

Contact

Newsletter from the WRU Churches

STEPPING DOWN TO STEP UP

When George Philips asked me if I would be willing to serve as Union President at Conference in 2024, I was both surprised and at the same time felt very challenged as to whether I was “the right person”.

I asked him if I could have some more time to pray and think this over and talk with Elaine about whether I should take this on.

Since 2016 I have volunteered for Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Firstly, I trained as a Money Coach to deliver their budgeting course. Then I trained to be Job Club Manager to lead the team running the 8-week Job Club courses at the nearby C of E church plant. In early 2020 COVID prevented us from running any more courses. Elaine’s craft shop was closed, so we both served on the foodbank phonelines so that people in need could obtain vouchers remotely for the Sheffield 6 Foodbank. This rapidly grew from 2 sites to 12 across the city over the next few months.

As the foodbank grew it became clear that people needed “more than food.” Each site had a Christian presence and people were offered prayer

The demand for debt help mushroomed, so in 2021 I trained as a CAP Debt Coach, taking on one new case a month. I helped to coordinate the team, which grew to 5 debt coaches plus a network of lovely Christians from across the city who came on home visits as befrienders to support and pray for the clients. It was a great privilege to go into people’s homes and tell them, *“I’m here because I believe Jesus loves you and I want to work with you to help you get your debts sorted out.”*

I have learnt so much about God’s active love for the poor and how to serve people in need without judging them. I know God has changed me and I’ve grown so much in my faith and love for Him over this time.

Elaine and I agreed that I could only take on the Presidency if I ceased my CAP work and so my last client became debt free on Christmas Eve last year. That’s the “Stepping Down” part.

I know the Lord now wants me to “Step Up” to lead and encourage the churches in the Union. I don’t have a “master plan” or a set of “blue sky” ideas – but I know the Master, Jesus, does have a plan for us. He’s been working on this since



the creation and the Resurrection, and wants to help us as churches to continue the work He has for us.

That work may be different in each of our churches, but we all share the longing to see Him working in people’s lives and the determination to keep going.

In our kitchen we have a fridge magnet given to me by the CAP Debt Team that says:

“Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).

Please do contact me if your church would like me to visit over the next two years, or just to have a chat and a prayer – we have a living hope in Jesus!

David Tuckett



OVERSEAS MISSIONS

QUESTIONNAIRE 2025

Last Autumn I sent out a short questionnaire via church secretaries. I received responses from just over a quarter of our churches and here is a short, anonymised report.

What Overseas Missions organisations does your church support?

People International, Slavic Gospel Association, New Tribes Mission, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Release International, Tearfund, Samaritan's Purse, Open Doors, Leprosy Mission, Hope for Children, Latvian Christian Camp, Flame International, Pioneers Arab World, Good News Hospital (Madagascar), Global Care, Embrace for Middle East, Mercy Ships, Luwero Community (Uganda) and UFM Worldwide.

Some churches have connections to individuals within these organisations and some support individuals who have retired from missionary service

Does your church support the WRU Overseas Missions Projects and if so, how?

- We have done in the past but haven't in the last few years
- The whole church gets involved!

- Yes, by collecting loose change in boxes or Smartie Tubes
- Our church makes a decision of what to give when we get reports of what is happening
 - We give at the end of our financial year
 - Yes 100%!
 - We hold an annual fund-raising event
 - One of our members is on the OM Team so keeps us informed
 - Attending the annual WRU Conference means that we get to hear an OM speaker when the new project is launched

Why does your church support the work of Overseas Missions

It's great to learn about what is happening around the world, especially enabling us to support lesser-known Christian charities, good causes and it is great to meet the missionaries involved. Clear personal stories make it easier to communicate to our congregation

Why doesn't your church support the work of Overseas Missions

We don't always get follow up and feedback about what is happening. It is getting harder to

motivate mission interest, and annual mission's meetings in our churches no longer take place.

How can the Overseas Missions Team help you promote the work in your church?

- Have a OM Team member/representative within each church
- Produce videos and audio-visual presentations and/or displays
- Prayer letters/ diaries/ updates
- Age-appropriate mission stories or activity ideas for children and young people's work
- Up to date OM Team photo available on the website
- Could members of the OM Team visit churches who are less involved?

Thank you for your continued interest in and Prayers for Overseas Missions. The Team are carefully and prayerfully considering these responses and what action we can take to improve the promotion of the work of OM.

