



working with the church abroad

SUPPORT A PARISH



THE DAMASCUS TRUST

SUPPORT A PASTOR / PARISH (SAP)

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.

Our Christian Partner Organisations (CPO) are the **Anglican Dioceses of Byumba and Gasabo** which are in Rwanda.

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 these are a real opportunity for spiritual and physical refreshment and fellowship.



For the wider parish, our support enables the Church to provide practical help for the community (such as food parcels and self-help groups). We also fund **Water Harvesting Projects** which provide income for the parish to help with its witness within the local community. More information about the WHPs is on our website.

With your support this work can grow. The **SAP programme**, gives individuals, home groups and church fellowships a link with one of these pastors / parishes.

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?

£50 per month will provide full or part support for a pastor and his family, depending on the cost of living. Where this is higher (such as Gasabo), then more than 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. One-off gifts can be given for this Help Fund. All transactions are recorded and monitored by DT to ensure good stewardship.

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.

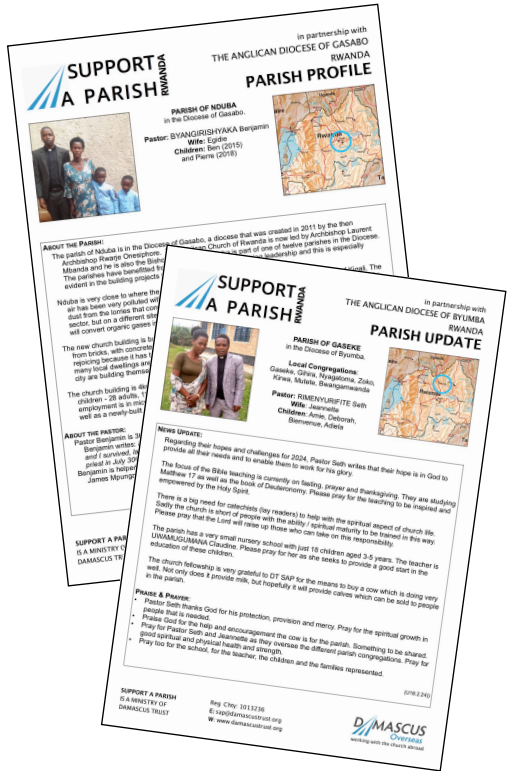
Can partners write to pastors / parishes?

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 PARISH – RESPONSE FORM

Please complete all relevant sections.

SECTION 1:

Please indicate where you would like your support to go.

- To support a parish in Rwanda
- Wherever the support is most needed

I / we would like to give: (minimum share is £20 per month)

- Regularly: £ _____ (minimum period of 1 year)
 - by standing order
(DT bank details: Sort code - 30-94-93 Acc. No. 07425352
 - by cheque every month / quarter / six months / year
- One-off gift enclosed: £ _____

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

SECTION 2:

To Gift Aid your donation, please complete and sign the declaration below.

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ and any donations I make in the future and have made in the past 4 years to: The

DAMASCUS TRUST

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed: _____

Date: / / 20

SECTION 3:

Title: _____ First name _____ Surname: _____

(please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Group or Church: _____

How many copies of SAP Updates would you like? _____

Please return completed forms & donations to our office address 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 charity 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' or download from our web-site: Partners - Four Ways to Give.

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