

## **SCORE update June 2025**

At the June committee meeting grants totalling £11,500 were distributed to 4 applicants, as follows:

### **EdUKaid: A grant of £4,000 was approved**

EdUKaid is very much a local charity with strong parish roots. It is an educational charity working in the Mtwara region of Southern Tanzania - one of the poorest and most rural regions of the country. It has been working there for 22 years.

The SCORE grant will be used to support 525 children aged 4-6. The Tanzanian government insists that these children attend school - but provides no funding for schools to house or teach these children!

Without help (partly from SCORE) these children face a very bleak future.

EdUKaid helps break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage.

Specifically, the grant will pay the salaries of 3 teachers and 3 teaching assistants for one year.

### **The Bridge Youth Project: A grant of £3,000 was approved**

The Bridge Youth Project is a local Christian charity which aims to enrich school communities in the areas of spirituality (faith), wellbeing (hope) and advocacy (love). This is achieved by placing Bridge Chaplains in local schools for at least a full day every week. In Wiltshire 28 schools are covered in this way.

The SCORE grant will be used to place chaplains for 2-3 days a week in local secondary schools: Wyvern St Edmunds; South Wilts Grammar; Trafalgar School and Sarum Academy. As part of this, new RE materials will be produced and delivered to over 1,000 pupils.

**'We want to thank you for your partnership with us which has been central in enabling the growth of opportunities we have seen'.**

### **St Osmund's Parish Lent Retreat: A grant of £1,000 was approved**

This year the Lent Retreat had a shortfall of £2,225. In order to open the retreat to all, some of those attending had their costs subsidised.

## **acet-UK: A grant of £3,000 was approved**

acet-UK is a Christian charity working in HIV/AIDS prevention and care, which it combines with spreading the gospel.

It works primarily through churches and the project SCORE is supporting with this grant is the 'Shining Star' project located in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. It reaches out to locations which are hotspots for prostitution, for example, truck stops used by long distance truck drivers.

The 'Shining Star' project will initially help 70 girls and young mothers find a way out of sexual exploitation. In turn these 70 will be trained to help 2,500 other girls (as young as 12) and teen mums avoid HIV/AIDS. The project also supports them in vocational skills training, often supplying capital to start a business.

One recipient reports:

**'My faith has grown. My children now respect me since I left sex work ... I now have a normal business and sell dried fish for a living.'**

**'Thank you so much for enabling this work to take place! We praise God for His faithfulness and provision to all involved.'**

acet-UK

**Thank you for your contributions to SCORE**

The committee asks for, and receives, feedback from charitable projects which have been given grants. Sometimes this takes the form of a full report and sometimes it is simply heartfelt thanks.

Recent reports and thanks have been sent to SCORE by EdUKaid; Home-Start South Wiltshire; Alabaré; The F3 project; acet-UK.

There is no doubt that your contributions to SCORE, and the grants made on your behalf, make a difference to the lives of individuals and families, locally and around the world.