If you have any further comments, want to find out more or you would like to get involved with the work of the OM Team please email me annemariewilcock@gmail.com

Anne-Marie Wilcock
OM Team Coordinator



CONFERENCE 2026

22-24th June, Swanwick

SPEAKER John Russell

John grew up in rural Derbyshire, and moved to Nottingham to study Politics at university. He has been part of Cornerstone Church for 26 years, and now serves as the Lead Minister.

Prior to training for church leadership, he worked in local government. John is married to Catherine & they have two daughters. He enjoys following the ups and downs of Aston Villa FC and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.

Please note!

Deadline for Conference bookings is **25th May 2026**. For enquiries, please contact

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ARTICLES FOR “Contact”

We welcome inspirational stories, devotional and encouraging articles, news and events from the churches all enabling us to be inspired and to keep in touch with each other.

Some rules to remember:

- Articles must arrive on or just before the deadline
- If possible, a picture or a photograph should accompany the article
- Make sure that pictures/articles you send have no copyrights, or you have permission to use them
- Word count per article should not exceed 750. Shorter articles are preferred.

Deadlines:

- 1st Dec – for **Jan-Feb** issue (because of Christmas break)
- 15th Feb – for **Mar-Apr** issue
- 15th Apr – for **May-Jun** issue
- 15th Jun – for **Jul-Aug** issue
- 15th Aug – for **Sep-Oct** issue
- 15th Oct – for **Nov-Dec** issue

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9)

We continue to look at this verse from 1 Peter and have looked at the Christians Dynasty (A Chosen People) and at Christians Dignity (a Royal Priesthood). This time we are going to look at the next part of that verse.

3. THE CHRISTIANS DUTY (A Holy Nation)

Peter now adds a third description of the Christian - he calls them a Holy Nation. What duty does that impose on us to be a Holy Nation – to be Holy people?

a. It is a covenant duty

The phrase "holy nation" is originally from Exodus 19 - Words given in the context of God's covenant with Israel. Under that covenant, God promised to pour out his blessings on his people. However,

we know from history that Israel forfeited many of those blessings because of their disobedience. The lesson is surely clear - as we have seen, God's promises are, and remain, utterly trustworthy, however, many are conditional on the Christian's obedience. A new covenant demands a new conduct. Not all Christians are called upon to be a Minister, Evangelist, Missionary or any other public figure. However, they ARE called upon to live a holy life. Lives that are honouring to God in all things, lives that are morally superior to their non-Christian contemporaries. As Christians we are bound to live lives that are honouring to God. It is our covenant duty to do so.

b. It is our constant duty

This is, perhaps, a very obvious point - but we

need to mention it briefly. Just as God's love for us remains constant, so we must remain constant in our love for Him. Sunday is often referred to as the "Lord's day" and that seems to imply that the others are not His. However, there is not a single day when we are not secure in the Lord - nor should there be a single day when we are not striving to be more Christ-like - we should be constant in our striving after God. It is our constant duty as a Christian.

The Christians Dynasty...
The Christians Dignity...
The Christians Duty...

Rev Colin Braithwaite





Thinking like Jesus
Becoming like Jesus
Living like Jesus
Serving like Jesus

THE ASSOCIATION OF WESLEYAN EVANGELICALS (AWE)

The **Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals (AWE)** is a partnership of churches and groups that all trace their heritage back to John and Charles Wesley and the early Methodist movement of the 1700s. The purpose of AWE is to rekindle the Wesleyan vision for revival in our nation – in the words of John Wesley, *'to reform the nation, in particular the church, to spread scriptural holiness over the land'*.

The **AWE Academy** is a central part of that work. The Academy's task is *'to form Christ-like disciples and leaders for the renewal and planting of local churches.'*

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE!

Good theological education is at the heart of our calling as Christians. In the Great Commandment Jesus says, *'...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul **and with all your mind** and with all your strength.'* (Mark 12.30). And in Romans 12.2, Paul writes: *'Do not be shaped by this present age, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind** so that you can discern what the will of God really is, what is good and well-pleasing and complete.'* So, theology and learning is **for all of the church, all of the time!**

This is why we are passionate about making high quality theological education and training available to everyone, and we are delighted to be working in partnership with the Wesleyan Reform Union to do that for everyone in our churches.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WESLEYAN REFORM UNION

The **AWE Academy** is working with the WRU on the **Theology Training Course** and delivering wide range of **courses and study days** designed for everyone to participate.

