



STAPLE in Action!

An update from the partnership between St John in Zambia and St John in Wales

As part of the Order's STAPLE programme, two trainers from St John Ambulance Wales visited Zambia in November 2007 to run a variety of training workshops with St John volunteers.



In 2007, The Priory of Wales embarked on a five year operational plan to support St John Zambia. The STAPLE programme aims to share the wealth of experience and expertise from St John establishments to those Associations that could benefit from their support. It is a two way relationship in which both partners can learn a lot from each other.

Dave James and Neil Adam visited Zambia in November 2007 and ran a train the trainer course for 12 participants. All of the trainees were very enthusiastic and quickly became a team, giving mutual support to each other throughout the week. The content of the training programme was based on the

main points of the course used in Wales; however it was adapted to only include equipment currently available to St John Zambia.

The new trainers got to practice their new training skills when they were asked to present a series of workshops over the course of one day. Over 60 people, including workers from the Government, Police and general public took part in the training and were very enthusiastic and engaged. Dave and Neil thought the new trainers performed exceptionally well in their new roles and presented them all with certificates to recognise their new qualification.

Neil, a St John Wales trainer said ***"It was an honour to go to Zambia to work with a great group of people. It is nice to think that we were able to increase their number of trainers."***

The Welsh volunteers also met the Chairman of St John Zambia, Silas M Ngangula (the former Inspector General of Police for Zambia), and the SJ Director of First Aid/ Medical & Ambulance Services, Dr. Mahendra P Garg (State Forensic Pathologist) who formally opened the course. There was also a parade and dedication of a new ambulance which was supplied to Zambia

through the Order by a donation from the St John Auxiliary Foundation in Switzerland earlier in 2007.

The visit has not only benefited St John Zambia, but has had a huge impact on the trainers from Wales. They have experienced training in a new environment using different resources, seen how St John in Zambia operates and how HIV and AIDS is affecting people's lives in the African country. All of these experiences will be of huge benefit when they are back training in Wales.

St John Wales plans to continue their support to Zambia and has worked with St John Zambia and the Order's Capacity Building Programme to develop a thorough needs analysis to ensure their future support will be relevant and effective.



For more information on the STAPLE programme, please contact Pippa Hoyland at the Order Secretariat on pippahoyland@orderofstjohn.org or +44 20 7251 3292.

St John Kenya provides First Aid in IDP camps

More than 300,000 people have been forced to flee their homes due to the horrific violence which has torn through the East African nation following last December's disputed elections.

St John Ambulance Kenya has been delivering medical care for internally displaced people (IDP) in a camp located in the Nairobi. During one weekend in January, St John Ambulance estimated they have provided first-aid to 3,000 people, mostly women and children, in the camp in the outskirts of the city. St John Kenya is also working in five other regions across the country.

The team has been primarily treating wounds and contusions, and distributes medicine and sanitary products. As one of the volunteer comments, ***"sometimes we also have to provide psychological or social support. Many of the already very poor have now also lost their***

homes and work places, which can lead to aggression."

Due to the overwhelming humanitarian need in the country, the Order has provided funds to enable St John Kenya to purchase a new ambulance.



Access to some of the worst affected areas of the current unrest is only possible by ambulance and the need to transport patients to and from medical care is paramount. It is thought that the ambulance will initially be stationed in the Rift Valley and Nyanza and when no longer required for emergency support, will be used in Nairobi.

St John Kenya have also been supported by the Order of St John's sister organisation in Germany, Johanniter, with a grant of 20,000 Euros and have been promised a further grant by the German Foreign Ministry, through the German Embassy in Kenya to purchase essential medical and emergency supplies.

News in pictures.....



Jamaica Investitures

On Sunday 17 June 2007, the Annual Commemoration Service of The Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, in Jamaica was held in Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Kingston.

At this service, Clembert Powell and Marie Clemetson were invested and promoted to the rank of Commander, by His Excellency the Most Hon. Professor Kenneth Hall, ON, OJ, Governor-General, in his capacity as President of the National Council for Jamaica.

St John Malawi, receives vehicle from Scotland

In 2007, St John in Malawi was delighted to receive a vehicle from St John in Scotland to help volunteers travel to the Primary Care Clinic in Blantyre. This vehicle will enable vital medicine to be transported safely and quickly to the clinic, which has been set up to help prevent illness in women and children through education and immunisation.



Barbados and Devon - partnerships and plans

Roger Jacob CStJ MCMI
Area President - North Devon and Member of Council



In early 2007, St John in Devon became aware of the Order's new STAPLE programme and was interested in finding out how St John in Devon might "staple" with one of the St John Associations around the world. Making use of a range of information supplied by the Order Secretariat, St John Devon thought that St John Barbados provided the best match for the support which they had to offer. Of particular interest was the fact that Barbados is one of the larger St John Associations in the Caribbean region and, if well supported, would equally have the potential to provide a range of training and other support to some of the region's smaller Associations.

