

Greetings to all,

This overdue communication is an update of the last 18 months.



2011—Sharon took some pupils from school to meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury when he visited Manchester.



Sharon's sponsored swim for the international partner school in South Africa where she went to teach and to meet the staff and pupils with John over Easter 2011.



We also saw church work in Eastern Cape at King William's Town, and Queenstown as well as visiting



Phakamisa in Pinetown near Durban.



We were made most welcome by all the groups visited.



Another highlight of the trip was being able to visit Sharon's family in Botswana, and we had a marvellous few days with them.



Auntie Janet,  
Uncle Michael,  
Mark at his farm  
Melanie and her  
Daughter Farah  
Caroline and her  
son Lucas







Even the fathers were invited to the stag do!



Tony and Charlotte were married in June 2011 in Gosforth at the church where his great grandfather used to play the organ. It was a superb weekend for everyone.



Tony continued to sing as a tenor soloist and also with OneSound.







A trip on Ullswater was part of John's Birthday celebration.

This was followed by a caravan holiday in South Wales ,



and our first full visit to the Greenbelt festival.



Charlotte and Tony moved to a single room in London, so that she could forward her butcher training. We had our last MWM northern conference as conference organisers. and had solar panels fitted to the house.







Helen and Alan did a sponsored abseil for Christian Aid just before leaving for Mau in Kenya to give 3 months voluntary service at the hospital there.

Alan helped in the eye clinic and they both went to do outreach clinics and repaired equipment.



At the end of March John said goodbye to Peel GPs and Sharon farewell to Bury Church of England High School. More of this later!

Tony sang his last concert with OneSound and when Helen and Alan visited Bolton after their return from Kenya we saw the Olympic Flame as it passed. Charlotte has recently won the 'Young British Foodie of the Year' award for her own Black pudding recipe







# Haiti

So what was this about us both leaving our jobs at the end of March 2012?

We have been accepted as Mission Partners again by the Methodist Church and have been employed by the church from April. We were invited by the Methodist church in Haiti to visit as the final stage of our interview process which started in January

2011 when we first contacted World Church Relationships to say we felt we were again called to offer to serve as Mission Partners. These pictures are from that brief 6 day visit.

The Église Methodiste d'Haiti have asked us to help with curriculum development for Christian education and health work for the church.



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Each of us will have Haitian staff to work with us, so that they can continue the work when we leave, as well as help us understand the culture and traditions which will affect how the programmes will develop.

Sharon will help to develop the teaching materials for Sunday School (ages 3-18), and for Youth, Women's and Men's groups as well as updating training for 600 local Preachers.

John will help to update the 11 clinics which the church has, to establish them on a sound footing, and start up a community health programme for the church for as many communities as request this.

**Arrangements for travel and also for our Commissioning Service have now been made. The service will be on Friday 3rd August at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Tonge Moor, Bolton. BL2 3BJ, with light refreshments before the service and hot drinks / juice and biscuits afterwards. Please remember this in prayer, and if you wish to attend let us know ( [harbottlejs@gmail.com](mailto:harbottlejs@gmail.com) or 01204596873 ).**



We arrive in Haiti during the final week of August so as to be with the church there at the start of the Methodist year on 1st September. Your support with prayer will be greatly appreciated.



With our love and best wishes

*Sharon and John.*