AWE Academy courses and study days fall into four categories:

- **Thinking Like Jesus** – Bible and Theology
- **Becoming Like Jesus** – Discipleship and Spirituality
- **Living Like Jesus** – Mission and Evangelism
- **Serving Like Jesus** – Ministry and Leadership

All **AWE Academy** courses and study days provide...

📖 **Strong biblical and theological foundations**
Accessible teaching from experienced experts.

💬 **Interactive discussion**
Space to reflect, ask questions, and think deeply with others.

🌍 **Practical application**
Relevant for real-life discipleship, mission and ministry.

UPCOMING COURSES

👤 **Tending the Flock: Pastoral Care Foundations**

Study Day · Saturday 13 June · Jump WR Church or Online

This is a **hybrid study day**. You can come in person or join online – the choice is yours! Either option gives you access to the same excellent teaching, the same interactive learning and the same high quality lesson materials.

This study day explores the biblical vision for **shepherding God's people** and how churches can cultivate healthy cultures of mutual care and support. You will develop pastoral care and leadership skills as we look at:

- **Clear biblical and theological foundations for pastoral care**
- **Greater confidence in supporting others wisely and compassionately**
- **Real life practical tools you can use immediately in everyday situations**
- **How to grow a whole-church culture of care**

The day will be led by Dr. Steven Jenkins, an experienced teacher and pastor. Steven taught for 18 years at Mattersey Hall and continues to teach internationally, while serving as Pastor at Mexborough Life Church. He brings a rich combination of biblical insight, theological depth and real-world pastoral experience.

For booking and information, contact Richard Saunders-Hindley at rsh@aweacademy.org, or on 07949 859785

We look forward to seeing you on the next course!

May - June 2026



CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

What is CMA – these initials stand for the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

As Christian motorcyclists we are passionate about sharing the Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ in every area of the motorcycling community. As motorcyclists or “Bikers” there is nothing more exciting than riding our bikes, and as Christians we have discovered that there is nothing as fulfilling as knowing Jesus personally.

CMA was founded in 1975 by Herbe Shreeve, an Arkansas Pastor who purchased a motorcycle to find some common ground with his own teenage son. He started evangelising at local motorcycle meets and rallies and resigned from his church to start CMA when he realised the need and he felt God leading him into this ministry, Matthew 9: 37 “The harvest is great, but the workers are few”.

In the USA across 50 states there are over 125,000 members and over 1200. Charters/Branches. CMA can be found across 31 countries who form CMA International.

The UK organisation was formed in 1983 when members of the Christian Bikers Association, established in 1979, approached the CMA in the USA and South Africa.

CMA is not a club, but a ministry, this distinguishes CMA from

other biker and motorcycle clubs that associate due to manufacturer loyalty, shared interests or riding style. “Riding for the Son” and “One heart at a time” are two often used phrases in CMA circles.

CMA (UK) as part of CMA International have formed close links with Christian Motorcyclists' clubs throughout the UK and Europe to help and encourage each other in sharing the Gospel. We are also a registered charity No. 1080911.

In June 2007 CMA (UK) in partnership with the Bible Society (UK) and Bibles for the Nations produced a pocket sized “Biker Bible”. It was launched in June 2007 at the Centenary Isle of Man TT, and in one day alone 393 bibles were taken.

Between then and the beginning of 2020, 120,000 Biker Bibles have been requested by bikers at shows, rallies, race circuits and personal conversations.

The Bibles are free to all and the feedback has been superb and has opened up new avenues of reaching bikers and their families with the Love of God.

CMA (UK) has around 29 branches, and as part of our ministry to the biking community we attend bike rallies, charity ride outs, funeral escorts and other special motorcycle related

events. We marshal/steward at bike nights, provide a safe space called ‘Holy Joe’s’ at bike weekend events around the country, we have helmet parks, and hold special services at cafes and churches. We build relationships and live life alongside those we seek to serve, following the example of our Lord Jesus who was The Servant King.

Your local CMA branch is Towcester - we met for 11 years at Jack’s Hill Café on the A5 at Towcester until it closed, then moved to our new home at Sycamore Café at Great Billing, Northampton.

