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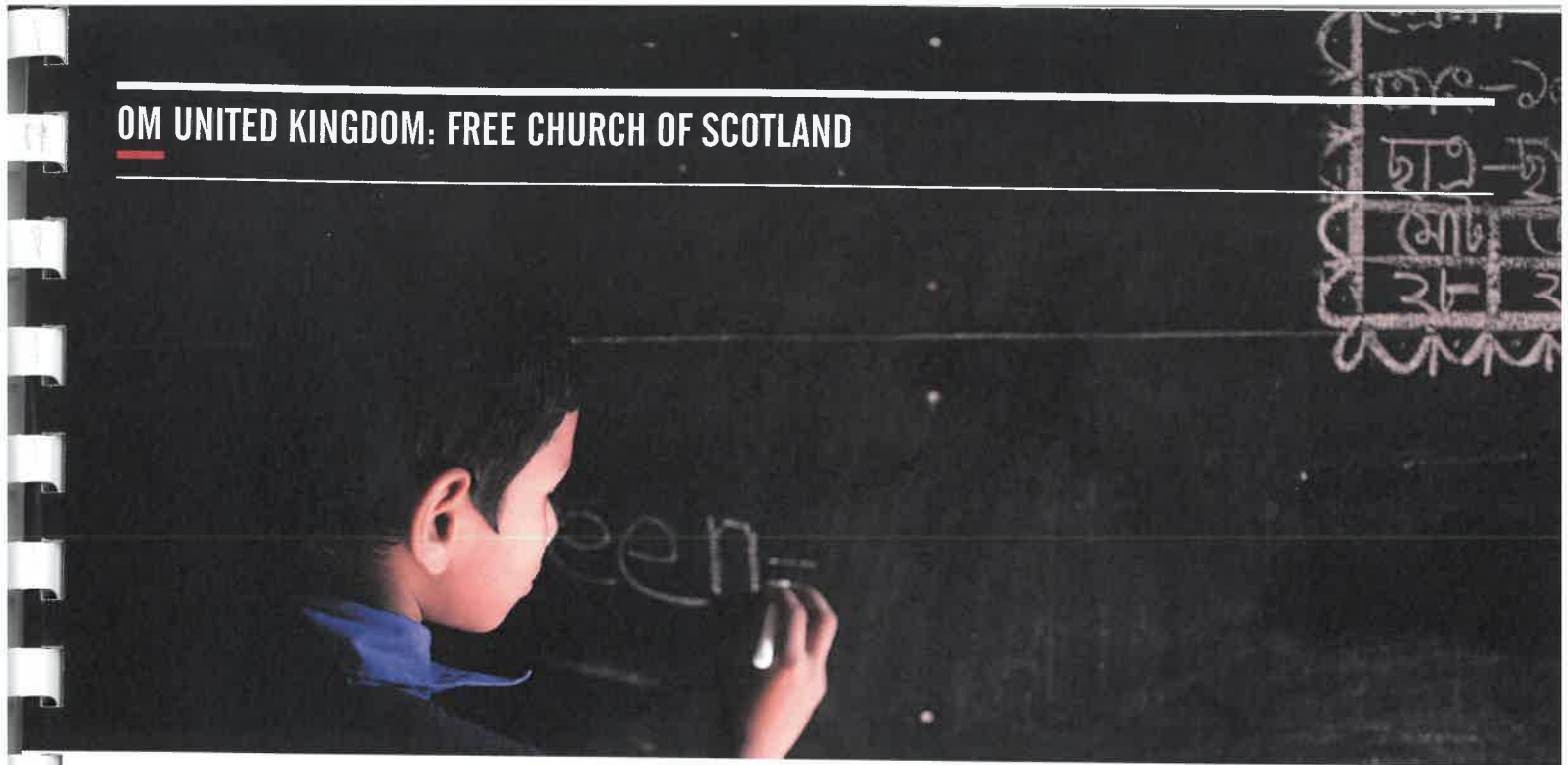


**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND OM**  
**Working together in partnership**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has  
anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will  
be released, that the blind will see, that the  
oppressed will be set free.”**

**Luke 4:18**





## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

**WE WANT TO  
SEE VIBRANT  
COMMUNITIES OF  
JESUS FOLLOWERS  
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LEAST REACHED.**

Working in every region of the world, our aim is to motivate and equip Christians to share God's love, and to strengthen and plant churches especially in areas where Christ is least known.

Beginning with a handful of college students on a mission trip in 1957 OM is now a movement of 3,400 workers from over 100 nations in over 110 countries and an ocean going ship. Over six decades our ministries may have grown, mission trends and techniques may have developed, but our hearts remain the same - to ensure that every person hears the Good News of Jesus at least once in their life.

We are excited to discover how a partnership with the Free Church of Scotland will allow us see vibrant communities of Jesus followers among the least reached.

