FORWARD TOGETHER BY FAITH

'The watchword is only one and that is FORWARD. It is the only way we can go... Let all of us diligently inquire what blood mortgage we owe the heathen because of what we owe Christ.'  

Bud Kilbourne OMS 1937

OMS UK
STRATEGIC PLAN
2013 - 2018

'For we are labourers TOGETHER with God...' 1 Corinthians 3:9a

'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell TOGETHER in unity!... for there the Lord commanded the blessing ...' Psalm 133:1, 3

'Jesus... saith..., Have FAITH in God.' Mark 11:22
INTRODUCTION

The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of four countries; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The population of the UK is approximately 63 million. The population is very unequally distributed over the four parts of the UK. England makes up 84% of the total population, Wales 5%, Scotland 8.5% and Northern Ireland 2.5%.

(Source: Office for National Statistics)

Religion in the United Kingdom

The UK has been a Christian nation for centuries; religious freedom still exists, although nominalism, pluralism and hostility to overt religiosity in the general public and the media increasingly threaten religious expression.

THERE HAS BEEN A NATIONAL AWAKENING IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CENTURY OVER THE LAST 800 YEARS - THE LAST WAS IN 1859-1869.

THE UK’S CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT FROM WYCLIFFE, TYNDALE, THE WESLEYS, WHITFIELD, CAREY, LIVINGSTONE, AND UP TO TODAY WITH EVANGELICAL WRITERS, THEOLOGIANS AND WORSHIP LEADERS IN THE UK CONTINUING TO OFFER BLESSING TO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

Yet the steep decline of organised Christianity in the UK is almost unparallelled in Europe. Evangelical Christianity is no longer growing. Without the immigration of evangelicals (from Africa in particular), decline would be even more pronounced.

The UK’s contribution to world evangelisation and the Protestant Missions movement in the last 220 years is unique, but interest is waning as the Church weakens.

(Source: Operation World, 7th Edition 2010)
ONE MISSION SOCIETY (OMS)

For more than 100 years, One Mission Society has been united in one purpose... to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout the world, with the greatest number of disciples made, and to see God glorified in all that we say and do - to fulfil the Great Commission. This has been, is and always will be, our One Mission.

The task cannot be done alone. Throughout our history, we have sent missionaries from Western countries around the world to minister. Today, we also send missionaries from the same countries that we have traditionally sent missionaries to, making One Mission Society truly international in every sense of the word. The work is not for the weak or undisciplined. It is a task that only God can call us to.

Who OMS are and what we do:

OMS, an evangelical, interdenominational faith-based mission supported by the gifts and prayers of churches, family and friends, focuses on intentional evangelism, indigenous church planting, training national leadership in Bible colleges and seminaries around the world and joining national workers, churches and other ministries to reach the nations for Christ.

OMS strives to be holistic. Because of this, we also serve in several other areas of interest, including: anti-human trafficking, camping ministry, ministry to children and youth, construction, teaching English and medical missions. We also serve in the areas of radio ministry, sports ministries, teaching, support ministries (such as administration, computers, finance, communications, etc). Men for Missions, our ministry challenging men (and women) through short-term mission trips (work teams, ministry teams, prayer teams and evangelism teams), is another dynamic way to get involved.

OMS Core Values:

- **Holiness**: By God’s grace, we commit ourselves to submit to the authority of Christ and His word, living lives of holiness, growing in Christ-likeness by word, deed and in all aspects of our lives. (John 17:17)

- **Faith**: By God’s grace, we commit to live by faith, depending on God for all things, through prayer and reliance on the Holy Spirit. (John 15:5)

- **Accountability**: By God’s grace, we commit to be accountable to God, to our leaders and to our constituents through faithful, persevering labour and good stewardship. (Luke 12:48b)
Discipleship: By God’s grace, we commit to proclaim the love of Jesus through mentoring and discipleship in ministry, living out our Christianity as part of a community or team, and partnering with other community members in biblical manner. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Ministry: By God’s grace, we commit to be involved in the fulfilment of the Great Commission through evangelism, church planting, leader training and partnership with churches to evangelize their nation and the world. (Matthew 28:18-20)

One Mission Society - United Kingdom (UK):

OMS began ministry in Japan in 1901 as The Oriental Missionary Society. Today, OMS ministers throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and Latin America.