Jack’s Hill Café is open again with new management and we are now able to support events at both venues, providing new exciting opportunities.

We hold a monthly Café Church, open to everyone, on the first Sunday of the month and attend the Bike Night on the second Wednesday of every month at Sycamore Café.

We provide marshals at Bike Night on the first Friday of the month at Jack’s Hill Café and we also hold a monthly branch business meeting in a church in Long Buckby.

Throughout the year you will find us at Rugby Bike Fest with a helmet park, Daventry Bike Fest, and Coventry Motofest, to name a few. In November we hold an act

of Remembrance at Sycamore Café followed by a short ride out, as we meet to remember and give thanks for those who gave everything for the freedom we enjoy, including riding a motorbike. There are lots other items on our calendar including collaborations with other branches and Christian bike groups, and church visits in our local area to name but a few.

In the UK, members of CMA are easily noticeable as we wear a large white cross on the back of our jackets.

There are many different styles of motorbike from sports bikes to cruisers, adventure bikes to vintage. There are fans of American iron, British classic or Japanese pocket rocket! and everything in-between, some people including our chairman even like Italian makes!

Also, bikers come in every shape, size, colour and background you can imagine, our mission to serve them all and share the love of Jesus with them all, one heart at a time. For God loved the world so

much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

If you would be interested in what we do, you can follow us on Facebook at CMA Towcester - events are posted on here along with other items of news, helpful Bible references and occasional silliness (we are human after all), or you can contact our Chairman Mark Coupe on

chair.towcester@bike.org.uk

A BIBLE STUDY IN FILEY



At the beginning of March, we went to Filey and visited the Methodist Church to view a “travelling” knitted exhibition of characters and scenes from the Bible. It began in 2008 as a knitted display of The Last Supper, by the crafters of St. Georges United Reformed Church Hartlepool, growing into a huge undertaking of thirty-six scenes depicting some well-loved stories from the Bible... and it’s been on tour since then! Which do you recognise?

Marie Nichols



Help, I'm A Trustee – I Think!

“[The kingdom of heaven] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.” (Matthew 25:14 NIV 1999)

Being a charity trustee is a form of stewardship of the resources that God has placed under your care. But becoming one can be a daunting prospect. You will want to get to grips with how the charity operates and your responsibilities. You'll need to read the governing documents, accounts and recent board minutes. And you'll also want to read [“The Essential Trustee”](#) – the Charity Commission's introductory guide – and maybe also the [Charity Governance Code](#).

You may also want to ask yourself – do I know what kind of trustee I am? What do I actually have responsibility for? And how does my role fit with other roles that are also described as trusteeship?

The test for a “charity trustee” in the Charities Act is “the persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity”. Usually it is obvious who these people are – they are the people who have been formally appointed to the role, in accordance with the charity's governing document, and whose names are on the Charity Commission's public Register of Charities.

But sometimes it is less obvious. This might be because there is actually more than one charity – which is often the case

for WRU churches!

Common structures for WRU churches

The first charity might be the body of people operating as a church – with trustees and church members involved in making decisions. This is often a charitable unincorporated association – a “CUA”. It might be governed by a constitution, church rules or it might have operated mainly by practice.

The second charity might relate to the property that is used by the church. This is often held under a separate charitable trust - as a “Property Trust”. The governing document might be a Trust Deed or a Conveyance. The purposes of the Property Trust might be to use the property for public worship and possibly other charitable purposes in connection with the CUA.

There might also be a third charity in the context of the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches – the WRU (i.e. the Connexion) itself. This is because some Property Trusts or CUA Constitutions may give the WRU certain rights under the governing document; for example, to receive assets if the church (as a CUA) is closing.

The WRU Reference Deed

For many WRU churches, their



property is held under the WRU Reference Deed. This is a model Trust Deed that has been adopted by WRU churches from 1898 onwards. It is also known as the “Owlerton trusts” as it was first used for a chapel in Owlerton. Not all WRU properties are held on the WRU Reference Deed, or there might be certain provisions of the WRU Reference Deed that don't apply to a property because there were earlier Trust Deeds that continue to be relevant.

Charitable incorporated organisations

The WRU itself – and some WRU churches - have now set up as a ‘charitable incorporated organisation’ – a “CIO”. This legal structure is like a company limited by guarantee but it's designed specifically for charities, and CIOs don't have to follow Companies House requirements.

