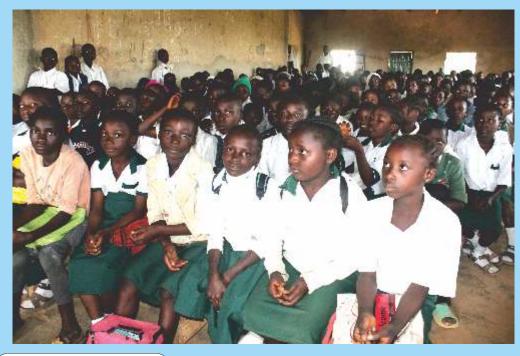
## Serbia

The process of fund raising has started for the Elion Media ministry office and studio. Pray that those who have promised to give will deliver and, as we approach others, people will realise that visual media is the best way to communicate with younger people today. Sasko and Ira

## India



Village Missionary Movement (VMM) is building a new office and studio together with a larger kitchen. VMM has plans to build 60 rooms to house 120 missionaries. Initially, 12 houses are being constructed. David, Santhosh and Anand.



## **Nigeria**

"Students are open to changing their behaviour. We help them understand how to live righteous lives and how to make a difference in Nigerian society." Between August and December 2021, the Jos and Yola Grace & Light volunteer teams visited eight secondary schools, sharing the gospel of social righteousness with 1875 students. Of these, 389 chose to be tested for HIV/AIDS. Many make first time commitments or recommit their lives to God." Tassie



## **India**

We have 3 sewing schools for women and 3 tuition centres for the children in Tirunelveli. Chennai and Tuticorin. 108 children are coming for the free tuition and 68 women are undergoing training. Through this work, women, children and their families are coming to Christ. Praise God! Rani & Jeyakar

Death could not hold him! Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.





Naphtali writes, "I dedicated my life to God in 1979 in a very small church. I visited there recently to minister the gospel, and over 50 people dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Pray for them to abide in Him".



## YouTube

Joseph Paul writes: REACHING THE UNREACHED By God's grace, our church and YouTube ministries in Tamil are growing and we have new viewers every Sunday with many requests for prayer. There are also new faces attending our Sunday services.

## **Philippines**

It has been 2 years since I started the ministry to police officers with the aim of keeping their ranks free from corruption through Bible study and mentoring. I am glad to be chosen as life coach in Uyugan Police Station. We discuss challenges policemen face in their work and in their families and find answers from the Bible. Jerry & Gea

#### India

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#### ROMANIA

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#### **SERBIA**

Sasko and Ira

#### **NIGERIA**

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