

# Guitar Aid



# NEWSLETTER

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Hi There!

We've so much to tell you about. Earlier this year we had the privilege to visit Togo & Ghana, West Africa. What an impression it left on us! We visited church after church, packed to the doors. The worship was vibrant and exciting! Recently we have returned from Eastern Europe. We saw the appreciation, as many led worship with our guitars.

### TOGO, West Africa



What a thrill to meet up with some of the Pastors in Togo. Just 25yrs ago there were only a handful of them and very few Churches. Now they have over 1000 churches and about 500 pastors. 80% of the population, have had no formal education, this is in stark contrast to neighboring Ghana, where smartly dressed schoolchildren laughed and played in the sun. Sunday services started at 7 and in many cases lasted long into the afternoon! Togo has no tourism or opportunity of foreign visitors. It was a wonderful experience to have a glimpse into their world. The instruments we took would be impossible to obtain, as there was not a single music shop to be found there. They were delighted with them! It was great to visit Janet Wheeler, a missionary to Ghana from my church in Exeter.



## ROMANIA AND EASTERN EUROPE



It was lovely to be able to take my daughter Becky, for her first visit to the orphanage. She got on so well with the children, a bond of friendship was quickly formed. Becky had the chance to join in lessons at a Romanian school, sitting next to her best



friend Maria. One of the highlights of the visit was showing the children how to make birthday cards. We took a large selection of materials that will keep them supplied for a long time. The cards they produced were excellent!



Liz went to Romania in September to the celebration of Gemma's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Visiting the Haven Of Hope Orphanage each year, enables us to travel to many other countries, taking guitars for their worship groups.

## SLOVAKIA



In Slovakia we saw how much progress had been made since we last visited them. In Kosice, we were taken to the largest area of Gypsies in Europe, this is known as Lunic 9. Driving through this incredibly run down area was quite an experience. Working here would challenge anyone. We just knew the guitars would make a difference to this needy place.



If you would like to sponsor an instrument to be taken on one of our missions, it would be very much appreciated. Remember, for £39 you could change someone's life.



Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Sumner".

Dave Sumner.