A CIO has a ‘legal personality’ and can hold property and other assets in its own name, rather than in the names of its trustees. It might also hold property as a ‘corporate trustee’, in place of individual trustees of a Property Trust. This can help avoid problems

where the trustees of a Property Trust have died or moved away but new trustees haven't been appointed, or the changes haven't been documented in the right way.

Need some help?

The trustees of both the CUA and the Property Trust might be the same people, but with two different roles. Appointing someone as a trustee of the CUA does not automatically mean they are a trustee of the Property Trust. It is also important that

trustees of property are appointed by a Deed for the legal title to be properly held by them, and the Land Registry records kept up to date.

If you're not sure of your church's legal structure, which governing documents are relevant, or who are the trustees of the church or property then Edward Connor Solicitors would love to support you – contact us on info@edwardconnor.com.

You can also find articles on our website that might be

relevant to your church, and sign up to our newsletter for regular updates.

Lynn Cadman
Senior Associate, Edward Connor Solicitors

Lynn provided training at the WRU general meeting in March 2025 about the role and responsibilities of trustees in the context of WRU churches. We also received training from Paul Tollerton on property issues in October 2025 and are planning a session on employment matters.

FROM CHAINS TO THE CROSS



Sometimes it's painful listening to other people's journeys, because somewhere in their story, we see ourselves—or someone we love.

For much of my life, fear shaped how I lived. It wasn't

always visible, but it was always there. I learned to hide it well, to carry on as if everything was fine. On the outside, I could function. Inside, I was constantly trying to manage something I didn't understand.

As life became harder, I found ways to cope—ways to quiet the noise and escape what I was feeling. For a time, it worked. It gave relief, space, even a sense of freedom. But slowly, that escape became something I depended on. What once helped me cope began to take more than it gave.

At the same time, I had faith—but only in words. As a child, I had believed so deeply, praying every night and trusting God without question. But as life unfolded, that faith faded. In my early twenties, I found myself in a place of deep despair, questioning everything I once believed.

It felt as though God had disappeared. And in that silence, I stopped looking for Him.

While I was losing my way, something very different was happening in the life of the person I loved.

His journey of faith began in

an unexpected place—prison.

What started as simple curiosity led him to attend church, not searching for anything specific, just open enough to go. But over time, something began to change. The priest took time to explain the Bible in a way that made sense, breaking it down and making it real.

Eventually, he was given a Bible to take back to his room. Alone, reading it in his cell, something began to shift. What started as curiosity grew into understanding, and then into something deeper. The words weren't just stories anymore—they spoke directly into his life, challenging how he thought, how he lived, and how he saw himself.

And I saw the evidence of that change.

I had known who he was before—the anger, the hardness, the walls that had been built over time. Life had shaped him in ways that made it difficult to trust or care openly.

But now, he was different.

The anger had softened. In its place was patience.

Where there had once been distance, there was now compassion. I saw someone who was genuine and cared

deeply about others, who gave his time, who listened, who wanted to help. It wasn't a surface change—it was a COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION.

And I couldn't ignore it.

He began inviting me to church. Gently, consistently, without pressure. And eventually, I said yes. Not because my faith was strong, but because I had seen something real.

Something I couldn't explain away.

I had heard it said that God reaches out His hand, and all we have to do is take it - and in time, we did, and from that moment, our journey truly began—together.

Life didn't suddenly become perfect, but it began to change. Slowly, steadily, we started to see God in everything. In the small moments, in the challenges, and in the blessings we could never have planned.

Looking back, it's impossible not to see His hand over our lives.

We built businesses—something we could not have imagined before. We walked through illness, facing cancer twice, and with God we came through it. And in the midst of

it all, we were given the most incredible gift: two beautiful children to love and care for.

What began in broken places—fear, pain, prison, and struggle—became something entirely different, it became a life rebuilt.

Our story could have ended in so many other ways. It could have remained one of loss, of damage, of distance - but it didn't, because what once held us in chains no longer defines us.

Today, we carry something different. Not the weight of the past, not the fear that once controlled us—but the cross. And in carrying it, we have found something we never thought possible: Freedom





'FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD...'

But God's calling doesn't always match our human desires as humanitarian aid-worker 'W' was to discover.*

(By Kay Mizzi, March 2026)

*(*Name withheld for reasons of confidentiality)*

Trigger warning: contains mention of Suicidal Ideation.

