

RADSTOCK



churches connected for global mission

**Members of the Radstock network
share the same vision:**

to see mission-driven churches equipped and planted

We work out this vision together, through:

- **Developing Partnerships**
Forging project-focused church connections
- **Creating Opportunities**
Opening new doors for ministry through multi-church partnerships
- **Coaching Churches**
Equipping churches to take their next steps in mission
- **Providing Expertise**
Tapping specialist experience of countries, cultures and ministries

who we are

At the heart of the Radstock network are our
member churches
and their **project-focused partnerships**



Red pins - member projects
Green pins - member churches
Yellow pins - partner ministries
and emerging partnership opportunities

Map representing the Radstock network @ January 2013
View the full, latest map at: <http://goo.gl/maps/01EWp>

Across nations, cultures and denominations,
we share a commitment to
mission at the heart of local churches
local churches at the heart of mission

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what we do

Developing Partnerships

Creating Opportunities

- **Introductions** to possible mission partners
- **Vision trips** to explore potential church connections and partner projects
- **Shadowing / mentoring** in cross-cultural contexts
- **Conferences and Round Table events** to develop mission opportunities alongside a other churches, often with a shared geography / mission focus
- **SwitchBoard** – online support and networking, including regular e-bulletins and a members' area of the website, for members to connect with one another; recruit / search for mission projects; share mission news and needs; exchange resources

Coaching Churches

Providing Expertise

- **Church audit** – assessing your church's strategic opportunities for partnership
- **Customised coaching** – support and advice from Radstock staff / members
- **Specialist expertise** – input from practitioners experienced in areas such as church planting, micro-enterprise/business development, pioneer mission, and specific geographical / cultural contexts
- **Training, preparation and reviews** – resources and help to train short-, medium- and long-term workers, and to evaluate and de-brief on mission partnerships and projects
- **Resource library** – a growing pool of creative ideas and materials developed and used by real churches in the Radstock network, including strategy/policy documents and planning aids; resources for mission events; fundraising tools and sample letters; audio of biblical teaching on mission.
- **Radstock Mission Manual** – a practical resource for churches on the 'why' and 'how' of getting involved in global mission, with chapters including:
 - 'Developing a global mission strategy'
 - 'Envisioning the whole church'
 - 'Developing mission partnerships'

connect!

joining the radstock network

You, your church or your organisation can get connected for global mission as part of the Radstock network.

Options for membership are set out below, and you can discuss specific project partnership opportunities with your Radstock contact.

connect: member church

Access all the benefits* of the Radstock network, including:

- training / coaching
- mission partner / project introductions
- promotion and recruitment for your own mission projects
- church audit

See 'what we do' section for the full list.

**some services subject to a pre-negotiated fee and/or paid expenses*

Connect for mission through the Radstock network, by:

- partnering in one or more Radstock mission projects
- sharing expertise / resources
- promoting and praying for Radstock projects and church partnerships
- giving financially to support Radstock project(s), staff or other network needs

connect: individual member

Access all the relevant benefits of the Radstock network, including:

- training / coaching / mentoring
- mission partner / project introductions
- promotion and recruitment for your own mission projects

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connect: partner (organisation / ministry)

Promote and recruit for your own projects, services and opportunities for partnership*

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**as appropriate and set out in a tailored partnership agreement*

connect:church

Church name: _____ Minister's Name: _____

Website: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

**We want to connect for global mission
as part of the Radstock network, by: (tick all that apply)**

partnering in the _____ project(s)

receiving (tick all that apply)

training / coaching in _____

a new mission project

partners for our own mission project

other: _____

sharing our

expertise in _____

resources

We agree to:

- ▶ Radstock's Statement of Faith and Values
- ▶ Joining Radstock's e-newsletter mailing lists
- ▶ Featuring in Radstock communications (printed/online)
- ▶ Giving (*circle one currency, one amount and one frequency*)

£ / \$ / € 5 / 10 / 25 / 50 / 75 / 100 / 250 / 500 / 1000
every month / quarter / year

to support (*tick any that apply*):

_____ project [5% admin fee applies]

Radstock staff member: _____ [5% admin fee applies]

to be used as needed across Radstock

Signature (*church or Radstock representative*)

Date

connect:individual

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church name: _____ Minister's Name: _____

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partnering in the _____ project(s)

receiving (tick all that apply)

training / coaching in _____

a new mission project

partners for my own mission project

other: _____

sharing my

expertise in _____

resources

I agree to:

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Signature (applicant or Radstock representative)

Date

To be completed by your church leader:

I confirm that we support this application for Radstock membership,
and involvement in _____ mission project.

Signature

Role in church

Date

contact us

Please return completed membership forms to your Radstock contact or by post or scanned e-mail to either Radstock office:

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Note:

Cheques/Checks should be made payable to Radstock.

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biblical rationale

churches connected...

