

SOMA mission East Ruwenzori, Uganda 12-26 May 2015

A team of 7 plans to lead a teaching mission in this rural diocese, which will span the Easter season, Ascensiontide and Pentecost pointing to the sovereignty of the Father, the Kingship of Jesus and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

THE TEAM:

From Limassol Parish, Cyprus: Canon Derek Smith (stbac@spidernet.com.cy) and Mrs Sue Smith (scdsmith@gmail.com).





From Ammochostos parish, Cyprus, Canon Paul Maybury *(paul.maybury@cypgulf.org)* and Mrs Sarah Maybury *(sarahmayburyincyprus@gmail.com)*

From Limassol parish, Cyprus: Churchwarden Mrs Nora Ananiades (noraananiades@cytanet.com.cy), (pictured here with her daughter, Stamatia).





From Limassol Parish, Cyprus: Reader & Ordinand Mrs Christine Goldsmith (christineg@live.com), (pictured here with her husband Rick).

And from Thika Diocese, Nairobi: A team member, who is a Swahili speaker who understands East African culture, who will be a tremendous asset. Sharing of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) is a networking society enabling short term missions to Anglican dioceses for the training and encouragement of leaders. The title SOMA is a play on the Greek word Soma meaning body, as in the New Testament phrase the body of Christ, emphasising the reciprocal relationship and learning between those visiting and hosting.

Bishop Edward from the Diocese of East Ruwenzori, has invited a team via Stephen Dinsmore of SOMA UK and he is consulting with leaders within the diocese to tailor a programme for the current and particular needs of his diocese. The diocese was formed in August 2009, a rural area in the west of Uganda with the diocesan office at Kamwenge.

Previous missions by members of the team include Asaba, Nigeria, which was Derek and Sue's first SOMA mission and North Karamoj, Uganda which Nora visited in 2012.

Paul is Spirituality Development Co-ordinator in the diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Please pray for:

- Bishop Edward, his family, staff, clergy and lay leaders
- East Ruwenzori diocese
- The identification of the right African team member
- The diocesan conference at the heart of this mission
- Team members and their families
- Those taking on responsibilities in home churches
- Donations to fund this mission
- The diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf with Michael our Bishop
- Safe journeys and good health for the team and those in the diocese

How can you support the mission?

- Primarily, please pray. For further information, contact a team member.
- If you would like to give a donation towards the costs of the mission, contact any of the team members or Sue Smith at scdsmith@gmail.com or send to our PayPal account: <u>Somamission@gmail.com</u>. Please ensure you mark it as a gift.

(The overall cost of the mission is 10,320 Euros / 8,100 GBP which equates to 1,720 euros/1,350 GBP per person. This includes travel from Cyprus to Uganda, accommodation, conference fees and the costs of an African team member).