When Charles and Lettie (the author of the best-selling devotional, Streams in the Desert) Cowman, Ernest and Julia Kilbourne, and Juji and Katsuko Nakada began the work of OMS, they believed the best way to reach a nation for Christ was through its own sons and daughters. So they opened a Bible training school and trained the Japanese to serve as church planters and pastors.

In the 1970s, OMS changed its name from The Oriental Mission Society to OMS International in order to better reflect our global ministry. Then, in January 2010, we changed our name again to One Mission Society to clearly communicate our message of One Mission.

Mr and Mrs Cowman made four visits to Britain in 1905, 1907, 1912 and 1913. As a direct result of the visit, Lizzie Pearce from Manchester became the first British missionary OMS sent to Japan in 1907. OMS UK has been sending missionaries to numerous OMS fields ever since.

Today the objectives of OMS UK, a non-denominational faith mission, endeavours to generate interest and encourage involvement in worldwide missionary activity in the UK, with the view of promoting Protestant Evangelical Christianity in over fifty countries on six continents through evangelism, Church planting, training, and working in partnership with like-minded organizations and indigenous Churches.

(In addition to our sending role, in the future OMS UK will introduce strategic ministries and projects in partnership with the UK biblical evangelical church.)
OMS Mission Statement:

By God's grace, One Mission Society unites, inspires and equips Christians to make disciples of Jesus Christ, multiplying dynamic communities of believers around the world.

OMS Four-fold Focus:

OMS was founded on the principle that the most effective way to share Christ is by training a nation’s people to lead and multiply their Churches. That principle still fully applies today, and is the basis of our dynamic four-fold focus:

- **Intentional Evangelism**: We become vessels of Christ, leading people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

- **Church Planting**: We encourage, empower and support new believers to form vital, thriving and life-changing churches.

- **Training Leaders**: We equip leaders in our training centres and seminaries worldwide, so the future leaders of the national churches will be from that country.

- **Partnerships**: We show the world that Christians are united to spread the Gospel by working together with other mission organizations, ministries, and churches in the countries we serve.
OMS UK STRATEGIC PLAN
2013-2018

While formulating the strategic plan each strategy is made subject to God's will and benchmarked against the following question:

'How will adopting these strategies help us achieve our primary purpose, as outlined in our OMS Mission Statement and four-fold focus?'
STRATEGY ONE

FERVENT PRAYER

'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.'

Philippians 4:6

- Increase the number of prayer groups in the UK by 24
- Recruit additional country prayer champions for Ireland, Belgium and Brazil
- Recruit two prayer teams per annum – “pray on site with insight”
- Ensure our supporters are regularly updated with prayer needs, through missionary prayer letters, OMS UK Focus on Prayer, prayer calendar, SOS prayer points using mail, e-mail, text message and our website
- Hold four special prayer days in the UK per annum. i.e. one in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Offer training and facilitation to churches, Christian Unions, youth groups etc on “How to pray effectively for mission and missionaries”
- Organise one prayer day per year for homeland staff and home assignment missionaries to meet. Where appropriate engage UK missionaries on the field by Skype etc.

24 NEW OMS PRAYER GROUPS
STRATEGY TWO

FOCUSED RECRUITMENT

'Then saith He unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.' Matthew 10:37-38

- Focus on and identify fields of greatest need for workers – reaching the unreached/unengaged
- Focus on and identify the greatest ministry needs and recruit accordingly
- Build relationships with and recruit from Bible colleges/universities
- Maximise the use of short-term teams and individual placements
- Clearly communicate information about opportunities within OMS via our website, relevant literature, missionary events and through our regional directors and area ambassadors
- Offer facilitation and training to churches, Christian Unions, youth groups etc regarding the “Call of God”, “Gifts of ministry”, “Where is God calling me”, “How do I go about getting from here to there” etc...
- Communicate at least annually opportunities of service to the leaders of the Churches and fellowships on our database

24 ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES
STRATEGY THREE
FULLY REPRESENTED

'Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you...' Joshua 1:3a

'...and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.' Joshua 13:1c

- Maintain Regional Directors for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Appoint 24 volunteer Area Ambassadors
- Appoint 4 Regional Volunteer UK OMS Young Adult co-coordinators. i.e. One for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Make strategic use of Minister at Large
- Make strategic use of the Men For Missions National Director
- Maximise the use of our OMS UK website, and strategic use of Christian media
- Maximise strategically the use of the UK Board members, Council of Reference, home assignment missionaries and funding candidates

24 NEW OMS UK VOLUNTEER AREA AMBASSADORS
STRATEGY FOUR
FIELD ORIENTATED

'...Behold, I say unto you lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.'

