

*#Missionis... The call in action*

July 2017  
Tracks 1–5

**We hear three stories of how a variety of people got into mission in the first place...**



**Ruth Hulser** (Track 2)

**My call:** To come alongside and walk with people not usually seen by all but who are seen by God, showing them that he cares

“Apart from my usual work as a doctor in charge at St Philip’s Health Centre, I have developed a holistic community-based project called Familia Moja (one family), which is caring for people in desperate straits. We do palliative care and look after vulnerable families facing issues such as mental health and HIV. I also help look after our local farm, where we try new methods of agriculture and rainwater capture; we raise fish, chickens and rabbits.”



**Michael Green** (Track 3)

**My call:** Spreading and sustaining the kingdom of God, principally among Middle Eastern people.

“Provincial towns in the UK now have significant Muslim populations that need to be reached, but resources are scarce. I’m using the skills I have gained overseas, such as speaking Arabic and working with refugees, to reach out to Muslim people in the UK and to equip others to do the same.”



**Phil and Sylvie Good** (Track 4)

**Our call:** Through the depth of our life experience with God, we feel called to serve and build his kingdom through facilitating and empowering others.

“Our call has come out of a deep hunger to serve others. For years we thought we were just too ordinary for mission work but we have learned that God uses ordinary people from every walk of life. Now we are preparing to work at the Life Center in Beirut, Lebanon, which has many refugee projects responding to what Antonio Guterres,

secretary-general of the United Nations, has called the ‘worst humanitarian crisis of our generation’.”

This month’s reflection (Track 5) comes from **Ian Adams**, mission spirituality adviser for Church Mission Society. Ian’s prayer exercises are available on our website: [churchmissionsociety.org/resources](http://churchmissionsociety.org/resources)

**#missionis** – have you taken the survey yet? Help us complete our giant listening exercise to find out what people really think about mission: [churchmissionsociety.org/mission-is](http://churchmissionsociety.org/mission-is)

# #Missionis... 'a matter of course'

August 2017  
Tracks 6–10

This month we look at what happens to people when from the outside, it looks like they are 'just doing a course' or trying to get a qualification... other things change too.



**Nabil and Sarah Shehadi** (Track 7)

**My call:** Renewal and mission in the Middle East: to support Arabic speaking churches, of all denominations, in their life and mission

"Nabil is Alpha Levant coordinator, seconded to Alpha International. Sarah manages the hospitality and administrative side of the Shehadi mission (including accounts and fundraising), as well as working out strategy and running courses with Nabil. She is also teaching sewing skills to Syrian refugees with a local NGO.

"The church in the Middle East is under huge existential pressures but Alpha and Marriage courses are being used by the Holy Spirit to foster church unity and mission around the world."



**Anonymous** (Track 8)

**Our call:** To help people, especially through studying the Bible together, to develop in their relationship with God and in the way they serve others

"India is developing fast, but the gap between rich and poor has widened and people remain segregated - sometimes violently - according to religion and caste. Despite being a tiny minority, Christians are called to be more than just another community fighting for their own survival. By establishing a firm grounding in the gospel, we want to help Christians be good news for India."



**Berdine van den Toren Lekkerkerker** (Track 9)

**My call:** Living a life of mission, both locally and globally...

This is my passion. But what does this mean? Locally, it means that with my husband Benno, we are part of a core team of a church plant in a more deprived area of Groningen. Globally, it means that I am utilising my many years of cross-cultural mission and my deep theological understanding to help meet a vast and growing need for church leaders.

I spend a good portion of my time travelling to places like these in Africa and Asia and spending time at schools for mission and theology where teachers are doing a great job but are often overwhelmed, overstretched and isolated. In addition to some training and teaching, I get alongside these teachers, listening to them, encouraging them and helping them feel less alone and vulnerable.

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# #Missionis...at the margins

September 2017  
Tracks 11–15

**People in mission instinctively follow Jesus to the margins, whether it is to work with people who are economically poor, or stigmatised through disability or ethnicity...**



**Festo and Grace Kanungha** (Track 12)

**Our call:** To see lives transformed through the love of Christ, by bringing quality education

“In Tanzania, children learn in Swahili in primary school but in English at secondary. To progress to secondary school you must pass an end of year primary level examination. It’s a system that sadly fails too many children and so we are trying to help change this and meet the huge educational needs.

“Through Festo’s own personal family experience, God placed a burden on his heart for education. He believes that educating just one child in a family can help transform the whole family.”



**Peter and Sally Bartlett** (Track 13)

**Our call:** To serve the Anglican Church throughout Paraguay, developing local leaders and bringing kingdom life to new situations

“Peter is diocesan bishop, pastor of the pastors, ordaining ministers and opening new paths for the kingdom to advance. Sally serves the church through teaching and discipling, encouraging others to enter God’s kingdom and develop their leadership skills.

“Peter trains and leads pastors, deacons and pastoral helpers. He is responsible for future plans and regularly preaches, teaches, ordains ministers and confirms new believers. Sally teaches small groups, leads an English-speaking congregation and is on the board of the Esperanza Foster Home.”



**Pat Blanchard** (Track 14)

**My call:** To serve, share and live each day alongside God's community in Peru

“Working with people with disabilities was not something I came to Lima to do, but God has made it something I love.

“My roles are diverse. I am pastor of the Shalom church, director and administrator of the Shalom rehabilitation project and a member of the diocese. On any given day, you’ll find me preaching, teaching, discipling, painting, visiting, encouraging, organising and sometimes just having fun and living out my faith with others.”

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## A few ideas for when you've finished listening to AUDIOMISSION

### Reflection questions – you could use these each time

1. What was the one thing that most struck you when you were listening?
2. What phrase or thought found an echo in your own experience or spiritual journey?
3. Were there any common threads that linked the mission work of the people you've listened to and the needs of your local area?
4. Does what you've heard inspire you to do anything in particular in response?
5. What one prayer need will you commit to carry with you over the coming month and regularly pray for?

### Taking it further

If you've been inspired by any of the people in mission you've heard, why not contact us and ask to receive their link letters and other news. Call Jonathan on **01865 787527** or email [jonathan.self@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:jonathan.self@churchmissionsociety.org)

Be sure you're getting The Call – our new quarterly newspaper – as well as Prayerlines delivered every two months so you can pray for mission through Church Mission Society along with other members of our community. Ring Danni on **01865 787448** or email [danni.parker@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:danni.parker@churchmissionsociety.org)

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