

The West's Mission Launch

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Dear Friend,

It is so exciting to be able to share with you an outline of our plans for mission work in Kenya. It has been a long-standing dream that is finally coming to life, and we would very much like to share this journey with you!

Our vision: To share the good news of Christ through Bibles & food distribution in schools and poorer communities. To keep this concise and easy to read we have broken it all down into these simple sections:

Where? We will be living 35 minutes outside of Nanyuki with Tim's parents on the RFM Africa Mission base called 'Cyara Farm'. We have a lovely little cottage that is being prepared for us. Cyara is about 4 hours north of Nairobi by car and just west of Mt. Kenya.

When? We fly on 23rd August (2022) from London Heathrow to JKIA Nairobi.

What will we be doing?

- Supporting Tim's parents with sharing the good news of Jesus amongst the communities around Cyara.
- Partnering with local schools to provide:
 - O A Bible for each student (there are currently 4,560 primary school students in the immediate surrounding area)
 - O A feeding programme for very poor schools. Initially, this would be providing a porridge called 'Uji' to students before they start their day. This will help students concentrate and thus enhance their learning. It can also alleviate some of the financial pressure upon families to feed their children.
- Tim will also be exploring how he can use his 11 years of ICT/Computing teaching experience to equip and train students and teachers with IT equipment and skills.

With who? Tim's parents - Roger and Shireen West have been working in East Africa for 35 years and we are going to work alongside their ministry called <u>RFM Africa</u>. It is great that we have the opportunity to work with them, given their experience and missional foundation.

Our kids? Eliza (6) and Josiah (4) are excited about the adventure, having visited Kenya recently. We have secured a place at a local prep-school called Braeburn International Nanyuki, which starts this September.

Funding? We need to raise a further £12,000 for our salary and £12,000 for our projects. *>Please see overleaf for more details.*

This simple, yet powerful scripture has really inspired us and is the basis of our mission work:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. & Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31

With love and blessings,

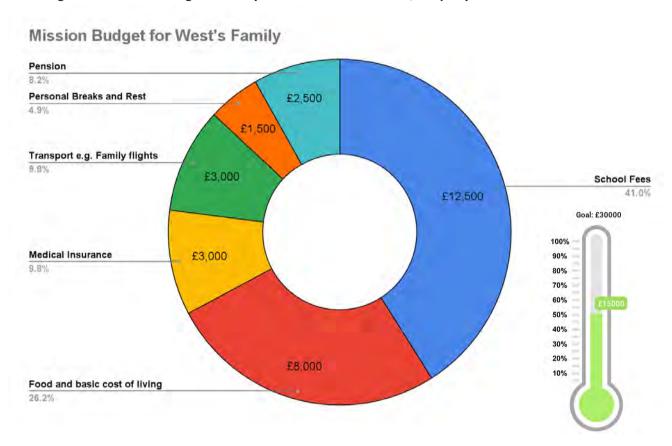
Tim, Christian, Eliza and Josiah Xx

Funding Intro

The <u>Charitable Trust in the UK</u> requires us to raise all the funds we need to keep us as a family on the mission field. If we can be on the ground in Kenya, we believe we can make a real difference to many people through the skills and links that we have. We are asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with us.

Time span? We are looking to commit to at least 3 years (Tim's Kenyan work-permit has been granted for this period) and so we are asking people to prayerfully consider supporting us for this duration. We will of course, annually review our work and plan accordingly.

The budget - Our overall living and family costs will be around £30,000 per year.



- If between 20-40 people gave £25-50 per month (+ 25% gift aid*), we would easily reach our initial £15,000 funding goal. *If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim back 25% gift aid and therefore, reducing our target to £12000
- A regular commitment of either monthly or annual giving would help sustain our work and allow for good budgeting. One-off donations however are also very much welcome! (Please see overleaf for details re making a donation)
- Our head of trustees, <u>Eddie Henderson</u> or his wife <u>Trina</u> are very happy to speak to you about the RFM Charity and how it operates re-funding. Eddie simply calculates how much money has been raised and then sends this out to Kenya on a monthly basis. *Contact details:* <u>eddieh52@yahoo.com</u> +447718005864

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Supporting us:

Please prayerfully consider if you might be able to support us:

Prayer: We would HIGHLY value your regular prayers and encouragement. This is of great importance to us and our work, and we welcome a group of committed prayers. *Please notify us so we can ensure that you are kept updated.*

Financial giving: If you feel able to give, please consider whether this could be broken-down into smaller monthly or annual giving? *Having committed, regular donations will enable us to plan and scale our work accordingly.*