John 4:35b

- Ensure first class pastoral and membership care of our UK missionaries on the field
- Ensure support of ministries and projects related to the fields OMS UK missionaries are serving on
- Ensure strategic support and encouragement of national workers
- Identify and support strategic needs on other OMS fields in achieving our mission statement and four-fold focus
- Create a strong link between our OMS UK personnel department and OMS field leaders to identify needs and opportunities which OMS/MFM UK can help with through prayer, finance and personnel
- OMS UK personnel in conjunction with OMS IMD(International Ministries Department) to lead survey trips to identify new fields and areas of service
- Recruit church multiplication facilitators for the “Across Europe” project

24 LOOK ON THE FIELDS INITIATIVES
STRATEGY FIVE

FACILITATING CHURCHES

'Now there were in the Church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers. As they ministered to the Lord, and rested, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.'

Acts 13:1a, 3-4

- Increase our OMS UK church database to 2,400
- Establish strategic contact with sending churches
- Ensure clear communication with supporting churches
- Offer cross-cultural ministry experiences, such as mission trips, missionary training/sharing, praying and giving
- Assist, encourage and equip the local church to be obedient to the biblical mandate to “make disciples of all nations”. OMS UK will provide opportunities for local churches to live out effective foreign missions
- Build relationships with Church leaders, ministers and pastors, making them aware of meaningful opportunities within OMS for those in their congregation whom God is calling to missionary service, offering training, support and relevant placements
- Engage with churches for opportunities to report what God is doing around the world so as to facilitate prayer and give resources to impact world missions

ENGAGE WITH 24 HUNDRED CHURCHES IN THE UK
STRATEGY SIX
FINANCIALLY RESOURCED

'But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'
Philippians 4:19

- Give the church in the UK an opportunity to steward their God-given resources by expanding the borders to the whole world as a partner in 100-plus years of ministry experience
- Launch a UK 'Sending Chest' initiative
- Ensure our missionaries are 100% funded so as to minister effectively
- Update our methods of payment including introducing on-line payments
- Continue accountability by independent audited accounts
- Commit to inform our support constituency of our needs, acknowledging God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility
- Create awareness of the financial needs of running a homeland missionary agency to facilitate the recruiting and sending of missionaries

INCREASE GIVING BY £24 THOUSAND PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS INTO OUR GENERAL FUND VIA THE 'UK SENDING CHEST'
STRATEGY SEVEN
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

'For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

Jeremiah 29:11

- Ensure strategic use of volunteers in mission at all levels
- Develop and expand strategic partnerships and projects
- Broaden OMS UK “sending” role to proactively mobilize in Continental Europe for worldwide mission
- Develop strategic mission outreach initiatives within the UK, particularly among specific “people groups” in conjunction with the UK biblical evangelical church
- Explore and develop strategic entrepreneurial initiatives such as charity shops etc to raise mission finance
- Take a proactive approach in OMS UK towards the internationalization of OMS affiliate countries
- Ensure strategic succession planning

24 PARTNERSHIPS / PROJECTS
24/7

- 24 hundred Churches
- 24 Additional Missionaries
- 24 Additional Prayer Groups
- 24 "Look on the Field" Initiatives
- 24 Area Ambassadors
- 24 K £/ year to 'Sending Chest'
- 24 Partnerships and Projects
FREQUENTLY EVALUATED

In addition to our seven strategic objectives we commit to these being frequently evaluated to ascertain progress on their achievement and to make necessary adjustment if required:

- Regional meetings (quarterly)
- Personnel reports (quarterly)
- Regional Directors' reports (quarterly)
- UK Executive Director's report (quarterly)
- Area Ambassador and Young Adult Coordinators' reports (annually)
- Board meeting (twice annually)
- Annual review

Clear milestones will be set to monitor progress, but at all times acknowledging God’s will and way, and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying.

'After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And after we seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.'

Acts 16:7,10