



Festo and Grace Kanungha

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What we do: Supporting vulnerable community members through social enterprise Bodmin Way (Festo) and serving as a curate in St Petroc's Church (Grace)



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church

Dear friends,

It is sadly time for us to move on from being with CMS. CMS has been a huge part of our lives; Grace began with CMS in 2010 as a short-term person in mission, working as a youth worker in the Diocese of Mara. In 2012, a month after our wedding, we went to St John's seminary in Kilimatinde as mission associates, and in 2018 we became mission partners and continued working at St John's until we relocated to the UK. Here in the UK Festo has been a UK-based mission partner working with the local church. Many of you have supported us since the beginning, and others for a very long time. When we began we invited you to join us in the journey of mission, not just through financial support but also through prayer. As we have said on many occasions, while we are grateful for the financial support, it is the prayer that has sustained us. You have all become part of our family and so as this season of our lives comes to a close, we want to thank you for partnering with us, for being our brothers and sisters in Christ and for all your care and support.



At friend and former mission partner Stephen Hatch's wedding

Last summer we were able to spend three weeks in Tanzania together as a family and it was during this time that we felt God led us to discern that it is now time for Festo to focus his time and efforts on the charity Empowering the Future that he has been establishing in Tanzania over the last five years. We also have a UK arm of this charity called Friends of Empowering the Future, which you can check out empoweringthefuture.net

We had a wonderful trip as a family; it was significant for each one of us in different ways and it was a delight to see our children growing in their understanding of their dual culture. We spent a lot of time with Festo's mum and wider family, reconnecting as one family, and ended our time with a fantastic safari seeing the most wonderful of God's creation.

We continue to be happily settled in Cornwall and Grace's curacy is going well although speeding by. All three of our children love living in Wadebridge: they are happily settled in school and church, have friends, are progressing academically and enjoying exploring other interests as well. We are delighted, but we live with the knowledge that the next move is not that far away from us, to a place as yet undetermined, and nobody wants to move. Please add that to your prayer list.

One of the delights for us of being part of CMS has been the family that is CMS: the wonderful people we have met and known, from those in the CMS office to those who joined us in mission at St John's and those

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With each other
To the edges**



we lived and trained with when we became mission partners. We are particularly grateful to the people of CMS for the support we received in the most challenging time of relocating to the UK. Too many people to name in this link letter but we hope you know who you are and that we thank God for you.

What next? In the last couple of months we have seen God's hand of blessing on Empowering the Future. We have raised enough money that we are able to get on with the building of our multi-purpose centre in Lamaiti, Dodoma, as well as

deepen the well so that it can become a reliable water source for the demonstration plot and building. Last year saw a couple of people attempt intercropping with great success and we hope that this year others will follow their lead. All in all, we sense that the project now has momentum and we are looking forward to who else God will draw in and where he will take it.

You may be aware from the news that there has been unrest in Tanzania over the last month during and after the general election in October. Shocking for a nation that is generally very peaceful but also evidence that the people of Tanzania want to be led by a government that is just and fair. It has disturbed the latest visit to Tanzania by Friends of Empowering the Future and although we think our own family have got through it unscathed we are greatly concerned for the many other families who haven't. Please hold Tanzania in your prayers, for a return to peace but also for wise and good leadership.

Just because we're stopping mission doesn't mean that mission stops. Please consider continuing your support for CMS through one of our fellow mission partners. We'd love to invite you to support Martin Gordon, a mission partner working in DR Congo who urgently needs more funding in order to continue to serve God at the edges. Martin serves as Bishop of Goma and works with church leaders to build peace across people groups. You can read more about his ministry and meet him through his video at churchmissionsociety.org/gordon

Please consider connecting with Martin as you continue to support mission and the coming of God's kingdom around the world together with CMS. For those of you who give regularly, our lovely Church Mission Society team will be in touch in the coming months.

As we bid you farewell we also welcome you to stay in touch – if you don't already have our contact details, CMS can help connect you. Our prayer for you is that you will keep adventuring with Jesus, following him wherever he leads you, living your lives in his strength and power, for the glory of his name, amen.

With love from the Kanunhas



Photos from top to bottom: Festo with his mum; on safari; William; William, Hannah and Zeph



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

It's so encouraging to hear news from other CMS partners sharing the hope of Jesus with people not yet connected to churches. In the UK, CMS's Pioneer Mission Training programme is equipping people to respond creatively to the Holy Spirit beyond the boundaries of traditional church. Read more and get inspired by other stories of hope at churchmissionsociety.org/bringhope