As a child, 'W*' had watched appeals for aid on television and decided she didn't want to just give money; one day she wanted to travel to where the aid was needed and work 'in the field'. And she did...

I first met 'W' at an extremely challenging point in her life; she had been involved very successfully in humanitarian work, to the extent that she had been offered a considerable promotion.

However, the nature of this promotion meant that she would have to curtail the time she dedicated to her first love – God. This was for conflicting reasons the amount of time apportioned to the new work and the organisations' perspectives. *Where would God fit in?*

'W' knew that Father God required her to lay it all down, to live by faith and become a missionary, ministering to the body, and more importantly, the soul. Understandably, she wrestled long and hard with the challenge: to accept or not to accept?

Doing the work she was doing had so much influence and helped so many lives, but Father

God had other plans for her (Jeremiah 29:11), despite the fact that this promotion would mean that she would be instrumental in alleviating suffering for so many other vulnerable people. *Wouldn't it?*

She pondered. She prevaricated. But most of all, she prayed.

Ultimately, she decided to obey the call and follow Him into the unknown.

'W' had always believed that once one surrenders to God's call, that an amazing sense of peace prevails. *It didn't.*

What followed was one of the most challenging times in her life where everything deconstructed. She actually considered taking her own life.

But thankfully she could still hear God's voice.

God is always faithful and spoke into her life bringing relief and strengthening her faith, enabling her to move forward. 'W' continues to face tough, difficult and dangerous situations but He has remained faithful and used her to facilitate incredible works.

For example, 'W' has worked with many organisations,

spanning many countries and situations. She was in Bosnia before the United Nations formation, and in Greece helping the refugees during the crisis there.

She's been in Cambodia, Tibet and Afghanistan helping women rebuild their lives after drug addiction, in a land that under- and de-values them as women, and blatantly promotes that message.

Upon meeting 'W', one would have no indication of the life she leads now or has lived in the past, as she is very quiet and unassuming. However, upon deeper acquaintance, she emerges as someone who could almost be construed as an 007-type 'secret agent', such are the depths of adventure (and potential mis-adventure) that she navigates...

But God shows up for her often, in simple yet amazing ways.

For example, there happened to be a country she needed to enter but it was not permitting non-nationals to enter. She was subsequently instructed to fly to a country that bordered it, book into a particular hotel and wait to be contacted, when a person

would then escort her across the border. (Very 007-like, as I'm sure you'll agree).

Upon arrival, she was to report to a police station, register her presence and was told that all would be in order. What courage that must have taken!

She duly followed these instructions and upon leaving the police station, she and a colleague visited a local café and started a conversation with a fellow partaker, a lady.

In general conversation, they asked this lady what she did for a profession, and she answered, "I track and capture people who enter and reside in this country illegally..."

More courage required. But God was there.

Whilst in that country she was instructed to meet up with a particular person, but this turned out to be completely impossible in terms of logistical and personal safety risk. Given this conclusion, she therefore refocused on other areas of need and abandoned this infeasible mission.

However, when on her way to another destination, she paused for a rest from the journey through the mountains and happened upon a man 'picnicking' with his family by the side of the road. God was there before her because he was the very man she has been commissioned to meet... so there and then they conducted their meeting in the mountains, by the roadside. Just, of course, as God had planned it.

On another occasion, when in yet another country, 'W' was trying unsuccessfully to get into a walled settlement and was about to give up. Then a lady suddenly

appeared in front of her. This lady recognised her because she has received prayer from 'W' but a few days earlier and her leg had been healed - again, God was listening and working in her. This lady took 'W' into the settlement and gave her sanctuary.

Another instance of God's grace was when 'W' was at a refugee camp in Greece and the situation became extremely volatile; so much so that all the charity workers were made to evacuate the camp for their own safety.

'W' was consequently stationed outside the camp with no medical supplies or equipment and she reached out to God in prayer. Imminently, a couple arrived in a campervan filled with supplies and equipment and set up a clinic by the roadside, working with newly arrived refugees.

These are just some of the instances of how God has protected and provided for 'W' in dangerous situations to enable her to follow His leadership and guidance. In Him she trusts.

