

# Guitar Aid



# NEWSLETTER

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Hi There!

We are really excited about celebrating 25 years of Guitar Aid! Who would have believed that from the first guitar given in 1990, that so many years later, we would have given over 2700 instruments. We're empowering worship leaders, giving them the instruments they need, to raise the levels of worship, across the continents and around the globe.

### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF GUITAR AID



This is a really special time for Guitar Aid. As I was preparing for this year, I had a few ideas. The first priority was to update our website. Thanks to Simon from Eadtech, we now have something that truly reflects the vast and diverse nature of what Guitar Aid is doing. All our newsletters, testimonials, numbers of guitars given, and much more can be seen on this site. It works really well on a mobile or tablet, as well as a conventional computer. Why not check it out? We now have over 1200, that receive regular updates from our Facebook page. Clicking a "like" on this page will enable you to see where we go, who receives guitars and most of all, the sheer joy on the faces of those that receive instruments. It takes many to be involved for this to happen. Sponsoring a worship leader, or giving to this ministry, can have a lasting impact on someone's life. Young people are rising up to worship, with fresh enthusiasm as they see the tangible evidence of God's love, shown through the gift of an instrument.

### EGYPT MISSION

Earlier this year, I was invited to join Ron Hibbert, and a team of AoG Pastors, on a Mission to Egypt. The Coptic Christians have had significant persecution this year, but they have responded with love and forgiveness. The opportunity to visit, and worship with them, was one I couldn't miss. Egypt is strategically placed at a significant time. Hearing the difficulties in surrounding countries was spiritually challenging and emotionally moving. What a blessing to give guitars to worship leaders in that region.



## EGYPT, YEMEN & ALGERIA

Our guitars not only went to various parts of Egypt, but were also given to missionaries



from Yemen & Algeria. Yemen is now being affected by war. We had a live link with some of the missionaries



there, hearing first hand, the conditions that were being endured. When we visit Africa, my brother and I often fly via Lybia, spending time in Tripoli Airport. It brought home to me, the sense of destruction, as I saw pictures of the



total devastation of that airport. The mission's team in Egypt, dramatically recreated an area in the grounds, depicting scenes from the surrounding countries. We were deeply touched by the stories we heard. In **Cairo**, we visited the **Cave Church**, where as many as 20,000 meet for all night prayer meetings. Worshipping with these believers was very special.



## GUITAR AID CELEBRATION at Riverside Church Exeter



To celebrate Guitar Aid's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have invited **Chaos Curb**, to come to Riverside Church Exeter. Our celebration evening is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm. This will include a free buffet afterwards. We want to say "Thank You" to those that support us. If you live locally, why not plan to attend.

## SPONSORING WORSHIP LEADERS

One of our greatest joys, is to see young worship leaders receiving new instruments. Recently in Romania, my wife, daughter and I, witnessed such an event. Nando, had been learning on a guitar we had previously given his church. Now he has a special guitar that will be his own. This is made possible by our sponsorship scheme. For £7 a month, you can be part of this. You could help another young person like Nando. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement given to Guitar Aid. Let's keep moving forward, one step at a time, as God leads us. Looking forward to the next 25 years!



Dave Sumner.

