

## WHAT IS SAMS IRELAND?



The South American Mission Society (SAMS) Ireland is part of the SAMS

International Family which has other independent branches in Canada, Great Britain and USA. It was founded by former Royal Navy Captain, Allen Gardiner in 1844. His aim was to bring the Gospel message to the indigenous people of Argentina. SAMS is a voluntary Anglican Agency, which exists to promote partnership in the proclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ in word and works, between the churches in South America and the Iberian Peninsula, and other Churches of the Anglican Communion.

It is linked to the structures of the Church of Ireland, whereby mutual sharing of prayer, information, resources and personnel is facilitated. We seek to be an agent of multi-way

Mission and to shift our focus away from sending Mission Partners to supporting National Mission. We seek to represent the Church of South America and Iberia to the Church of Ireland, and to take appropriate initiatives in partnership with other Mission Agencies.

We have a General Council which is elected triennially. The General Council will nominate a Northern Regional Committee. Each will have a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The General Secretary is in charge of the day-to-day running of the society, assisted by the Development officer.

## WHAT IS WORK SAMS IS INVOLVED WITH?



The work is as varied as is the continent of South America. Primarily our support is initiated by the needs of the Church overseas. We work with the street children and orphanages of Brazil; education programmes of primary

and secondary schools and teacher training colleges in Paraguay; Bible Translation work in Northern Argentina and Theological Training in Spain.

We are a “faith ministry” in the sense that we send out Mission Partners in the certain faith that the Lord God will supply our needs. We are funded by donations from individuals or congregations in the Church of Ireland and other outside sources.

Every year we have a Project Pack which is designed for any Church group to raise awareness, prayer support and finance for a specific project in South America or the Iberian peninsula. These packs are free. All our design and printing work is done “in house” in order to keep costs to the very minimum. We also send short-term BTN teams each year to South America to give people the opportunity to experience the culture and faith of Latin American people.

## WHERE DO WE WORK?



Primarily we work in the Southern Cone of South America and Iberia which

includes the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. We also have strong links with Honduras, Spain and Portugal. While our work is with the Church overseas, we do also have a ministry in Ireland. We speak at various Church groups, provide speakers for Bible Studies, Youth Weekends and Parish retreats. We also can provide tailored Bible Studies and pastoral support for Christian workers.

## WHEN DOES THE SAMS IRELAND FAMILY MEET?



There are many SAMS events throughout the year in various

Churches where people are warmly invited to attend.

However, we do meet annually for “Friday Night Live” an evening Celebration and this event is designed to challenge, enthuse and inform those attending about the work of SAMS Ireland at home and overseas.

## WHAT NEXT?



If you would like further information concerning the

work of SAMS, or if you would like to prayerfully or financially support Projects or Mission Partners, please contact:

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