

## Support Group

Anytime finances are involved there needs to be a good system in place for accountability. There is also wisdom in having a team who can pray with us and oversee what we are up to. We have invited a small group of people to serve in this capacity. They will help us as advisors, overseeing practical aspects such as monitoring income and expenditure, auditing accounts and administration.

These are the Rev John Bridger (Reigate Baptist Church), Nick Lahey-Bean, Peter Styles and Kate King (Admin).

## Wider Support

- Prayer support is essential for any ministry. If you would like to partner with us in prayer we will gladly put you on our news update email list.
- Many of the people we wish to support in places such as Eastern Europe, Israel and Africa would be unable to provide travelling costs let alone a ministry gift or 'income'.
- Ideally we would like to be in a position to respond to invitations without thought as to whether or not remuneration was involved.
- To do this we wondered if there might be friends who would like to support us and so enable this focus of ministry. The best way for us would be if such support was made on a regular basis so we can plan wisely.

## Response

If you would like to join us in this Partnership, please fill in the enclosed card and send it to us.

If your response is financial, we will then send you a form to complete.

Our date for the commencement of these new arrangements is the beginning of October 2008.

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Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel

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I love the Greek word **koinonia**. Usually translated 'fellowship' or 'partnership', it expresses the mutuality of giving and receiving that lies at the heart of Christian ministry.

From October 2008, after thirty eight years in pastoral ministry, I am moving into an itinerant role. As such I will be available to partner in the following:

## Pastors, Missionaries and Churches

- There are a small number of pastors in the UK and overseas I relate to as a friend, mentor and father figure. I look forward to being more available to them and to other pastors looking for support in their ministries.
- And beyond that group, I will be available for preaching and teaching in other settings: Sundays, church week-ends, Alpha Holy Spirit days, leadership training etc.

## The Jewish People

- It has been my privilege for many years to work alongside Menorah Ministries in Poland and Aliyah Highways in the Ukraine. The focus of these ministries is to reach out to the Jewish communities in the Former Soviet Union. They also resource local Christians and churches doing this work.
- In Poland in particular, this has led to involvement with a number of pastors and opportunities to work with them.
- The links with pastors and churches in Israel has been mutually enriching. It will be good to see these further developed.
- The church in the west is deeply divided in attitudes and convictions regarding the place of Israel today - from supersessionism to Christian Zionism. I would welcome opportunities to teach on aspects of the subject and rescue this vital truth from extremists.
- Even apart from issues of covenant and eschatology, there is no people group Christians have received more from and treated worse than the Jews. There is a debt to pay: I am praying over the possibility of applying for a Masters Course in Jewish Christian Relations which commences in the autumn of 2008 to assist and further this concern.

## Bible School

- Here at New Life, we have developed courses for those who would like to get to grips with the Bible in its original context. Along with teaching, notes are provided, homework is set and discussion is encouraged. It would be good to make this available on a wider front.
- The concept is very flexible and could be tailored to the particular requirements of any group or church.
- Details of courses can be supplied.

**If I can partner with you with any of the above please be in touch!**

## The Partners Fund

- Full-time Christian workers are rarely well paid. I would love to raise and channel funds to provide gifts to pastors and missionaries. Books are a necessity not all can afford. Household goods fail, cars need repairs, clothes need replacing and sometimes just a treat (of a meal out or a theatre visit) refreshes the soul. My aim is to establish a fund for this purpose.
- *"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Cor 9:1*