

DAMASCUS OVERSEAS

SUPPORT A PASTOR

BUILDING THE CHURCH ABROAD



THE DAMASCUS TRUST

Support A Pastor is about enabling those the Lord has called to take the gospel of Jesus into the remote towns and villages of developing countries.

Since 2001 Damascus Trust has been involved in providing training and support for pastors abroad. We ensure that basic but sufficient Bible-based training is given to all pastors and that ongoing oversight and assessment is provided.

We are working with three Christian Partner Organisations. **Christian Renewal Church** and **Plenty To Share Ministry**, are both in Andhra Pradesh, India, whilst the **Episcopal Diocese of Byumba** is in Rwanda.

In India 80% of the population live in rural towns and villages. Yet 90% of Christian work is based in the cities with many small towns and villages untouched by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastors working with both **CRC** and **PTSM** are serving the Lord in some of the poorest villages. New Churches are established and many are baptised into Christ as

the gospel is preached and healings take place.

In Rwanda, many pastors in the **Diocese of Byumba** struggle to survive but rejoice in the work the Lord has called them to do. Our support enables these pastors to get on with their ministry without financial worries.

As part of our ongoing support for the pastors and as funds allow we provide **Bikes for Pastors** as well as **Study Books**. We also run annual teaching conferences for pastors and their wives. Each one runs for three days and several hundred pastors attend each year.

With your support this work can grow. Through **Support A Pastor**, individuals, house groups and church fellowships are able to have a direct link with one of these pastors through regular financial and prayer support.

All your donation goes to helping the pastors abroad. Any tax recovered through Gift Aid will help cover our administrative costs and also go into our general fund to be used wherever it is needed.

One of the annual teaching conferences in India.



A typical village Church in India



What does it cost?

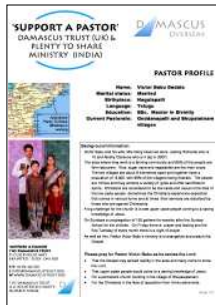
Between £25 - £40 per month will provide full or part support for a pastor and his family, depending on the country and level of support given. Any one-off gift can be designated for our SAP programme.

How is the money distributed?

Regular support (usually monthly) is given to Damascus Trust who then pass it on to our Christian Partner Organisation to cover all the pastors that we support. Our CPOs then distribute the money to each named pastor as well as putting a contribution (10%) into a Pastor's Emergency Fund that covers medical treatment and other unforeseen needs.

What information is provided about the pastors?

Regular supporters are sent a profile sheet of the pastor they support, his family and the area in which he is serving.



Bikes for pastors - ready for distribution



A photo-card of the pastor and family is included.

What news is received by supporters?

A quarterly update report is sent out to all donors providing news and prayer requests.



Can supporters write to pastors?

Yes. We will provide guidelines as well as a sample letter. All correspondence needs to go through Damascus Trust who will send it out to our partners for translation and distribution.

What is the minimum period for supporting a pastor?

Support for a pastor needs to be for a minimum of one year. This is best done by standing order to Damascus Trust.

If you would like to be part of this work then please complete the form overleaf. We will then be in touch with further details.

The Church at Rugandu, Diocese of Byumba



SUPPORT A PASTOR - RESPONSE FORM

Please indicate which partner organisation you would like to support.

- Christian Renewal Church (India)
- Plenty To Share Ministry (India)
- Episcopalian Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda)
- Wherever the support is most needed

I / we would like to give:

Regularly: £ _____ (minimum period of 1 year)

by standing order

by cheque every month / quarter / six months / year

One-off gift enclosed: £ _____

[£40 buys a bike / £20 provides a set of study books for a pastor]

I would like my donation to benefit from Gift Aid

For Standing Orders or for Gift Aid: We'll send you the simple, but necessary forms to complete and return to us or you can download them from our web-site.

For cheques: Please make payable to 'Damascus Trust' and write on the back of the cheque '(SAP)'.

Surname: _____ First name: _____

(Revd/Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Group or Church: _____

How many copies of SAP updates would you like? _____

Contact Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return completed forms & donations to our office below.

Damascus Trust was established in 1990 to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. It aims to enthuse local Christians in their love for Jesus, enable the local Church to reach out into the community and seeks to establish evangelism as an ongoing aspect of Church life. As a charitable trust, the Damascus Trust relies on gifts and donations. All gifts from those paying tax can benefit the Trust by using Gift Aid for both one-off or regular donations. For more information, please request the leaflet 'Four Ways to Give'.

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