To all readers, please pray for the safety of 'W' as she continues God's work to help women build a life that can sustain them and their families in countries that considers them worthless. Pray for her as she shares the love of God and the Good News of Jesus with them. Pray for her to remain unseen by those who would wish her ill, and for favour with those with whom she needs to find favour.

God will be listening for our prayers, as He knows the plans He has for 'W'. He also works everything together for good, for those who are called to His purpose (Romans, 8:28) as 'W' most certainly is...

JEREMIAH 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

ROMANS 8:28

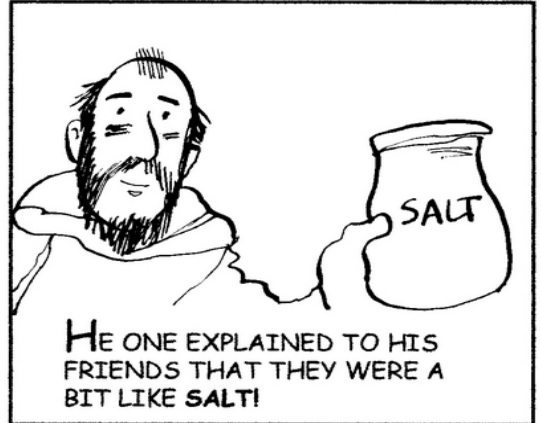
AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

PICTURE PARABLE

The tale of
the
Salt
and
Light

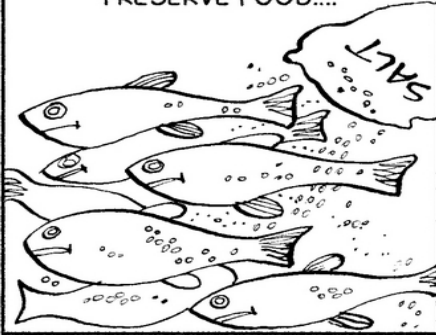


JESUS OFTEN TOLD
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IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD....

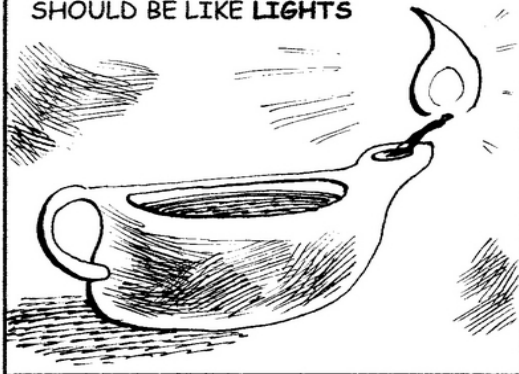


....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



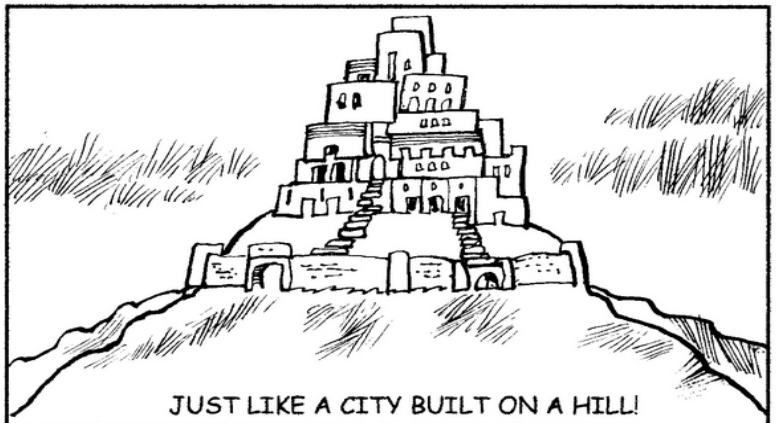
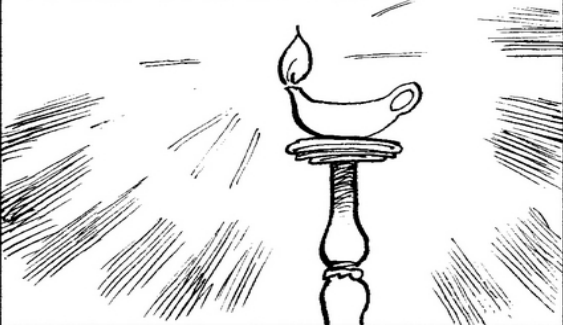
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!