

# ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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## **Update March 2018 - Friends of R1:11**

Dear friends,

On Saturday I (Chris) will be privileged to share in teaching, alongside John and Gwen Hall (founders and former director & administrator of Romans One Eleven), in some of the teaching at a major missions conference being hosted by my church, Cornerstone Hythe URC. The other speakers are Andrew Chard, European Director of AIM (Africa Inland Mission) and Bryan Knell, former Director of Arab World Ministries and the author of a very thought provoking book, "The Heart of Church and Mission".

In preparing for this conference John has included in his PowerPoint presentation an advert from an early issue of our occasional newsletter, Mutually Encouraged. It says this:

"Would you like to link with a local church in Uganda or Ghana?"

- Correspond and get to know one another
- Pray for each other's work
- Make visits
- Offer gifts

We have so much to learn from each other. Why not use a church link to widen the vision and horizons of your church?"

This continues to lie at the heart of our work as the Romans One Eleven Trust and we continue to need your support, your prayers and your practical involvement to develop mutual encouragement at the heart of our missionary endeavour. It is no accident that in a conference about the changing face of mission, a major example is being provided by Romans One Eleven. We are a mission agency without missionaries as such, encouraging instead mutual links between the continents, not simply the sending of missionaries to other countries. We all become the missionaries, as we seek to make known this message in our churches and take the opportunity to learn from the deep, practical faith of our African brothers and sisters. This can be done as our teams travel there, as we receive visiting African pastors in our congregations and as we share in the work by prayer and other practical support.

If any of you are free on Saturday (10<sup>th</sup> March), please come and share with us in the exciting opportunity provided by "The Changing Face of Mission". Further details can be found at <http://www.cornerstonehytheurc.org.uk/forthcoming-events#WCH>. In any case, please pray for the event and its place in helping local churches to see their role in overseas mission. Pray for all the speakers as they prepare and deliver their talks. Pray for the effective communication, by John, Gwen and Chris, of the relevance of the vision which continues to lie behind Romans One Eleven.

Please pray too for Romans One Eleven to be able to move into new areas of service:

- For new links with churches in the UK. There are many, many pastors and churches in Uganda who would love to have a realistic link with a UK church. Do you know of any areas where we might be able to help with this? If so, please contact Chris, details above.
- For people to come forward to participate in our internship programme FEEL Uganda. We have had to postpone the start of this due to insufficient people committing to it but it is still hoped to send a team of at least four people in the future.
- For our continuing attempts to interest younger people in our work.
- For continuing faithfulness in our existing links between churches and individuals in the UK and Uganda/ Zambia.

Thank you and God bless.