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**In many parts of the world, Anglican churches are reaching out to their local communities, putting their faith into action, and growing as a consequence. USPG's mission is to get alongside these churches, working in partnership, and supporting them as best we can.**

This has been USPG's role for over 300 years. We were founded in 1701 by the Revd Thomas Bray who was concerned for the spiritual well-being of English expatriates living in America. Bray's initial concern was to send priests from the Church of England to minister in America. Since then, the Society's mission has grown, so that today USPG is working in partnership with church partners in over 50 countries.

USPG's story is a story of growth. In the same way, we are seeking to encourage church growth around the world – not just in terms of numbers, but in other ways too: growth in depth, growth in generosity, growth in the community, and growth in learning.

Of course, the world today is a very different place from the colonial era in which USPG first emerged. Today, USPG is working in ways that encourage partnership and sustainability, rather than creating new dependencies. In particular, we are focusing on developing and equipping local leaders so that they are

able to resource and manage their own mission initiatives. USPG's involvement is that of a partner engaged in a conversation, rather than having a traditional teaching role. Our view is that our church partners are best placed to understand what is needed locally, and we support our partners in that work.

One leader that we supported through training is the Revd Solomon Frimpong, who attended St Nicholas Seminary, in Cape Coast, Ghana. Now a priest in the Diocese of Koforidua, Solomon told USPG: 'I hope to help the church to grow. My aim is to become a good priest and a servant to those around me. Training has helped me to know more about how to relate to people from different cultures and backgrounds. I have also been trained in youth ministry and administration, which will help with managing churches.'

He added: 'For me, mission is about encouraging people to understand that, when there seems to be no hope left, there is always hope in God.'

We hope this exhibition will provide an insight into the work of USPG's partners around the world – and we hope that insight will be a cause for celebration! ■

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The church is growing in Gambella, western Ethiopia. There are about 60 licenced Anglican church leaders supporting isolated rural congregations. USPG Mission Companion Andrew Proud, Bishop for the Horn of Africa, visits several times a year to encourage leaders and help with training.



Gilbert Ngabeni has benefitted from a community farming initiative set up by the Diocese of Umzimvubu, in South Africa, with support from USPG. The initiative is providing food security and generating a small income for families struggling with poverty.



Women show off bread they baked using wheat grown as part of the Diocese of Umzimvubu's community work. The Revd Dr Archford Musodza, of USPG, said: 'This is an inspiring piece of work. It is beautiful to see the church pooling resources and giving out of a generous heart.'



A woman looks up to heaven during the daily prayer meeting at the Women Workers' Training Centre, in Nagalapuram. Run by the Church of South India, with support from USPG, the centre is providing women from 52 local villages with training in midwifery, agriculture, theology, and basic construction work.



Many rural parts of the Philippines have been badly affected by industrial mining operations which have deforested land and polluted water supplies. Many villagers, like this man, have forced to walk long distances in search of safe drinking water. USPG helped the church to set up a clean water supply system in Lula village.



Most villagers in Nasik, North India, live as subsistence farmers and struggle with poverty. Women and girls are sent to work in the fields, or else they are kept at home to carry out household chores. The Church of North India has responded with an education programme to try and break the poverty cycle.



Maya Mahajan was given a place at the USPG-supported Ahmednagar Hostel, run by the Church of North India. Having been born into poverty in a subsistence farming community, she went on to train as a nurse and is now able to support her family. Maya said: 'I pray that more children can be given the same chance as I had.'



Upen Mollick is a member of the Golden Age Project, set up by the Church of Bangladesh to support the elderly. There are around 50 Golden Age groups providing Christians and Hindus with a chance to get out of the house, make friends, share meals, sing, dance, and even generate a little extra income by weaving baskets or baking cakes to sell at the local market.



Ash Wednesday at St Joseph's Church, in Peluhanda, Tanzania. The church is growing in Tanzania. The Rt Revd John Simalenga, Bishop of South West Tanganyika, told USPG: 'The church is helping to alleviate poverty by working with communities on social development projects. We wish we could do much more – we would like to offer better health services, more schools, and alleviate poverty.'



St Mark's School, in Lozane, Zimbabwe, is a beneficiary of a schools feeding programme, set up by the Anglican Church with support from USPG. Food shortages and hyperinflation in Zimbabwe mean many children are missing meals and missing school. The programme encourages school attendance and means pupils are more attentive because they are not hungry.



Parents at Daramombe Primary School, in Zimbabwe's Diocese of Masvingo, cook food for their children as part of the Anglican-run schools feeding programme.



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The Revd Solomon Frimpong, Diocese of Koforidua, Ghana



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