

TRAINING LEADERS

Andrew and Rosemary Symonds in Swaziland

USPG Mission Companions

In their own words

'The challenge is to provide training so that the next generation can grow in faith.'

Andrew Symonds, USPG Mission Companion and theological tutor in Swaziland



Swaziland factfile

The kingdom of Swaziland is one of the world's last remaining absolute monarchies.

Capital: Mbabane

Languages: Swazi, English

Religion: Christianity, local religions

Population: 1.1 million

Life expectancy: 40 men 39 women

Export: Sugar, wood pulp, minerals

Further reading:

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Since 2005, Andrew and Rosemary Symonds have been Mission Companions in Swaziland managing a programme that is training many individuals for church leadership.

The Church in Swaziland has struggled with two major issues that are affecting the country. The first is the crisis arising from the HIV/Aids epidemic. Currently Swaziland has the highest incidence of the disease with over 40 per cent of the population infected. The second is the lack of financial resources. Over 70 per cent live on less than £1 per day.

The Symonds' programme seeks to set in place a structure for training that will identify, develop and equip future leadership for the challenges that will face them.

In addition, the Symonds are developing a significant programme for training lay people. Andrew also had the privilege of preaching at the ordination of the first full-time woman priest in Swaziland.

Money donated to this Project through USPG will allow the Symonds to continue supporting and encouraging new church leaders in Swaziland.

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