



## Love Africa Update July 2015.

Love Africa week in March this year at St James was a great success. Through the visits of Edith and Jane, the Love Africa film and the commitment and dedication of the staff team, the people of St James engaged with the work and impact of Love Africa. Through God's grace the people of St James responded generously to allow us to establish a 3<sup>rd</sup> Love Africa fund of about £220,000

With the fund established, The Love Africa Steering Group (LASG) has been able to work out, in collaboration with TearFund, how we can allocate the funds over the next few years.

The plan is to manage the fund over the next 5 years or so in 3 parts:

- A first call for proposals to our current 7 partners to develop their ministries
- A second call for proposals for potential new partners either in Uganda or in other African countries
- A reserve, if possible, to allow the fund to extend to 5 years of support for partners

LASG has considered with TearFund how we strengthen the impact of Love Africa at a time when there is an increase in HIV/AIDS in Uganda and stay true to the vision, '*releasing the power of the church to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and care for the poor*'.

LASG sent out a call for proposals to our current 7 partners in early July. We have asked for proposals for review by LASG in mid-September and then approval by the Leadership Team/PCC to allow funds to start to be distributed by the end of the year.

LASG has been overwhelmed yet again by the generosity of the people of St James towards Love Africa and we are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported Love Africa over the years.

If the Love Africa week, the film and our guests inspired you to get involved perhaps you would consider:

- Finding out more about Love Africa and how you could serve
- Taking part in an Exposure Visit in late 2015 or early 2016

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