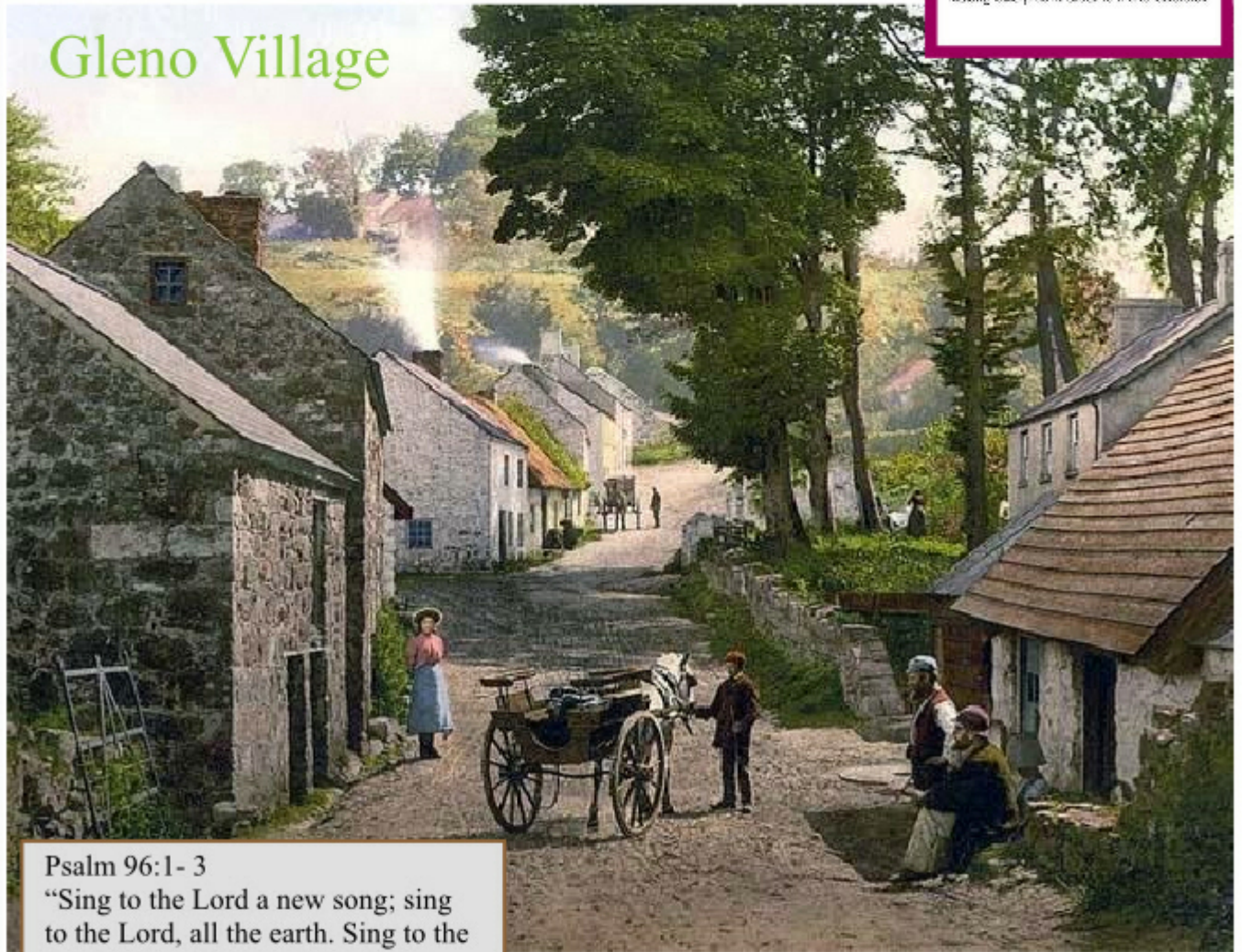


# Crosshill Echo

# Mission 2022



## Gleno Village



Psalm 96:1- 3  
“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples.”



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Chitty**



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## The church is continuing the work of Christ in the world

When Jesus was on earth he said that he had come to bring people life in all its fullness (John 10:10). The implication is that the life you and I live apart for Christ is incomplete. When Jesus hung on the cross he cried "It is finished" meaning that he had completed his work of salvation in opening the way for sinners like us to go to God and receive this new life.

Then before Jesus ascended to heaven he gave this instruction to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)



That is the task of the church today and I am pleased to know that the congregation of Raloo is taking that work seriously. On the 5th and 6th of February we will have our Mission Weekend. There are two parts to the weekend, both of which I am looking forward to with great enthusiasm. On Saturday morning will be the big Breakfast and on Sunday morning we will think about the congregation's response to Christ's commission.

We will hear about the work of organisations we support as a congregation and while we can't all be directly involved, we can stand with them by our prayers, our interest and our giving.

The work of mission is not to be left to someone else; it is our work. We might not go, but the church must go and we must support that work. So may God bless you in your work for the mission which Jesus has laid on our shoulders.

Michael Barry



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Open Doors exists to strengthen Christ's church in over 60 countries where Christians are persecuted. Open Doors supplies bibles, trains church leaders, delivers scripture-based training programmes and supports God's children who, in their locality, suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors strives to raise awareness of global persecution whilst mobilising prayer and raising financial support amongst believers.