I was invited to attend a workshop in Barbados which took place on 12th and 13th January 2008. The event had been planned by the Order Secretariat to facilitate the development of a Strategic Plan for St John in Barbados. For myself, representing St John Devon, the workshop provided an exciting opportunity to listen to a wide range of views about the priority needs of the Association and to get to know some of the Association members and volunteers.

I found the members of St John Barbados extremely keen, friendly, welcoming and passionate about their role within their community and I was certainly made to feel at ease and at home. St John has been active on the island since 1942 and today has approximately 60 adult members and 30 Cadets (3 of Badger age).

The two day workshop was a great success with around 25 people attending on each of the 2 days. Participants clearly welcomed the chance to articulate their views about the challenges and

opportunities facing St John in Barbados at this time. Consensus was reached on a Mission Statement, vision and values for the Association and participants prioritised a range of action areas needed to assist their organisation to grow and develop. Their over-riding goal was to see St John Barbados as a "strong, effective and well managed Association".

Following my visit, I have written a draft Action Plan recommending how Devon might be able to help Barbados within the concept of STAPLE. We are anticipating a range of activities covering the short, medium and long term. Sharing of information and materials will be a starting point, to be followed hopefully by inviting designated members of St John Barbados to spend time with us in Devon to learn from what we do and update their skills. I hope to involve young people in the STAPLE partnership starting with a pen pal link.

We are starting to raise money to support our STAPLE link and to date have amassed £3,000.

Watch this space!



Roger in action during the workshop in Barbados in early 2008

Key outcomes of the workshop

- 1) strategic direction for St John Barbados until 2011**
- 2) better understanding of STAPLE relationship**
- 3) relationship building within St John Barbados and with St John Devon**
- 4) better awareness of the support offered by the Order**

Dates for the diary.....

Events	Dates for 2008
Africa Regional Meeting, Mauritius	26-28 February
Grand Council Meeting, Washington	13-15 May
Steering Committee Meetings	19/20 February; 12 May; 29/30 July; 23/24 September; 18/19 November.
Order Honours & Awards Committee (OHAC) meetings	19 February; 11 May; 29 July; 23 September; 18 Nov
St John's Day * Professor Mellows takes over as Lord Prior from Mr Eric Barry * Mr John Strachan retires as Deputy Lord Prior (Establishments) * Mr John Talbot takes over as Order Hospitaller from Mr Anthony Chignell	25 June
Ceremonial installation of the new Lord Prior, Professor Mellows by HRH the Grand Prior, London	20 November
Annual meeting of the Alliance of the Order of St John, Helsinki, Finland	9 - 12 October

International Youth Camps 2008 & 2009

St John Malaysia is celebrating their 100 year this year. They are organising a series of activities, one of them is an International Cadet Camp from 10th-16th December 2008. For more information about the event, please contact Lai See Ming on seeming@sjam.org.my

The Priory of England is also planning an International Youth Camp on 16th -22nd August 2009. The camp is being held at Surrey University and there is a lower age limit of 14 and an upper of 17. Groups should not be more than 10 people and should include 2 youth leaders. Please contact Nick O'Donohue for more information on Nick.ODonohue@nhq.sja.org.uk.

The People Section

The Order of St John would like to welcome two new members to the Secretariat team in London.



Gemma Mullick,
Communications & St John Association Training Coordinator

Gemma has a degree in Biology from Nottingham

University and Masters degree in International Development from South Bank University in London. She grew up in rural England and is half Indian. She enjoys travelling, reading and sport!

What was your previous job?

After finishing my first degree I spent 7 months travelling in South America and Africa. When back in the UK, my first job was in a UK charity working with people with learning disabilities. My last role was at an international NGO that was developing education in rural areas of Africa. I worked with partners in Africa, organising fundraising and communications.

Tell us about your new role in the Order?

I am very excited to be joining such a large international family. I hope to be able to help SJ Associations with their communications work and help raise their profiles as well as supporting them with their training needs.

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Tahnee Wade,
St John Association Support Coordinator

(maternity relief for Sophie Cornford)



Tahnee has a degree in

Geography from Swansea University. She is English but grew up in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In her spare time, she supports a local charity in Uganda, Kika Cultural Troupe, and is trying to learn Luganda.

What was your previous job?

I was a VSO volunteer in Uganda from 2004-06 responsible for developing an HIV/AIDS clinic in Mukono District. After returning to the UK, I found work at FARM-Africa. Prior to working in Uganda, I worked at an international arts charity in London, and also lived and worked in Burma for 3 years.

Tell us about your new role at the Order?

Through my experience of working in a village in Uganda, I saw how first aid can save lives, particularly when health care is some distance away. I hope to effectively fill the gap while Sophie is away. I will be full time so will be able to offer you support whenever you need it.

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Watch this space! The Order is developing a new website which is due to be launched in April 2008 - it will have all the latest news, resources and information from all around the Order.