

# The Bible Missionary **bulletin**

## African famine update

Last November we issued an urgent prayer request for the Brothers and Sisters in eastern Africa. CBM would like to thank everyone for their response to the request for prayer.

We have received the following updates from our Linkmen for the affected countries:



**Malawi** "We are happy to report that their maize harvest this year has been very good - so good in fact that a brother told us it had been the best harvest in 40 years! We thank God that prayers have very much been answered for us here, as the famine over the last 12 months has caused much difficulty and anxiety. We continue to pray for God's blessings on the current crops as they look to harvest a second time this coming Autumn." (Bro Darren and Sis Amanda Storey)

**Mozambique** - "no reports of problems yet" (Bro Trevor Radbourne)

**Ethiopia** "The outlook regarding famine situation in Ethiopia looks poor but there is little or no impact in the areas where our brothers live. The major problems are in the horn of Africa and we have no members there. None of them have raised famine as a problem." (Bro John Shemeld)

**Uganda, Kenya and South Sudan** - "Rain has come in some places; in some of these our brothers and sisters are looking forward to a crop at the end of July, in others however, the rain has been very heavy and has washed crops and land away in both Uganda and Kenya. Unfortunately some areas have still not had rain, eg eastern Uganda, where brothers and sisters are requesting our prayers and help. Brothers and sisters are very grateful for the help that we have already sent, with many messages via text and email stating their appreciation. Maize and beans have been the staple food that has been supplied to those in greatest need, mainly widows and the elderly, this has been either provided as cash or food itself. South Sudan is still riven by war, the situation has been exacerbated by the lack of rain. Many South Sudanese people are in camps in Uganda and Kenya, one brother has been staying with a brother in Uganda." (Bro John Mathias)

**Zimbabwe** - "During an extended rainy season there was far greater rainfall than usual, helping to raise the level of empty or dangerously low reservoirs. In a few places the rain was so intense that bridges and crops were washed away. A brother lost his home in the flooding. However, generally, there has been a good harvest and, so far this year, there have been no food welfare requests. We are very thankful for answered prayers." (Bro Steve Moore)

Our thanks of course should be echoed by all to our Heavenly Father for the blessing of rain and harvest in many areas of Africa where our Brothers and Sisters are at risk. However, the need is still great in some areas and the more we realise how hard it is to help, the more we realise how much we need Jesus to return. We pray that Jesus will return soon and that he will be a strength to our brothers and sisters whatever situation they are in.

# Help wanted

CBM has now reached a point where human resources are so seriously stretched that we are in need of help. The opportunities for support are considerable.

Currently we have linkman vacancies across all areas of responsibility and there will be more of these in the near future. We are also looking for help with short term visits and support work at home. Additionally we have opportunities for brothers and sisters who have foreign language skills.

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## Future events

**4 November 2017** - Europe Day  
(Coventry)

**17 March 2018** - CBM New  
Generation Day

For more information please  
contact: [publicity@cbm.org.uk](mailto:publicity@cbm.org.uk)



## Upcoming CBM visits

22-28 July - Ukraine

27 July - 2 Aug - Romania

4-11 August - Netherlands

5-27 August - Mozambique

13-20 August - Russia

7-25 September - Zimbabwe

# CBM New Generation Day

In relation to the 'Help wanted' appeal, the CBM is organising a day to inform those who would like to know more about the work of CBM, with a view to filling current and future opportunities through a new generation of CBM workers. The CBM New Generation Day will take place on **17 March 2018**, at Solihull, God willing.



Although there is no specific age range, the day is aimed at students or those of school leaving age and over. The day will provide information on all aspects of CBM work both at home and abroad and will include workshops and interactive sessions. More information will be provided over the coming months.

## Wanted - photos and videos of CBM work

CBM has several publicity initiatives in the pipeline which require the use of photographs, and particularly videos, of CBM activities around the world. These types of media really help bring to life the work of CBM.

If you have any suitable photos or videos please email:

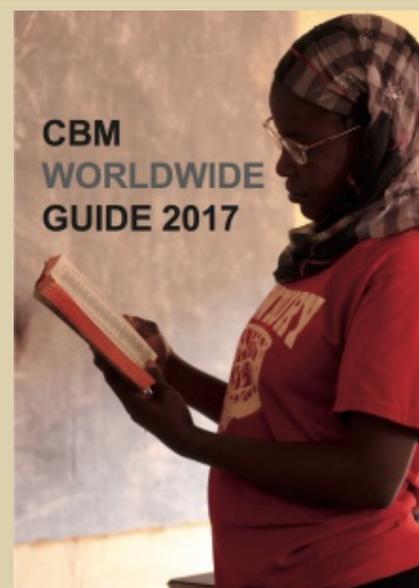
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## CBM Worldwide Guide 2017

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To obtain a copy, please log-in to the members area of the CBM website ([www.cbm.org.uk](http://www.cbm.org.uk)) where you can either print a PDF copy or find details of how to order a hard copy.

Alternatively, email: [publicity@cbm.org.uk](mailto:publicity@cbm.org.uk) for a copy.



## How CBM helps



### CBM's main aim

CBM's main aim to teach about Jesus and his coming kingdom - "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" - and to encourage all that we come into contact with to live Godly lives and to try to follow Jesus' example as best as we can. We aim for our brothers and sisters in other lands to be as self-sufficient as they possibly can and so we try to encourage fellowship, Bible reading, prayer, preaching and helping each other in practical ways - "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another".

### Your contributions give hope

Everything that the CBM does is in God's hands, and all the activities in CBM areas are as a result of his guidance. We step out in faith as we encourage our brothers and sisters in other countries, but we also have to constantly consider the costs!

A really big thank you to all who contribute to the work of CBM.

## Facts about the Truth in Mozambique

It is currently estimated that there are **10,314** brethren and sisters in the country

These brethren and sisters meet together in **336** ecclesias;



There are an estimated **7,193** Sunday School students

There are around **2,500** contacts interested in learning more about the message of the Bible