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Previous delegates have told us Whole-Life Discipleship Training is 'life-changing' and an "eye-opener".

Help us equip mission leaders in Rwanda, Malawi and Tanzania. The benefits will be multiplied in the many Christians they lead.

Just £15 could fund a mission leader's bus journey to our Rwanda consultation.

£60 could provide copies of our discipleship handbook for all participants at our Malawi consultation so they can use it with those they lead.

£100 could cover Timothy's travel costs for the Rwanda consultation.

I enclose a gift for the Faith2Share network to the value of:

□ £15 Other amount: £.....

□ £60 We are very grateful for every gift.

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Manna Mission (p.1)	Praise God for the wonderful ministry of Manna Mission.	Pray that the Mission will continue to grow healthily and bless many.
Fishing in Malawi (p.2)	Thank God for the desire to grow in disciple-making.	Pray that God would use delegates powerfully to equip others.
Transformation for Rwanda (p.3)	Thank God for this opportunity to focus on discipleship.	Pray that God might glorify Himself through transformed lives.
New International Director for	Thank God for Mark's visionary, faithful service and	Pray for discernment for Faith2Share trustees as they seek

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God's will for Mark's successor.

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Whole-Life Discipleship

Demonstrating God's Love in West Bengal



Born and raised in a Hindu family in West Bengal, India, Tushar Manna (left) never heard about Jesus during his childhood. However, as a schoolboy, he responded to a newspaper advertisement and received a copy of the New Testament. He kept his new book hidden and began to read. As he did so, he was deeply touched by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. When he received a full Bible, he read it from cover to cover in a very short time. Tushar put his faith in Christ and was baptised - the happiest day of his life, he says!

Tushar went on to establish a mission movement in 1996 and we are delighted that this agency - named Manna Mission - has recently become the 41st member of the Faith2Share network. The Mission's

ministry covers an impressive range of areas including healthcare, education, micro-enterprise biblical training and evangelism.

A total of 1,500 **children** are enrolled in Manna Mission's Children's Education and Development Centres across the region and they aim to start 10 new centres each year.

Indigenous gospel workers receive **biblical and mission training** through a Diploma course run in Bengali. "The participants find God's will, His direction, encouragement, inspiration."

The Mission's **Community Health Education** programme addresses the needs of the whole person - physical, spiritual, emotional and social.

The poor are helped through micro-enterprise projects

and pay back 50% of the grants they receive so that others can benefit. Projects have included goat and duck rearing, women's fashions, tailoring and a computer training centre. In addition, the Mission has delivered



sanitation and clean water projects, relief for the victims of flooding and support for widows and orphans.

The members of Manna Mission are whole-life disciples: demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways and speaking to those they meet about the One who motivates their actions.

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Jesus' choice of fishermen as his first disciples and his promise to make us "fishers of men" are well understood in Malawi, an African country of 17 million people which hosts one of Africa's largest lakes – 360 miles long and 50 miles wide. Some of us remember the difficult years of government by 'President for Life' Hasting Banda, which ended in 1994, and the associated poverty and human suffering. Two decades later the country is making good progress and the church is deeply involved in building community and transforming lives. In this context Bishop Fanuel from the diocese of Northern Malawi has invited Faith2Share to facilitate a national consultation on Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making.

The consultation in March is part of the Anglican Communion 'Season of Intentional Discipleship' to which Faith2Share committed resources last year in Jamaica and will do so again this year. Leaders from across the country will gather in Zomba, the old capital of Malawi, for training in 'intentional discipleship'. They will then return to their local areas where they will equip Christians to transform their communities and 'fish' for others.

How to reach 2.5 billion Christians

There are currently 2.5 billion Christians on our planet (33% of the world's population) and in March they will all be represented by around 1,000 of their leaders (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Evangelical, Pentecostal) in Arusha, Tanzania, at the WCC Conference on World Mission and Evangelism — and Faith2Share will be there. What an opportunity!

Faith2Share has been invited to run a workshop on 'Whole-Life Discipleship' for participants and will also support an Anglican workshop on 'Intentional Discipleship'. This will be a time to meet with and encourage many leaders in mission from around the world with whom we already work. One of these is Johnson Chinyong'ole (right) from Tanzania who attended the Faith2Share Leadership Consultation in Thailand last year and has since been appointed Bishop of Sinyanga. Through leaders like Johnson we are already on our way to reaching those 2.5 billion Christians with the message of whole-life discipleship, or as Anglicans are now saying, living a Jesus-Shaped Life, which will transform our world.



Hope for Transformation in Rwanda



Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo of Buyumba Diocese, Rwanda, has requested that Faith2Share facilitate Whole-Life Discipleship Training in his diocese. At least one leader from every other diocese in Rwanda will be present so that the training can later be replicated throughout the country. We believe this consultation is a significant opportunity for the church in Rwanda and we would like to invite your support in prayer and giving (see back page).

The people of Rwanda are, of course, still suffering from the trauma and after-effects of the genocide in the 1990s. When he visited our office, Bishop Emmanuel spoke of the need to create hope for those who had lost family members in the violence. Mere "Sunday Christianity" is wholly inadequate for such circumstances. The Whole-

Life Discipleship Training focuses on areas of life such as the family, the workplace, finance, politics and the community. The programme is interactive, adaptable for each context and thoroughly biblical. This kind of holistic training is urgently needed in a country like Rwanda, which faces serious social, community and political issues.

We are delighted that our colleague, Timothy Mazimpaka (right), will be helping to lead the consultation. Timothy is a Rwandan national and was himself forced to flee the genocide. Now resident in Kenya, Timothy is able to bring a rare combination of an insider's understanding and an outside perspective.

In November last year Timothy led a Whole-Life Discipleship Consultation in Uganda - the first Faith2Share event in that nation. A taste of the consultation is provided in the keynote address by Bishop Zac Niringiye of Kampala Diocese. Bishop Zac focused on the question, "Where do you live?" Discipleship, delegates were reminded, does not happen in a vacuum. Bishop Zac said that when he paid attention to the place where he lived, he became uncomfortable with the systems that dehumanised the people of Uganda and he joined with others to combat corruption. Bishop Zac sees the greatest impediment to be, "Christians who read the Bible too much but don't read the world where they live." Nonetheless, the gospel has the power to transform. Faith2Share consultations focus on reading the world as well as on reading the



Scriptures - and listening to one another. Will you help us to equip mission leaders this year, resulting in people discovering Christ and following him in every area of life? Find out more on the back page.



Feedback from Kampala

"Refreshing and life-changing"

"Empowered and strengthened"

"An eye-opener and an affirmation"

"Helped me to understand more how to read, analyse and interpret the word of God."

"Helped me to think of discipleship holistically and throughout life."

"Helped me to understand the will and love of God ... as I follow Jesus also make other disciples."

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