

Plans for 2025 - Kenya and Ethiopia

Just as Faith2Share's origins started 25 years ago, finance has continued to be a constant challenge for us. We give thanks to all our partners and supporters who have journeyed with us over the years, making it possible to resource our work. As we re-started our mission activities in 2024, we also saw the increased pressure - one example would be that we had to postpone a leadership event in India as we could not raise enough funds (but we hope to do it in 2026!)

Could you please join us to pray for the following needs?

- The work of Bernard Irungu, our Regional Coordinator in Nairobi, Kenya
- The follow-up work with our African members in Kenya and Ethiopia (with a trip planned for September 2025)
- Follow-up regional work in Pakistan and Nepal in 2026.

If you feel like it, please consider sending us a special one-off Easter gift to help resource all these areas of work - **Thank you!**



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Easter Missionet 2025

Focus: Resilience and Change

25 years young and counting!

by Anton Ponomarev, Faith2Share

Something to celebrate

It is hard to believe but in May this year we will be celebrating a real milestone - 25 years ago a meeting of mission leaders held in London eventually led to the formation of Faith2Share. Although we only got registered as a charity in 2009, it is still a reason to celebrate - and we will be holding a special webinar later this spring to mark this date.

Over the years we have built up our network, organised and facilitated a good number of leadership and discipleship trainings and consultations - but more importantly, we have connected with a number of mission leaders globally who together make up the Faith2Share network.

As we are looking forward to hopefully many more years of the ministry, let us tell you about the recent changes in our small team. Starting in February, we are delighted to have Capt. Bernard Irunga as our Africa Regional Coordinator, based in Nairobi, Kenya.

At the same time, our Asia Regional Coordinator, Rev. Vijay Isaac, was promoted to the position of General Secretary with FMPB (Friends Missionary Prayer Band) which is one of the largest Indian mission movements. We rejoice in welcoming Bernard to the team and for the new ministry chapter for Vijay!

We hope you enjoy reading this as we look back at our history while also looking for new opportunities.



£15 would support our general ministry as we continue the running of Faith2Share, enabling global networking and equipping our members and partners.



£25 as a Special Easter Gift to help us prepare for regional leadership consultation in East Africa in September 2025



£90 a month would pay the salary of the Africa Regional Coordinator, based in Nairobi, Kenya

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25 years in shared discipleship

Twenty-five years ago, at the invitation of Diana Witts, the General Secretary of CMS, and in the final month of CMS' bicentenary year, leaders from Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, UK and the USA gathered in London for two days of fellowship. None of us knew then that we were giving birth to Faith2Share, but that's what happened. That group committed to meet annually and by 2003 had grown into a fellowship of 12 mission agencies, by then including Church Army Africa, Indian Evangelical Mission and the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. It was in the following year that this fellowship began to take a 'Faith2Share shape' as it convened, in Bangalore, India, a gathering of 29, mainly Global South, mission movements to explore opportunities for partnership.

Now with a name and a clearer idea of its calling, to bridge the gap between Global North and Global South mission movements, Faith2Share appointed its first part-time coordinator and began planning an ambitious programme of events and resourcing for leaders in mission. I was privileged not only to participate in the original 2000 meeting but also to serve as Faith2Share's first Coordinator and then International Director. It was at one of our annual International Leadership Consultations in 2010, in Recife, Brazil, that it became very clear that a major concern within the fellowship was about the quality of discipleship globally. Mission

movements were evangelising, planting churches and training leaders but this was not always leading to effective, Christ-like, discipleship.

Faith2Share remains today a close fellowship, or network, of leaders from large and small mission movements, with 200+ or just 10 years' experience, and from diverse cultures in five different continents. Faith2Share never set out to be a comprehensive network (the WEA Mission Commission plays that role) but rather to be a catalyst for new partnerships and understandings in mission, a place of trust and challenge, a community in which relationships matter and bring glory to God. So in 2025 let's celebrate all that God has done amongst the hundreds of 'beautiful' leaders we have worked with.

Mark Oxbrown, a Faith2Share co-founder
(pictured on the right with Bishop Zac Niringiye)



Leadership endeavours in Nepal

Faith2Share has a long history of being involved in Nepal - as one of the fastest growing churches, there is always an acute need for leadership formation and discipleship resources.

Talking to our Nepali partners, we have learnt about a large number of local pastors who were affected by the Covid pandemic, with many senior pastors losing their lives. Since Covid the situation was made worse by the economic instability which made many local people leave Nepal and seek employment in other countries. When we asked a question: how best to help? the answer was unanimous - by partnering in providing a leadership development consultation.



24 - 26 March 2025 we gathered in Chitwan, 50 church and mission leaders - representing each region of Nepal. Meeting outside the Kathmandu valley we were able to afford to host a larger number of participants, including younger leaders. The majority of the training was conducted in Nepali so that everyone could participate and contribute.

The topics ranged from mentoring and coaching to issues in family life and financial models to support local church leadership - but it was the group discussion which generated most interest and produced a huge set of data which will lead to finding local contextual solutions to the current challenges.



The overall feedback was that for many it was the first such training opportunity since Covid and it proved really relevant and timely.

As I was about to leave Nepal there was a radical Hindu rally in Kathmandu with cars torched, buildings set ablaze, 2 people killed and dozens injured - a stark reminder that it is a daily reality for local Nepali Christians and how important such trainings are to keep encouraging them to carry on.

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