

# OUTREACH

## Global Partners and Mission



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The Great Commission is not an option to be considered;  
it is a command to be obeyed."

J. Hudson Taylor

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# J-Life



<https://www.jlife.org/>

J-Life Africa has been a long term partner of SML, and we have previously sent teams to their headquarters in South Africa. J-Life is a non-denominational movement that exists to develop leaders who will mobilise disciple-making movements across Africa.

They believe that the best way to bring about lasting life transformation is through life-on-life discipling, which requires of disciple makers to go deep with each person they are discipling. J-Life seeks to mobilise disciples who will live their lives in such a way, that communities in Africa are transformed by the life of Christ and the Father is glorified. The ministry methodology looks different in different countries/regions in Africa—but they are all working towards mobilizing DISCIPLEMAKING MOVEMENTS (as opposed to programmes) all over the continent in order to impact the next generation. J-Life Africa is presently operational in 21 countries all over Africa and in the process of pioneering an additional 12. J-Life work across Africa and also have a few staff on the international team working from the USA.

John Abrahamse is the J-Life International Director and oversees the J-Life Leadership and Executive team. His wife Lorna oversees staff on the programming side of J-Life and organises annual J-Life trips to Israel. They have three children - a daughter, Jordan, who has finished school and will be doing a ministry year in 2020, a teenage son Nathan and a little boy called Jamie.

They are hosting an International Summit from 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Cape Town and inviting country leaders plus their spouses, and hope to see over 60 people attend, including our very own Outreach Pastor Rachel Dismorr. She will be networking, supporting the ministry, seeing what God is doing and reporting back from the summit. This summit will be strategic as they look at how to move forward in partnership to help J-Life reach and disciple the African continent. The focus of this gathering is to launch their next 10 year vision and to grow the unity of their workers across each county they work in.



## Prayer Requests

Pray that the Lord goes ahead of them in all the prep that must still happen and that this is an amazing time together and that everyone leaves inspired to continue mobilising Disciple-making movements in their respective countries

J-Life Country Leaders—for safety as they travel much to train and equip others, for their marriages and families and for their financial needs

J-Life Trip to Israel—pray as they prepare to take another group of people to Israel for a study in the life of Jesus at the end of March

Wisdom for John and Lorna as they seek to parent three children, for daily wisdom and energy as they seek the Lord's guidance and heart for the ministry of J-Life



# Myra's Wells



<https://www.myraswells.org/>

Myra's Wells is a Christian charity set up by Eddie Martin following the death of his wife, Myra, in a car accident in 2005. The charity drills wells in Burkina Faso, West Africa which is one of the poorest and also now sadly one of the most dangerous countries in the world.

What started as a 'one well' memorial to Myra has turned into a charity that has, to date, drilled over 160 wells in places where there is no other source of safe, clean drinking water. What sets Myra's Wells apart from many other charities is that 100% of donations raised goes directly to drilling wells.

The drilling season normally runs from the end of September until about March and so far this season an amazing 15 wells have already been drilled. This includes their deepest ever well at 134m in a place which had previously had two negative attempts. An amazing answer to many people's prayers.



Before a village has a well the villagers would have to walk to the nearest water source and then have to queue up sometimes for hours to get water. The alternative would be to drink from dirty rivers or streams. There are the obvious benefits of improved health and hygiene but also other benefits such as girls being able to go to school instead of spending their time collecting water. Having a well also provides water for livestock and other animals. One family we met had started a brick making business thanks to having a water supply.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for the current security situation. Wisdom for those who lead the country as to how to move forward

For God's continued favour on the drillings and that people come to know Him as a result

For donations to continue to come in allowing the work to continue

For Christine, a Burkinabe, who is in charge of all the drillings. Pray for her safety and her health, also that she continues to build a team to help her with the amount of work involved.

# Varna Baptist Church



<http://church-varna.com/index.php?>

SML have been supporting Varna Baptist Church (in Bulgaria) for several years in their work with those impoverished in Varna and beyond. They exist to "serve God and bring peace, blessing and encouragement to our fellow citizens in the neighbourhood and the entire city. Our greatest goal is to make more people understand that life can be truly lived to the full only by believing in God and in Jesus Christ".

George Todorov leads the Church that is very active in their local community. They have youth work, children's ministry, student ministry, a mother and toddler group, small groups and parenting courses. They also have a soup kitchen that serves those in need in the local area. Ann Todorov, George's wife, is also very active in church ministry, as well as advocating to help children with disabilities in orphanages to be fostered or adopted, and for orphanage conditions to improve. Ann and George have two grown children, Emma and Daniel, who both now live in the UK.



As well as their regular activities, this past year they attended a public march and presentation of the Christian Family, standing against current gender issues. There were Peaceful demonstrations with slogans in favour of the Biblical teaching of family held in major cities in Bulgaria. They also held a National Day of Prayer for Varna, where Christians across the whole country joined together in unity to pray for Bulgaria.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for the new Church group to progress and become its own church plant

Pray that the Soup Kitchen is able to meet the needs of the poor and frail and bring them the love and kindness so many need

For George as he continues his studies and builds connections with professors at the University of Sofia and looks to future affiliation with the Baptist Bible School

Pray for the planned Summer Camp in 2020 to go ahead with help of teams from the U.K. and that there is enough team to help and the funding is there

Pray for the young children in the care homes to be released in to Foster Care. Pray the orphanages are replaced by care in the family, foster care or adoption

# Uganda Trip



After her life-changing experience of living in Uganda for 3 years, our Outreach Pastor, Rachel Dismorr is leading a trip to Uganda this summer from 13<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August. Amy Bilson and Rachel are taking a team to J-Life and Jenga. This is an exciting opportunity for people to visit two organisations who are both involved in empowering Ugandans to be effective in the kingdom of God".

## Team Activities

At J-Life we hope to be going out and doing evangelism on the streets and helping with a youth conference, sports outreach and children's ministry.

At Jenga we will hopefully be ministering in the local hospital, churches, remand prison and people's homes as well as helping with children's ministry and various agricultural and craft projects. Other projects include rain water harvesting, Alpha, farming and goat projects.



jlife.org



jengauganda.org

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The aim of this trip will be to partner with local projects to support and encourage their ministries, encounter God's heart for the nations, expand our worldview and perspectives, step out of our comfort zones and grow in faith.

If you are interested or would like more information on the trip then please do contact Rachel Dismorr.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for provision for each person coming on the trip and for the trip as a whole

Pray for the team to bond well in the lead up to the trip and to come together whilst they are there

Pray for Rachel Dismorr and Amy Bilson as they lead the trip

Pray for God's blessing over J-Life and Jenga

There are a number of ways to get behind the trip

**You can:**

Help support the fundraising events that are happening in the build up to the trip

Lift the trip itself, the organisations and the individuals going on the trip in prayer

Support the trip financially (you can give specifically to the trip through our giving page on ChurchSuite)

<https://sml.churchsuite.co.uk/donate>