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**Operation  
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## A message from AsiaLink

When the pandemic hit, much of the work AsiaLink support was heavily disrupted; lockdowns meant evangelists were no longer able to travel, Bible colleges were unable to meet for study and, much like ourselves, churches no longer were able to meet as they had done previously.

Despite the disruption, the Lord still built His church in Asia and provided opportunities for outreach. In India, one of the worst-hit countries by the virus, our partners rose to the enormous humanitarian crisis by providing food and other essentials. As people were turned away from hospitals, our Indian partners were even able to provide oxygen tanks for use by communities. Food and other essentials were provided not only in India, but Myanmar, South-East Asia and Nepal as well. Each gift from our partners created an opportunity for the gospel to be shared and much fruit is being seen from the connections made through these ministries.

Even as most of our partners placed under restrictions that curbed their movements and ability to reach others for Christ, the Lord provided other means to reach people in Asia. A ministry of our partners in South-East Asia that broadcasts Bible teaching online was greatly blessed with many more thousands tuning in to hear God's Word. New opportunities to share the gospel digitally in the Middle East were taken, exposing thousands of Muslims to the Christian faith for the very first time.

Thank you for your continued support over the past few difficult years.



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## Raloo PC Mission 2022



Through training, finances and practical support we enable Asian workers to pioneer their own outreach projects, communicating Jesus in a way which is relevant to their culture.



## The power of Jesus to transform every Asian life.

We are an adventurous and passionate mission organisation reaching people who have never heard the gospel before.

We tell our stories and share our experiences with other Christians and churches to inspire, challenge and encourage them to engage with exciting opportunities to partner with God's work in Asia.



Amara Aid is a Christian charity based in Northern Ireland that provides small grants for medical, educational and agricultural projects in poor communities in Tanzania. Amara Aid is managed by a group of volunteers allowing ALL donations to go directly to the projects.

Our Motto is "Christian Support for Development Projects Abroad" and we seek to support the most vulnerable people in poor communities of Tanzania

Proverbs 19:17

He who is gracious and lends a hand to the poor lends to the Lord; and the Lord will repay him for his good deed.



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**To all the brothers and sisters at Raloo PC**

Another year has begun, another strange year in this world has ended. What will 2022 bring? We hope and trust that 2022 will be an encouraging and fruitful year for your congregation! 2021 started with the lockdown of our town because due to high contagion rates and we weren't allowed to leave the area and only essential shops were open. This lasted around 6 weeks and we started doing services on YouTube, edited by our daughter Mikayla, and these were seen by hundreds of people, so that was very encouraging!

We can meet again in our church hall in February and we will continue making evangelistic videos on YouTube to reach out to non-Christians in our town, throughout Spain and beyond.

Kids' activities were sadly not possible throughout the year, but we hope to resume them in 2022. We hope to start up the evangelistic football tournaments very soon too. We were able to start up prayer meetings and bible studies in person again instead of online and they have been going very well.



*From Michael & Julie Chitty  
Velez Malaga, Spain*



One encouraging part of our year was to work together with another small church in our town to learn Christmas songs together with a view to singing them in the open air. It was a wonderful success and God produced amazing things in a group of amateurs like ourselves! We were very well taught!

We were able to sing a repertoire of 9 Christmas songs

in 3 different places in the open air, including a Christmas market, and we also had a joint service with the other church in our own hall. Many tracts and Gospels were given out and new contacts made, and old contacts renewed from many years back, in the hope that many will come to a saving faith in Christ Jesus.

We hope that this will be the start of something special that the Lord will use this year. We pray for the new contacts in Pueblo Nuevo, where children joined us in the singing and want us to come back! Please pray for guidance as our colleague Jim and his wife will be away for up to 2 months from February and Michael will be "in charge" for that time. Remember Julie who continues to hold ladies' bible studies in our house, and is also involved with English women's groups. Please pray for these groups. We want to thank you for all your support, encouragement and prayer and we are still using your kind donation sent last year which is going towards outreach, church work and helping the needy.

Sending you all our love and prayers, Michael and Julie.

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Sharon, Cookstown

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When we visit a client to help them with their debts, or when they come to one of our other services, it's likely that we will offer to pray with them. We make sure that people feel they can say no, but our annual client survey shows that most people really appreciate it. If people show an interest in exploring a bit more of the Christian faith, we might invite them to church or a social event where they can experience the community of faith that is the Church to see if they feel it is right for them.

Friends of the  
cancer centre

Friends of the Cancer Centre has a long and proud history of helping local cancer patients across Northern Ireland for over 35 years.

We hope to have an afternoon tea this Spring with funds going towards Friends of Cancer Centre

If you would like to support what we are doing, please use one of mission envelopes and bring to church. You can also send a cheque made payable to "Raloo PC" to:

The Church Secretary, Raloo PC c/o 2 Junction Road, Ballynure, BT39 9UN.

If you have online banking, you can transfer your donation into our Raloo PC Mission Account: Sort Code 95-06-79, Account no.: 70054925 Church members - please reference with FWO no.