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GIFT DAY
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reaching out with God's love and power
helping one another live for Jesus

GIFT DAY - LOOKING TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Through our annual Gift Day we support ministry and mission beyond our church. Last year your generous donations of over £23,000 were shared equally between four projects:

- **Riverbank Trust** - further developing its work in supporting its families and running projects
- **LVA Trust** - helping it establish further as demand for its services grows and to bridge the gap between what it receives from schools and the real cost of providing its services
- **Rebuilders Charity Partner in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** - providing vital needs to displaced people in Bunia through local churches and training community leaders in trauma healing
- **Prison Fellowship** - supporting the running of Sycamore Tree courses in HMP Feltham over the course of a year.

THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS



Riverbank Trust aims to provide supportive and loving community for vulnerable single mothers and their families by meeting their practical and emotional needs

through consistent and caring relationships. The money received from Gift Day will go towards developing its ministry, enabling Riverbank to take up opportunities for outreach into new schools and churches where families are based and reaching new families in these communities.

Riverbank will also be building on the need it has identified for spiritual growth, responding to an interest and eagerness to explore the bigger questions around life and purpose as they deepen relationships with women. Riverbank is exploring new opportunities to sensitively share the gospel with parents and children, and encourage their engagement with church life. Partnering with HTR and the wider church to meet the needs of vulnerable families - including a growing number of single dads - and building meaningful Christian community around them continues to demonstrate Jesus' love for every Riverbank parent and child, and the desire to see them reach their full potential.



LVA Trust teaches RSE (relationship and sex education) in schools and other youth settings in Greater London/South West London. Its core belief is that we are all loved, valued and able (LVA), and its ambition is to encourage positive self-esteem and healthy relationships. As poor mental health is on the rise and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS') waiting lists are getting longer, teachers have recognised its small group and one to one sessions to be a vital half way house for students who don't make the immediate threshold for CAMHS for emotional wellbeing. Its workshops and assemblies remain its core work, but it has opened up opportunities to grow deeper in its relationships with its schools and (most importantly) with its young people.

LVA is ever evolving to ensure it is helping young people and the schools it works in to deal with the 21st century outworking of an age-old problem - not feeling loved, valued or able. The money raised through Gift Day this year will go directly towards expanding its work with young men and hiring a male educator. It currently run a 'Boys Project' small group; the hiring of a male lead will ensure that the boys it works with have a role model who they can relate and look up to.



October 2018 trauma healing training seminar for church leaders

HTR has ongoing links with the **DRC** through Shalom University, Bunia, with its vision for transformation, and through Sarah Casson, working with Wycliffe in Bible translation in minority languages. The east of DRC continues to suffer instability because of militia groups. Attacks on villages have led to tens of thousands fleeing their homes and living in displaced situations.

Local churches in Bunia have been running innovative biblically-based trauma healing training seminars in the city and volatile surrounding region. Combining the Bible and mental health principles, the aim is to train leaders from communities that have suffered trauma, so that they can help people work through what they have experienced and find freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation. Last year HTR's Gift Day contribution through Rebuilders Charity Partner enabled nearly 500 community leaders to participate in this training. This year's gift will contribute to their further formation, and provide basic level training for others.



We partner with **St Peter's Church, Wandegeya, Kampala, Uganda** and support 20 families through the work of Karis Kids. The church is in a lively area on a busy street. Every week starting at 0700 there are three Sunday Services run in three different languages - English, Lugandan and Runyakitara. All Services are well attended with over 50 children

attending Sunday School. There are also mid-week groups that meet in the church. During our recent trip in March this year, one of the leaders described their present toilets as "not honouring to God!" The cost of redeveloping and building a new toilet block, with separate ladies and gents, has been costed at £4,500. The church has started to raise the money itself for the work. We would like to raise £2,500 to encourage them and help to make the project achievable, while ensuring it remains very much their project rather than ours.

HOW WE PLAN TO USE WHAT YOU GIVE US

We will give £2,500 to St Peter's Church and share the rest of what we receive equally between the other three projects. Your support will make a huge difference to the lives of individuals and communities. So please consider prayerfully how God is calling you to respond. Special envelopes will be available in church for your gift on Gift Day itself and the following two Sundays.

St Paul spoke these words in the book of Acts:

... we must help the weak
remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive"

Acts 20:35

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