

Wade Street Missionary Support Scheme for 2007

**Voting Slip**

**Please complete a form for *each* adult in the family**

Standing Support List (you do NOT need to vote for these)

Tina and Wallace Lopes  
Andrew Potter

**Optional Support List – vote for UP TO FIVE of these:**

**BibleLands**  
**Birmingham City Mission**  
**The Bible Society**  
**Frontier Youth Trust**  
**Gideons International**  
**The Good Shepherd Project**  
**Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust**  
**Mission Aviation Fellowship**  
**Mizpah Outreach**  
**Overseas Missionary Fellowship**  
**Railway Mission**  
**Saltmine Trust**  
**Slum Children project, Durgapur**  
**The Wilkinsons (Akany Avoko)**  
**World Vision**  
**Wycliffe Bible Translators**  
**Youth with a Mission**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Second Person \_\_\_\_\_

Your votes:

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Please return to Nigel Parrett at church or at Annwyl Fan, Shute Hill, Chorley Village, Lichfield WS13 8DB or email to [nparrett@sgfl.org.uk](mailto:nparrett@sgfl.org.uk) by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The Standing Support List is for those who receive support until recommendations of the elders and decisions of the church meeting alter the list. They are not subject to voting. The missionaries and organisations on the Optional Support List are not automatically supported. Some have close connections with the church, but they are organisations rather than individuals and have to be voted on each year.

### Standing Support List

#### 1. Dr Andrew Potter, The Christian Blind Mission

Andrew works with the Christian Blind Mission in Benin. He speaks to us at church when visiting the UK and describes his medical and outreach work amongst the poor and needy. The church has supported him in this work consistently over a number of years. Their website is [www.cbmuk.org.uk](http://www.cbmuk.org.uk).

#### 2. Tina and Wallace Lopes

Tina was brought up at Wade Street Church, and she and Wallace were married here. They, and Joshua and Isabella, are in Chile with YWAM. They are part of the staff team for the bilingual Discipleship Training Schools (DTS). As these notes are written Wallace, in addition to other general duties, is interpreting for the first time and teaching two nights of drama and choreography in preparation for the outreach phase of the school after 3 months. Tina has committed to interpret two mornings a week. In addition both are fully involved in the pastoral and academic support of the participants.

### Optional Support List

#### 1. BibleLands

Established in 1984, BibleLands is a non-governmental, non-denominational Christian charity working in partnership with Christian-led projects in the lands of the Bible. BibleLands partners share the compassion of Jesus as they tend, treat and teach the young, the sick and the needy and seek to bring the peaceful things of God to those in most need – regardless of their faith or nationality. BibleLands works with more than fifty different partners in Israel, the Lebanon and Egypt in six key areas of ministry – education, social care, medical care, special needs, vocational and adult training and the support and care of refugees. Their website is [www.biblelands.org.uk](http://www.biblelands.org.uk).

#### 2. The Bible Society

Brenda and Wynne helped fund Bibles for Russia until the project grew too large. Financial help was sought and generously provided by the church. Bibles for Russia has been supported by the Wade Street Missionary Support Scheme for some years. In this time the church has also taken up a membership subscription with the Bible Society 'Bible a Month Club', which is open for additional contributions. The work is no longer organised locally, but the money can still be sent directly to the Bible Society to continue the work. It continues to be earmarked for Russia. Their website is [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk).

#### 3. Birmingham City Mission

The Mission Statement of BCM is "To clearly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Birmingham and its suburbs and to offer practical help and support to the needy and marginalised, regardless of age, creed or race". Since 1966 Birmingham City Mission has had a holistic ministry. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed in the city centre and in the community. God's love has also been expressed through many caring projects and thousands of people have been practically helped. Their website is [www.birminghamcitymission.co.uk](http://www.birminghamcitymission.co.uk).

#### 4. Frontier Youth Trust

FYT is a Christian network dedicated to advancing the kingdom of God by supporting, resourcing and training those working with and on behalf of disadvantaged young people. It is made up of local Christians who work, or have worked with young people. They offer mutual support, training and advice, opportunities for theological and biblical reflection, resources and publications and also a national team of field staff who help to bring the network together. Their website is [www.fyt.org.uk](http://www.fyt.org.uk).

#### 5. The Gideons International

The Gideons place bibles into schools, hospitals, eventide homes, hotels, surgeries of doctors and dentists, and funeral parlours as well as presenting testaments to nurses, police officers and care staff. Personal gifts of testaments are also given when the opportunity arises. Annually, The Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 63,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. This averages one million copies of the Word of God placed every six days, or 120 per minute and since 1899 over a billion have been distributed. The Gideons website is [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org).

#### 6. The Good Shepherd Project

Rachel Ely attended the Sunday School at Wade Street Church and was our original connection. She is married to Sansao Campos, and they lived in Fatima, Brazil before their return to the UK. The aim of the project is to bring hope to the forgotten families of a Brazilian shanty town, and to bring the Good News of Jesus to the people through practical loving care and support. The children of Fatima need food, health care, clothing and basic education. Young people need the opportunity to escape the violence of the streets. Mothers need a crèche for their children so that they can go to work to support their families. The project is staffed by local Christians, some of whom are paid while others are volunteers. Their website is [www.goodshepherdproject.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdproject.org.uk).

