

working with the church abroad

# SUPPORT A PASTOR / PARISH







THE DAMASCUS TRUST

SUPPORT A PASTOR / PARISH (SAP) is about enabling those the Lord has called to take the gospel of Jesus into

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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.

Our Christian Partner Organisations (CPO) are: Christian Renewal Church and Plenty To Share Ministry, in India, and the Anglican Dioceses of Byumba and Gasabo which are 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 the power of God is experienced.

**In Rwanda**, many parishes struggle to support themselves, let alone a pastor. Our support enables these parishes to have a pastor to help the church to grow.

As part of our ongoing support for the pastors and as funds allow we provide them with **bikes** and **study books**. We also run annual **teaching conferences** for pastors and their wives. Each one runs for 2-3 days and several hundred pastors attend each year.

With your support this work can grow. Through the **SAP programme**, individuals, home groups and church fellowships can have a direct link with one of these pastors / parishes through regular financial and prayer support.

All your donation goes to helping the pastors / parishes abroad. Any tax recovered through Gift Aid will go into our general fund to help cover our administrative costs.

### What does it cost?

£40 per month will provide full or part support for a pastor and his family, depending on the country and cost of living. Where the cost of living is higher (such as Gasabo) then more then one partner will be allocated to provide support. When UK partners give us



more than the designated amount, then this can also help make up any shortfall with individual pastors / parishes.

# How is the money distributed?

Regular support (usually monthly standing order) is given to Damascus Trust. We pass it on to our CPOs who then distribute it to all the pastors / parishes that we support. A contribution (10%) is put into a Pastor's Help Fund that covers medical treatment and other unforeseen needs. All transactions are recorded and monitored.

### What information is provided?

Regular supporters are sent a profile sheet of the pastor / parish they support. This includes information about the people, the church and the area. A photo-card of the pastor and family is included.

## What news do partners receive?

A quarterly update report is sent out by email to all partners providing news and prayer requests. If you don't have email then we can post updates to you.

# Can partners write to pastors / parishes?

Yes - of course. In fact we would encourage this. We will provide guidelines as well as a sample letter. All correspondence needs to go through

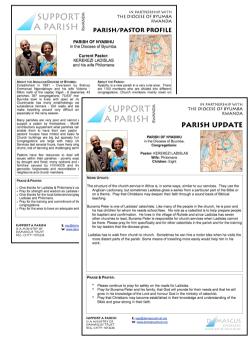


Damascus Trust who will send it out to our CPO for translation and distribution.

### How long is support given?

Damascus Trust commits to give support year on year as funds allow. We review the needs of pastors / parishes with our CPOs every 3-4 years.

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.





SUPPORT A PASTOR/PARISH – RESPONSE FORM	Trust was established in 1990 to share
Please indicate where you would like your support to go.	the gospel of Jesus Christ
To support a pastor in India	with all people
To support a parish/pastor in Rwanda	everywhere. It aims to
☐ Wherever the support is most needed	enthuse local Christians in
I / we would like to give: (minimum share is £20pm)	their love for Jesus, enable the local
☐ Regularly: £ (minimum period of 1 year) ☐ by standing order	Church to reach out into the community
by cheque every month / quarter / six months / year	and seeks to establish evangelism as
One-off gift enclosed: £	an ongoing
[£60 buys a bike / £30 provides a set of study books for a pastor]	aspect of Church life.
☐ I would like my donation to benefit from Gift Aid	As a charity Damascus Trust relies on
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 website: Partners page - Four Ways to Give form.	gifts and donations. All gifts from those paying tax can benefit
For cheques: Please make payable to 'Damascus Trust' and write on the back of the cheque '(SAP)'.	the Trust by using Gift Aid for both one-
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Group or Church:	information, please request
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