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## THE BIG PICTURE

### Muslim People Groups

OM teams are working extensively, and collaboratively to build bridges with least reached and unengaged Muslim people groups around the world. We have existing field ministries across the Middle East, North Africa, West, Central and South Asia, and in the UK.

In varied ways, according to context, they are mobilising church planting movements through literature and scripture distribution, evangelistic outreach, business, relief and development, technology and media, and small group approaches such as Discovery Bible Study (DBS). We are one of the founding and lead agencies of Vision 5-9, a global network of 170+ organisations working across the Muslim world. We are currently witnessing exciting developments among various people groups including: Somali's, Sudanese, Algerians, Syrians, Iraqi's, Central Asians, Turks, Afghans, Iranians and Yao (Malawi).

### Sub-Saharan Africa

In Southern Africa, we have 700 mission workers in 12 countries including: Ghana, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar, Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The majority of our workers are indigenous Africans from these nations, as result of the Global South Church being mobilised into mission.

Over the next 10 years we are trusting God to help us recruit, train and send several thousand African missionaries to bring the Gospel to 350 of the least reached communities throughout the African continent. Many of these communities exist along the southern fringe of the Sahara Desert, in the horn of Africa, and down the east coast in countries such as Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique.

### OM Ships

OM Ships continues to be one of OM's most recognisable ministries. Often nicknamed the 'book ship', *Logos Hope* is the world's largest floating bookfair and library. For almost 50 years, our crewmembers have brought knowledge, help and hope to the communities they have visited.

2018 brings a new season to our Ships ministry. In alignment with OM's global vision statement, OM Ships will continue to bring knowledge, help and hope, but more critically, serve as a catalyst to spur the Church into global missions.

*Logos Hope* will tour Latin America for two years from the beginning of 2018 as a catalytic agent of mobilisation, training and resource development. As the ship spends several weeks in each port, her crewmembers will share their passion for missions with hundreds, or even thousands, of visitors every day. The onboard events will focus on mobilising Christians and raising funds for world mission.



### Europe

The post Christian, secular, plural continent of Europe, is now seen as one of the biggest missionary challenges of our time, even more so with the recent influx of migrants and refugees from (predominantly) Islamic nations.

OM Europe sees church planting and the mobilisation of the European Church in mission as a vital priority. In Greece and the Balkans, we are reaching out to migrants and refugees as they enter and make their way through to Western and Northern nations. In Sweden, UK, Germany, Austria, Hungary, France, Italy and Finland we are partnering with local churches to reach the least reached on their (and our) own doorstep!



## HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

### Prayer

Prayer is the heartbeat of mission. Through prayer, the church is able to mobilise an entire fellowship with missions. We desire to see churches praying regularly for the work of OM around the world. Partner churches can include prayer for OM in their regular prayer meetings or hold special prayer times for OM - which could include an OM speaker.

OM can help to resource the church in prayer through our publications or in a practical way through resourcing Prayer initiatives. OM has a daily prayer guide, Heartbeat, and is part of the core group putting together and distributing '30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World' during Ramadan.

### Vision Trips

We would be happy to organise and lead vision trips for Free Church leaders to better grasp how God is working through the ministry of OM. There are a variety of options and we can also tailor these to best achieve your objectives:

1. **Muslim Peoples:** Visit Lebanon/Jordan (for Syrians and Iraqi's); Egypt (for Sudanese); Kenya (Somalis); Tajikistan/Kazakhstan for Central Asia; Pakistan/Bangladesh for Southern Asia.
2. **Africa:** Zambia, Malawi or Tanzania.
3. **Latin America/Ships:** Visit *Logos Hope* during her tour of Latin America.
4. **Europe:** UK for outreach with Turks & Somalis; Greece and Serbia for refugee ministries.

### Fundraising

Churches can develop long term relationships with an OM ministry anywhere in the world. These partnerships would involve twinning with a project, to help the ministry grow in its impact and fruitfulness. Teams from the church can visit and serve with these projects throughout the course of the partnership and see how it has flourished through your partnership. Regular reports and feedback from these projects help to fuel focused intercession for God's work in that part of the world.

#### Sponsored Events

Individuals can fundraise 'in aid of' an OM project or ministry (e.g. *sponsored challenges; community events*). We can advise, support and resource these events to help raise as much as possible. At any time, people can make either single or regular donations to any OM project.

#### Seasonal Campaigns

The denomination could partner with us in a cause, and run a joint campaign for a season (e.g. *Christmas; Harvest; Easter*), or perhaps a whole year. This could include one of our existing initiatives such as 'Mustard', which focuses on developing vibrant communities through economic empowerment of the poor. We can support and provide appropriate resources for any joint initiatives.



