

Moravian Women's Association – Home and Overseas – May 2013

Crosslinks

What is Crosslinks?

Crosslinks is an international mission society with its roots in the Bible, working largely within the worldwide Anglican Communion for the last 90 years. Their business is making Christ known through the teaching of God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit. They do this by organising gospel partnerships across cultural boundaries.

Their slogan is '*God's word to God's world*'

What do Crosslinks do?

They have two priorities:

Evangelistic opportunities

Since belief comes through hearing God's word they aim to recruit and deploy Christian disciples in evangelistic opportunities to reach the unreached wherever they are through all appropriate means.

Training trainers

Since it is the Gospel that produces and sustains churches, they aim to serve churches, primarily of the worldwide Anglican Communion, by nurturing competent, godly pastor teachers. To achieve this they focus their efforts on training, equipping and resourcing those who can teach others.

How does Crosslinks do this?

Mission partners

They are employee of Crosslinks and are seconded through Crosslinks to a local institution or church. Crosslinks helps their mission partners build partnerships with churches and individuals before they go. These churches and individuals commit to true gospel partnership, with a commitment to prayer and financial support within the context of building real relationship between the church and mission partner. There are also associate mission partners who are not employed by Crosslinks and have a looser affiliation with the organisation. An associate mission partner usually either has paid work, or already has some churches that can help them meet their budget.

Crosslinks provides administrative and pastoral support for mission partners before, during and after their placement.

For example, Crosslinks is currently advertising for a Bible Lecturer to go to Chile, and a Lecturer in Worldviews at Uganda's Christian University, a Bible Lecturer in Kenya, and a Bible School teacher in Congo, all these positions are for 3 years minimum.

They also need a member of a Church-planting team in France – skills and experience needed are “*French language, spiritual maturity, experience in church planting and evangelism*”.

Short-term mission involvement learning experience for 18 to 30s

Crosslinks also provides short-term mission involvement learning experience for 18 to 30s – rather like a Gap Year. It combines travel and the experience of a totally different culture, with serving God and having a taste of overseas mission work. They send out groups and individuals to serve the Lord, serving local churches and people around the world for anything from two weeks to two years. They offer three kinds of placements overseas: Gap teams, Summer Teams and Individual Placements. Every placement involves service, evangelism and discipleship. Young people have worked for Crosslinks in Africa, Asia, and Europe on various projects.

There are also opportunities for over 30s to serve in the same way.

InterAction Camps

There are also bilingual Christian activity holidays in France and Belgium. Young people can serve Jesus and try out their French at the same time. Each camp lasts 10 days.

Overseas apprenticeships

These are also short term placements alongside mission partners, for people who are considering longer term gospel ministry.

Bursaries

Crosslinks enables students to train in their own countries, and holds conferences and training programmes for them.

Crosslinks stands firmly in the Anglican evangelical mission tradition, sending willing volunteers all over the world to spread the gospel, and training students in their own countries. Not everyone can serve overseas, or give money, but we can all pray for their success for the next 90 years!

The MWA has given £1,000 to Crosslinks, because of a link which our own Moravian missionary association had with one of Crosslinks' mission partners who went to serve in Myanmar (Burma).

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