#### 7. Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust

Brian Dash, the Christian schools worker, and his team visit Primary and Secondary schools in Lichfield and some of the surrounding villages. They are involved in taking assemblies and R.E. lessons, going into Primary schools for assemblies three to four times a term. The work of the trust is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Several church members join Brian in schools to help with the work including displaying their puppetry skills.

#### 8. MAF

Mission Aviation Fellowship exists to speed the spread of the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ by word and deed in places of deepest human need - isolated places where flying is not a luxury but a lifeline. Every four minutes an MAF plane is taking off somewhere in the world. These flights enable crucial work by aid and development agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups to take place. Wade Street Church has supported this work for a number of years. Their website is [www.maf.org](http://www.maf.org).

#### 9. David and Wilma Lyttle, Mizpah Outreach

David and Wilma have been known to some at Wade Street for many years. Their family are all boys Bryan, Iain, Jon Marc and Allyn, and the oldest two are married. David and Wilma will be back in the area on their next trip to the UK including trips to Ireland and Scotland. As they seek to serve the Lord in Macedonia, they have recently been upgrading their language skills.

#### 10. OMF

Isobel Searson received our support while she was working with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Now that Isobel has a paid job, OMF have continued to receive our support in the same way as the other organisations. OMF was formerly the China Inland Mission, founded by James Hudson Taylor in 1865. It aims to see an indigenous, biblical church planting movement in each people group of East Asia, evangelising their own people and reaching out in mission to other peoples. OMF serve the church and bring the gospel to some 12 countries in East Asia, and have a pioneering ministry in others. They help place Christians with professional skills in China and other Asian countries, and share the love of Christ with East Asians worldwide. Their website is [www.omf.org](http://www.omf.org).

#### 11. The Railway Mission

Founded in 1881, the Railway Mission remains the major pioneering, front line Christian influence in the national railway industry. Sandy Kirkwood is the Railway Mission chaplain in the West Midlands with an open door to all sections of the privatised industry. Sandy worked for several years with the Mission to Military Garrisons. At one time he worked in Beirut helping to build an orphanage. Sandy is married to Patricia and they have three children. Their home is in Rugby. The Railway Mission website is [www.railwaymission.org](http://www.railwaymission.org).

#### 12. Saltmine Trust

Saltmine Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee that was established in 1980. Initially it was intended to be a support organisation for its founder, Dave Pope. However, it quickly grew and today is a leading Christian organisation employing over 30 people at its Dudley, UK, Head Office. Saltmine is at the forefront of Christian service, totally committed to evangelism, mission and the integrity of the family. Its Theatre Company, Red Balloon Theatre Company and Creative Arts Team supported by Technical Services Department regularly present the gospel in churches, schools, colleges, prisons, youth clubs and universities. They also feature at the many summer holiday initiatives of Saltmine. The Saltmine Trust website is at [www.saltmine.org](http://www.saltmine.org).

#### 13. Slum Children Project, Durgapur

This is a project run by the Church of North India to provide a school and education for the slum children. This project was just about to start up when Roger and Iris Hartley went to India. For part of their visit they stayed with the Bishop of Durgapur and saw the site where the school is to be built. Iris is organising a visa to go back to Durgapur to help in the school for a couple of weeks and encourages the church to have a link with the school. The slum school at present has 80 pupils age between 4 and 15 who are given uniforms, food and exercise books. It costs £50 per year per pupil to run the school. The school buildings will be opened in March [the school started before the buildings].

#### 14. Stephen Wilkinson

Akany Avoko is a children's home, in Madagascar. There is limited funding from parents and CWM. State funding exists in theory only. Some children are placed by the juvenile court, others by families with special needs and others were babies who were found abandoned to die. Some children stay for years and a Christian family home atmosphere is created. Appropriate skills and training are given and Akany Avoko also provides a half-way-home for otherwise homeless girls. Stephen was presented with the MBE in 1998 by the Princess Royal, who subsequently visited the home in 1999. Stephen and Hardy say "Our earnest desire and prayer is that each of the youngsters in our care shall come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend". Hardy retired in 2004. Their website is [www.akanyavoko.com](http://www.akanyavoko.com).

#### 15. World Vision

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty. It helps transform the lives of the world's poorest children and families in nearly 100 countries, including the United States. The non-profit work extends assistance to all people, regardless of their religious beliefs, gender, race, or ethnic background. World Vision works in Community Development, Disaster Relief and Global Issues including HIV/AIDS. Their website is [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org).

#### 16. Wycliffe

Andre and Julie Bailey in Dacca, Senegal, were the focus of our support in the past, and we now continue to support the Bible translators with gifts to their General Fund as they seek to make the Good News available to people the world over, in their own language. In many cases the work is truly pioneering as the language has never been written down for any purpose, and so to make the Scriptures available a whole work of recording and analysing has to be carried out. Their website is [www.wycliffe.org.uk](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk).

#### 17. Youth with a Mission

It all started when a 20-year-old American college student spent some time in prayer. As he leaned back in his bed and looked up, he saw what he called a "mental movie." He saw waves on a map. The waves turned into young people, going to every continent, sharing the good news about Jesus. "Was that really you, Lord?" he asked. This radical idea, that young people could be missionaries, stayed with this young man, Loren Cunningham. Four years later, in 1960, he started an organization with that idea expressed even in its name: Youth With A Mission. Today, Youth With A Mission (YWAM) has grown into one of the world's largest Christian mission organizations. The story of how YWAM began and how it grew is a story of God's direction and God's grace in using ordinary people from countries all over the world. Their website is [www.ywam.org](http://www.ywam.org).