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theWORKS is an emailed news sheet from the **Methodist Missionary Society (Ireland)** and the **World Development & Relief Committee**. These are the two bodies within The Methodist Church in Ireland which have a responsibility for overseas partners, projects and related issues and activities. To sign up, email the office.

**November 2011**

**MMS(I) Global Vision Conferences in 2012**

Global Vision is in Craigavon on Sat. 18th February. GV Midlands and Southern will be on Sat. 25th February in Cork. GV Dublin District - Sat. 28th April (probable) in Wesley College, Dundrum. Lakelands also intend on holding an event (date tbc).

**World AIDS Day - PRAY**

World AIDS Day is December 1st. A prayer and story can be downloaded from the WDRC website. It takes 3 minutes and requires no preparation. The church should mark this event each year in its services. Use the prayer in your service or meeting.

**Mission partner on furlough** - speaking engagements**Pat Jamison (Bangladesh)**

Sunday 20th Nov, 11 am - Newtownabbey Mission (Sun morn service)  
Wednesday 23rd Nov, 12.15-1.15 pm - Edgehill College, Belfast - student worship  
Wednesday 23rd Nov, 6.30-8.00 pm - Aldersgate House - young adults and those with young families  
Saturday 26th Nov, 9.00 am - Carnalea Methodist - Women's breakfast  
Sunday 27th Nov, 11.30 am - Woodvale Methodist (Sun Morn service)  
Sunday 27th Nov, 6.45 pm - Glastry/Portaferry Methodist  
Monday 28th Nov, 7.30 pm - Whitehouse Presbyterian PWA  
Thursday 1st Dec, 10.00 am - Glengormley Methodist - Senior Fellowship  
3rd to 9th Dec - Speaking/other commitments in Scotland, London and Oxford  
Sunday 11th Dec - Donegal morning service (time tbc)  
Tuesday 13th Dec, 11.30 am - Edenderry Methodist - Portadown Fellowship of the Kingdom  
Wednesday 14th Dec - Evening meeting - Finaghy Methodist

**Next MMS(I) ViM team is Guatemala-bound** - Another connexional youth and young adults team is being recruited through Autumn Soul in partnership with our Department of Youth and Children's Work. (DYCW). The team will work and learn alongside Guatemalan peers and also have the chance to visit a WDRC project which is co-funded with Christian Aid Ireland. The visit will be during July 2012. This is the only MMS(I) Volunteers in Mission team currently planned for 2012.

**World Development service material for 2011/12** - Full service materials for churches are available. The materials are based around partner organisations with the theme of water and the environment. The material includes - sermon outline, stories from partners, powerpoints, children's talk, prayers and readings. This can all be used in conjunction with the WDRC annual reports which were distributed at autumn synods.

**WDRC Christmas Project** - The Christmas project for 2011 is focusing on education in Bangladesh. The project is linked to the work of mission partner Sarah Hall (image on left). All participating churches and groups will receive a Christmas Tree star made in Bangladesh (by mission partner Pat Jamison's next door neighbour - no really - image on right).

**CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR YOUR STAR NOW and download or email for accompanying resources**



**WDRC Horn of Africa emergency but general giving is down** - Cheques should be made payable to 'World Development and Relief Fund' and sent to office. Donations should be accompanied by a note stating 'Horn of Africa'. Over £40,000 / €44,000 has been received though general giving to WDRC has been down. How money is being used - website.

**Tim Dunwoody (World Mission and Development Officer)** - Tim can come and speak about his recent visit to Zimbabwe and Zambia, other church partners/visits/stories. Contact him to arrange - services, MWI, breakfasts etc.

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