God's people are at the heart of what God is doing. God's purposes are not focused on many unrelated individuals but upon his people. In Christ those promises find their fulfillment in the church. The church is the new Israel, the holy nation. Christ died for the church, his bride.
(Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 21:1-3)

The local church is at the heart of God's mission. The New Testament speaks of church in two senses: the heavenly congregation continually gathered around the throne of God, and local congregations which are the time and space expression of this heavenly reality. The focus of God's saving purposes for his people is therefore expressed, in history, in local congregations.
(Hebrews 12:22-24; Galatians 4:26; Revelation 21:1-3)

Through the incorporation of the Gentiles and the creation of the one people of God, God's eternal plan to reconcile all things under Christ is made manifest to the rulers and authorities as it is realised now in the church.
(Ephesians 1:9-10; 2:11-3:13)

...for global mission

The God of the Bible is a God of mission. The Bible is the story of God's plan to save his people. God's promise to Abraham was that he would be a blessing to the nations; Israel was called to be a light to the Gentiles and in Christ this is fulfilled as the good news of salvation goes out to the nations.
(Genesis 12:1-3; Deuteronomy 4:6-8; Isaiah 56:3-8; 60:1-3; Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 3:6-9)

Mission is at the heart of what it means to be church and church is at the heart of what it means to do mission. The life of the Christian community is part of the gospel message of reconciliation. Mission takes place as people see our love for one another. The local church is also the natural context in which people are disciplined. Mission and church are, therefore, two sides of the same coin.
(John 13:34-35; 17:23; Acts 4:32-35)

Wherever people responded to the gospel churches were planted. Those churches continued the apostolic mission by being missionary churches. From these churches new churches were planted.
(Acts 11:19-26; 18:1-8)

values

gospel priority

Jesus Christ made himself nothing, being born into the world for the glory of His Father and for the salvation of His people.

Therefore we are committed to putting the Good News of Jesus Christ, a passion for God's glory, and involvement in His mission before our personal interests. We will depend on God, living lives that are servant-hearted, sacrificial, risk-taking and flexible because the gospel has priority over our comfort, preferences, security and traditions.

church community

The Christian life is not an individual pursuit. Believers are united with Christ and each other, living and serving together in local expressions of his body – the church. These church communities are at the heart of God's strategy for mission.

Therefore our projects and ministries are always rooted in local church life and growth. In the context of local churches, the fullness of the Good News is demonstrated and proclaimed as believers live out their faith together, and bring light to the dark corners of their localities.

humble orthodoxy

We are united in Christ and commanded to love one another.

Therefore, confident in the gospel, we will work together with love, respect and humility, recognising that among evangelical churches around the world, there is a diversity of culture and belief on secondary issues. We endeavour not to allow these differences to stand in the way of gospel ministry. We do this in mutual submission to Scripture as our final authority, the reliable and sufficient Word of God.

intentional partnership

Churches working together, across ethnic and cultural divides, witness to the glorious diversity and unity of the body of Christ.

Therefore we aim to move beyond theoretical unity to relationships of trust and tangible cooperation between churches in and from diverse cultures. We believe churches can do more in the service of Christ together than they can on their own, sharing experience, expertise, cultural understanding and resources.

multiplicational growth

We are biblically persuaded that the church is God's mission strategy and see mission, not maintenance, as the only biblical ethos of church life.

Therefore we are committed to the multiplication of local churches. We want to catalyse a missional vision within existing congregations, with a focus on churches collaborating to plant new churches which in turn plant more churches – to the ends of the earth!

statement of faith

Along with evangelical Christians throughout history and across the world, we believe in:

- The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration of the Holy Scripture and its consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen man, making him subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The substitutionary sacrifice of the incarnate Son of God as the sole all sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin and from its eternal consequences.
- The justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
- The illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.
- The priesthood of all believers, who form the universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.
- The expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory.

history

In the age of communist Russia, a German organisation called Friedensstimme (German for "Voice of Peace") worked on behalf of unregistered and imprisoned believers in the Soviet Union. A UK arm of Friedensstimme laboured to raise awareness and be a voice of advocacy in England for those behind the Iron Curtain. In 1989 when the wall fell, Friedensstimme UK had to decide whether to continue with advocacy on behalf of the oppressed, in other parts of the world, or to continue in their mission to see the gospel made known in Russia and beyond.

With much prayer, Friedensstimme UK decided to pursue gospel partnerships with believers in what had become the 'former Soviet Union' (fSU). And so Radstock Ministries was born, named after a member of the British aristocracy - Lord Radstock - who in the 1870's had a significant influence on the founding of the evangelical church in Russia. Radstock Ministries dedicated itself to seeing local churches in Russia, the UK and beyond take up their privilege and responsibility in mission.

Throughout the 1990's, Radstock's local church connections grew beyond the fSU into Eastern Europe. Radstock's commitment to equipping and mobilising churches for mission was reinvigorated at the turn of the century as the network of churches expanded to the Balkans, USA and Zambia. Today, churches from an ever-growing range of nations are actively creating mission opportunities through gospel partnerships and aiming to encourage and equip each other and other local churches for mission.

member churches

as at March 2013

Aigburth Community Church, Liverpool, UK

New Life Church, Astrakhan region, Russia

Big City Church, Kiev, Ukraine

Carrigaline Baptist Church, Ireland

Church of the Cross, Mahomet, IL, USA

The Crowded House, UK

Grace DC, Washington, DC, USA

Grace Family Church Network, Yangon, Myanmar

Guilford Baptist Church, Sterling, VA, USA

Knighton Evangelical Free Church, Leicester, UK

Lordsway Ministries International, Zambia

Nxënesit e Jezusit, Shkoder, Albania

One Church Brighton, UK

Pillar Church, Dumfries, VA, USA

Qender Qiriazhi, Gjilane, Kosovo

Restoration Church, Washington, DC, USA

Stopsley Baptist Church, Luton, UK

Urban Life, Derby, UK