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Director

**Peter Marchand**

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**Suresh Vemulapalli,** India

**Kojo Kyeramanteng,** Ghana

**Roberto Araújo,** Brazil



Some of VOICE Ghana



## INN-TERNATIONAL

Ministry Trip Report: Ghana 1st-8th January 2014

What a wonderful way to open the New Year! Peter Marchand (Director) had been invited to attend the Wedding of his former Administrative Assistant, Evelyn Agyemang, in Sunyani, Ghana, on 4th January. This made the perfect opportunity to visit and catch up with many former members of The VOICE church, who had by now returned after studying in UK. Kwadwo (Kojo) Kyeremateng (pictured with Peter on the front page), together with his wife Akua and two young daughters, graciously and generously hosted him. The Wedding was a lovely occasion, all went well, and Peter was privileged to give the official Blessing of the happy couple on behalf of the many ordained ministers present, and also to preach at the Thanksgiving Service the next morning. He met with VOICE Ghana members in three different locations, and can happily report that all are well, married, many parenting, employed and suitably placed and active in home churches. We thank God so much.



Emmanuel and Evelyn, with his parents and friends

### Ministry trips 2014:

- **3rd-18th February: northern Uganda** (evangelism; Youth Conference) CANCELLED due to insufficient finance, and personal circumstances
  - **10th-28th April : Brazil** (Missions Conference and church visits)
  - **19th June-4th July: northern Uganda** (leadership training and church visits)
  - **6th-20th August: India** (church visits, Leaders Conference)
- Peter is the key speaker on all these ministry trips.

[\*Any financial assistance with these ministry trips is most welcome as we fund them all. God bless you! 3 John 1.7-8\*](#)

## INN-MEDWAY

### Churches Together in Medway (CTIM)

Peter was appointed Chair of Churches Together in Medway at the end of last year. The role is voluntary and is extremely time-consuming, requiring much administrative work and networking across the Medway Towns, visiting and linking some 130+ churches and Christian organizations which serve a population of over 250,000. These are remarkably varied in size, ethnic background, theological emphasis and style of worship and practice. It is currently a time of listening to God and His leaders, and discerning what is on His heart for and through His Church in Medway now.

Contact details and Social media—see page 4

## INN-TERCESSION

March 2014 - May 2014

*“God answers all knee mails” Anon*

- Day 1** Finance, accounts and administration: Gillian Marchand
- Day 2** Patron: Roger Forster, Leader, Ichthus Christian Fellowship
- Day 3** All Inn-tercessors, sponsors and donors
- Day 4** Voluntary Staff member: Evelyn Kusi (née Agyemang)
- Day 5** Trustee: David Hadlum, Chatham Evangelical Church
- Day 6** Inn CM: communications, publicity and media
- Day 7** Future: focus, identity, connections and relationships
- Day 8** Virtual VOICE: continued development & effectiveness
- Day 9** King’s Church, Gillingham: Director’s home church
- Day 10** Brazil April Ministry trip: preparation; protection; power; all churches; Conference delegates
- Day 11** Further funding for growth, development and expansion
- Day 12** Supporting church: St Helen’s, Cliffe, Rochester
- Day 13** Director: Peter Marchand: vision, finance, health; future
- Day 14** Uganda Team member: Richard Ogweng
- Day 15** Northern Uganda June/July ministry trip: preparation and funding
- Day 16** August Ministry Trip: preparation and funding
- Day 17** Uganda partner: Milton Ogwal, Victory Outreach Ministries; Irene, Peace, Charity and Patience
- Day 18** Ugandan widow and orphans: Nighty Opio, Jane, Barbara, David
- Day 19** Ugandan student: Daniel Abok
- Day 20** Uganda church network: Christ Fire; Sam Olet
- Day 21** Uganda church plant: Kiryandongo Power of Jesus Around the World; Nighty Opio
- Day 22** India partner: Suresh Vemulapalli, India Village Ministries; Roja, Swithin and Sophie
- Day 23** IVM church: Avanigadda; Vijaya Kumar
- Day 24** India Village Ministries: Tailoring Centre
- Day 25** Brazil partner: Roberto Araújo, Katy, Benjamin
- Day 26** Medway Youth worker: Jess Foster
- Day 27** Churches Together in Medway: Executive Committee
- Day 28** Medway Ministers Group: leader, Peter Marchand
- Day 29** Ghana partner: Kojo Kyeremateng, Akua, Ama, Nana Yaa
- Day 30** Medway Council: Mike O’Brien
- Day 31** Local Member of Parliament: Rehman Chishti, Gillingham and Rainham

### Relevant Question

What do you see as the greatest challenge to the church in current times?

### Peter replies with relevant Answer

It would be easy to answer with negatives, by saying something like, “lack of resources in terms of finance and personnel”, or “the indifference of society in general to the church”, or even “the growing hostility towards Christians, especially evangelical and Pentecostal/charismatic”. These are, of course, serious challenges which are being faced daily by God’s people here in the UK. But in fact, from my experience and observations, it lies more within the body of Christ than outside of it. Again it is always easier to blame others rather than oneself. But why should we expect an individual or society who rejects God to think or behave otherwise?

No, to me the most shocking and challenging issue is the ignorance of, or indifference towards one part of the body of Christ to another. As I move around and listen to people I realise many are pre-occupied with their own understanding, insight and activity. So many churches seem to be trying to do a little bit of everything, with a varying degree of success. As I understand it, God has His one church in an area, and different sections of it will be gifted in different ways for different tasks. May we increasingly understand what our specific role is in the overall picture, and know, honour and respect others in theirs.