Sowing seeds of change this Christmas

#### Emergency Response

If a natural or man-made disaster hits in a country/region where OM has field ministry, we often launch an 'Emergency Mercy Appeal' that enables OM to play our part in responding to the urgent cries for help from suffering people in those areas. We would be delighted to help facilitate a church's response to crises like these.

NB. OM UK can account for and manage the secure transfer of funds to any country with an OM team, and monitor, evaluate and report on how funds have been used.

## Short-Term Outreaches

Can you see yourself bringing the Good News of Jesus to Arabs in Birmingham? How about reaching out to the Ifugao tribal communities in the Philippines, praying through the Jezreel Valley, or building a playground for Moldovan children?

60 years ago OM pioneered short-term missions, allowing people of all ages and backgrounds to share God's love. Today, short-term teams continue to provide much needed boosts and catalyst for new opportunity to existing long-term teams already in place.

We have opportunities throughout the year for individuals and groups to join with OM teams and share in making the message of the love of Christ known by word or action. Each participant is part of an international team led by our long-term workers in the host country. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy fellowship with Christians from around the world, as a fresh expression of the global dimension of the Church.

Options can vary between one week and six months. By visiting [www.uk.om.org/shorts](http://www.uk.om.org/shorts) you can search by date, location or ministry type.



### Heather's story Greece

It was incredible to serve people with like-minded volunteers who share the same passion. One woman shared her story with me at the community centre on how she had to cross from Turkey to Greece in a boat...she showed me a video of the experience.

I told her I felt helpless that I couldn't fix the problem...she replied (via Google translate), "You've done more than enough by providing a listening ear", and she gave me a big hug! Thank you OM - I thoroughly enjoyed my time...a wonderful humbling, eye-opening, rewarding, inspiring time."



### John's story Italy

The camp was really well run; the leaders were very welcoming and appreciative of our efforts. There was a strong emphasis on unity and teamwork from the start, which was important with such a large and diverse group of volunteers.

It was very encouraging to hear stories of some children responding to what was taught from the Bible each day. By the end of the week I had been able to form a friendship with the group of boys I was coaching, despite the language barrier.



## Building up the Next Generation

OM has a great desire to see the next generation of Christian young people and youth discipled, motivated and mobilised for mission, both locally and globally. Whilst this can be done through experiencing short-term mission we also see the need for youth specific events. OM offers opportunities that will help equip young people from 13 years of age and above.

### **OM TeenStreet**

We work with the church to motivate, equip and walk alongside (Christian) teens from across Europe to have a real friendship with Jesus and reflect Him daily in their world. TeenStreet's key strength is discipleship. To fulfil this purpose, we focus on three connected areas: Impact, Relationship and Empowerment. Every year, more than 4000 people (starting at 13yrs) from across Europe participate in a week of worship, bible study, prayer, art, practical evangelism, seminars, sports and fun.



### **OM Missions Discipleship Training (MDT)**

The need for biblically based, well-equipped and highly motivated people to be part of God's mission has never been greater. MDT UK seeks to invest in people, through high quality training and mentoring, so that they can know God and His world better and meet the challenges of discipleship and missionary endeavour. MDT offers a framework of four areas of training:

Knowledge – A biblical foundation for ministry;  
Community – Living Cross Culturally;

Mentoring – Developing as a person;  
Experience – Practical application and exposure.

MDT provides participants with a solid foundation for further ministry including for longer term missions or in developing a missional outlook when they return to their home church environment.



## PARTNERSHIP IN THE UK

As part of our partnership, we will look for opportunities to help churches develop their local mission vision with training and short-term outreaches. OM UK has an Outreach and Evangelism team who are involved in pioneering ministries among least reached people groups residing in the UK. With two centres in Birmingham and London, teams from FCoS churches could gain new experience in reaching out to different ethnic groups for example Turks, Somali's, Kurds, Pakistani and Chinese.

As our UK Outreach and Evangelism team grows, we would also look for opportunities for OM teams to help churches do outreaches in their own local areas. An OM team could spend a week or more working with a local church, helping them do a range of ministry and outreaches.

OM UK is also able to support the FCoS Bible School in Edinburgh by providing teachers for subjects such as Islam and World religions, World Missions, Outreach and Evangelism. Several of our team are already involved with other Bible colleges and seminaries.

As we partner with churches, we would love to offer the opportunities to hold events, workshops and seminars to develop the churches understanding of sharing your faith with your Muslim neighbours. For example, OM has a dynamic exciting full day workshop, *Muslim's – A Christian Response*, where experienced workers among Muslims will come and share knowledge and practical ideas for reaching out to these neighbours. We also hold World Prayer events where we help people to pray for the needs of the world and the unreached in exciting and innovative ways.

As the partnership between OM and FCoS develops, we will continually look for ways in which we can further develop our support and input into churches to help them fulfil their God given mission vision.