Choose and reference** an area that would you like to specifically help towards:

- a) SendTheWest's = General Support (Allows us to allocate accordingly)
- b) West's Flights (1 family flight during peak season costs around £3000 return)
- c) West's Medical Insurance (Currently £3000 through Salt travel insurance)
- d) West's Kids school fees (Braeburn Nanyuki Costs 12,000 PA For Eliza and Josiah)
- e) West's Cost of living (E.G., food and household items = roughly £8000 PA)
- f) West's Holiday & breaks (£1500)
- g) West's Pension 8.2% (£2500 per year to go towards our retirement)

OR To specifically support the **projects**, then please **reference****:

- h) Bibles (Each bible costs about £6)
- i) Food in Schools (£600 a year can feed 100 students each day)
- j) Rural IT classrooms (TBC)

> So far we have raised about £15,000 and so we are about half way there.

Gift Aid route

The easiest way for our trustees is to give is via a standing order to the RFM Charity account called:

Revival Fire Ministries Trust
Account Number: 00195346

Sort Code: 83 16 33

** + Reference: e.g. "SendTheWests" or "Wests Flights"

Completing a gift aid form*

OR online, via https://trcwest.com/give/

Personal/Non Gift Aid Route

Alternatively, If you want to personally send us money to our UK bank account our details are.

Timothy West

Account Number: **26626411** Sort Code: **07 04 36**

** + Reference: e.g. "Bibles"

We will ensure that all money you donate goes directly towards keeping us on the mission field and/or the projects specified.

The Projects:

Tim and Christian have a vision to launch and oversee these 3 main projects:

- 1) 'Bibles Fund' Providing Bibles to students and local communities
- 2) 'Generous food' Feeding children in schools to enhance their education
- 3) 'Generous IT' Providing IT equipment + Internet connections for classrooms in rural schools. Training teachers and students in basic ICT skills.

We would need to raise a total of £12,000 pa in order to fund and launch these first 2 projects:

'Bibles Fund': www.biblesfund.com

- Aim: to give 1000 bibles in Year 1 = £6000 funding

We would like to be able to go into all primary and secondary schools in the Laikipia county (surrounding Cyara) and provide each student with a Bible. There are currently an estimated 7000 students in the area we will be working in and it would be amazing to be able to give an age-appropriate Bible to each one, whilst sharing the good news of Jesus with them.

Once each student has a Bible, we could concentrate on returning every year to offer Bibles to each Year 7 entry. The Bible Society Kenya have provided Tim with a full stock and price list of Bibles ranging from small New Testaments + Psalms and Proverbs - £3 each, to full hard-back RSV full print Bibles - £5.60

£12/month would provide <u>4 New Testaments</u> or <u>2 full Bibles</u> to students in Kenya.



'Generous Food' www.generous.charity

- Aim: to feed 5 schools (with 1000 students), daily! = £6000

Tim has noticed in his 11 years of teaching, that there is one place in school that students consistently flock and run to...the lunch hall! Eating a decent meal in school is proven to help students' concentration and focus in education. Our desire is to provide food or a nutritious food-supplement for needy children within schools in poorer areas.

"The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future." Mary's Meals.

We currently have 1 school called Oltafetta that we are helping with food. We aim to start with a nutritious breakfast porridge meal and some fruit. **£600/year** can provide **100** primary school students with a **nutritious breakfast porridge**.

£50/month could provide a WHOLE school with a nutritious breakfast porridge, for 1 year!



'Generous IT' - Exploring how technology can enhance learning in rural Kenya.

Tim has taught ICT and computing for the last 11 years in the UK and is keen to explore how he can use his IT teaching skills to help poorer schools with IT Equipment.

He will embark on a 'feasibility study' to assess how IT could enhance education in poor communities.

The mini vision would be to:

- 1) Source a small plot of land within walking-distance to a few schools (or in the school itself).
- 2) Build a physical IT classroom out of basic bricks and corrugated iron roofing. It would need to be waterproof and lockable.
- 3) Furnish the IT classroom with around 30 computers.
- 4) Source/install a wireless internet connection
- 5) Train and fund a teacher to teach basic IT skills + maintain the mini network.
- 6) Enable the school to rent the computers out to the community to make an income.

All of the above would need <u>major funding</u>. A project like this could need up to £25,000 initially, and then at least £2000/year to maintain. We are still keen to explore this and to dream!





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To Love Jesus & To Love Others

Mark 12:30-31

What we do

Sharing Christ's love through feeding in schools, distributing Bibles & building rural IT pop-up classrooms.

Where - Laikipia, Kenya

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