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*"It is our prayer that international students leave here with the message of God and that when they think back to their time in Belfast they remember that they were welcomed and that they knew God's love. Hopefully when they return to their own country other Christians can pick up where we left off."*

Mark Turkington, Derryvolgie resident



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**Building**  
*a community of global concern*

Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's Kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

*Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.*



Sharing stories of our Church's mission...

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## Global TEEMwork

In 2010, Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann began to work in Malawi with TEEM (Theological Education by Extension in Malawi), a nationwide, distance-learning theological institution.

The Glissmanns are a truly international family. Volker is from Germany; JinHyeog is from South Korea; they met in Russia, while working with Operation Mobilisation; and they moved to Northern Ireland in 2002. Their sending congregation is Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church in Lisburn.

Based in Zomba, Volker works as the Director of TEEM, which helps train pastors and elders to lead their congregations better, particularly in rural areas. The Bible Society of Malawi has calculated that in a rural church only 60% of elders will have a Bible, leaving many dependent on their own thinking.

Volker shares: "There is a little church outside of Zomba where we did our initial training course. The training has brought them back to the Scriptures and given them a deeper understanding of God. They are now much more comfortable with what they're doing and with the implications of being called to lead other people."

Thanks to United Appeal the Glissmanns are supported in their work with TEEM, equipping pastors and elders for sound spiritual leadership.



*"We see an openness here. They have a strong desire to share the gospel but they just don't know how... Through TEEM people are coming to faith and it's very exciting."*

Volker Glissmann

Around the world the United Appeal for Mission supports...



Short films featuring the Glissmann family and Rev. Karen Mbayo can be found at [www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/United-Appeal/Videos](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/United-Appeal/Videos)

## Caring for international students

In the leafy suburb of south Belfast you'll find the Presbyterian Halls of Residence in Derryvolgie Avenue.

This is a Christian community of 88 young people, the vast majority of whom are studying at Queen's University, Belfast (QUB). Students there are equipped and encouraged to be outward looking and to love their neighbours on campus, including those from further afield.

One area of service that many of the Derryvolgie students choose to be involved in is iMeal, a free meal for international students provided by local churches every Friday of term time.

Rev. Karen Mbayo, Presbyterian chaplain at QUB, explains, "iMeal has been a real success story of the last couple of years. We have about a dozen Derryvolgie students who come and commit every Friday night to this meal, befriending around 50 international students.

"The international students are usually part of Erasmus, a European Union exchange programme, so they are only here for 12 weeks. It's not about whether we have converted them in those 12 weeks, rather have we shared who Jesus is and who we're about in that time? So when they go back home they've heard and experienced the gospel in the most relational of ways."

Thanks to your generosity Karen, along with the students she is discipling, have the opportunity to reach many with the message of Christ.



*"It sounds like a cliché, but it really is a privilege to be here on the ground when something happens and to be someone that people will open up to and feel safe talking to."*

Rev. Karen Mbayo



United Appeal for Mission supports chaplains all over Ireland