

M.A.S.T.

‘Telling the next generation...’ Psalm 78:4



A new year - an exciting adventure

We're so thankful that you are choosing the partner with us in this exciting work. We get to share the good news about Jesus with thousands of children. We encounter delight, surprise, joy and deep questions as we travel around schools teaching the Bible - and it's your prayers that fuel us.

I was reading 2 Kings 5 and the story of Naaman with my children this morning. He wants Elisha to do somethings special to heal him because Naaman feels that he's a special person and deserves it. But instead Elisha

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PRAYER

Keep praying for open doors, new workers and finances

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WORKERS

We're developing a training system and looking nation-wide for new workers

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FINANCES

We want to be in a position to pay workers a salary. Please pray for an increase in giving



Zania

In January we welcomed Zania on to the team as an associate worker!



New Strategic Team

To help drive the vision we have formed a new team.



New Workers

Please pray as we interview new workers and seek out more!

tells him to do a simple thing - go wash in a river. Naaman is not impressed but his wise servant responds “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘wash and be cleansed!’”

Ours is a simple message. Some people don’t like that. They want bells and whistles. They want something spectacular. But the gospel is simply ‘wash and be cleansed’. It is to trust in Jesus. No magic. No waving hands. No special ritual. Simply trust. What a delight to see the children’s faces when they realise what a plain message it is! It’s for all - small and ‘great’ alike. And we have the privilege of sharing that news.

Developments are afoot!

On Tuesday 7th January the trustees met and agreed to form a new strategic team to drive the vision of M.A.S.T. into the new decade. •

The team of three comprises Jeremy Beckett (Chairman), Michael Tinker (worker) and Andy Bruins (our newest trustee and pastor of Walton Evangelical Church). Please pray for this team as they seek to shape the vision, recruit new workers and raise funding for this vital work.

As you’ll see below we’ve also formally welcomed Zania as an associate worker. In addition we’re in the process of recruiting a new worker to take over visits into schools in Chesterfield and the surrounding area. Michael continues to go into 50+ schools and is teaching about Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and what true humility looks like.

Another exciting development is that we’re exploring links with Cliff College and working with some of their students. This is a great opportunity, giving experience and training to students as well as helping increase our visits into schools.

*Apologies to anyone who counts the new decade as starting next year...

Funding

We are so grateful for all the financial support we have received over the years. God is so generous! And it’s because of this that we are convinced that we need to move M.A.S.T. to a position where we are able to offer salaries to workers. We are asking churches nationwide and individuals to consider what they can give so that we can employ more workers to meet the needs of the many schools we have contact with. If you would like information about specific financial needs and figures, please get in touch with Michael at michael.j.tinker@gmail.com or 01433 639 503.

ZANIA VAN SCHALKWYK

Many of you will know Zania already, but on Tuesday we officially welcomed her on to the team as an associate worker. While Emily is on maternity leave Zania will be continuing the work in the Secondary Schools under the guidance and with the support of M.A.S.T.

Please pray for Zania as she does this. Pray for wisdom as she seeks to teach the students about Jesus; for joy and perseverance; for a co-worker to partner with her in this work.

