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The Mission of the Church – Christianity as a World Faith	Year Group: KS2	No. of lessons: 2 - 6
Links: Cambs: CPE1, CWO1, CWO3, CWO4, CPL, CWR4, CFF3, CSC2, Pborough: CPE1, CWO1, CWO3, CWO4, CPL, CWR4, CRC3, CSC2 Norfolk: CC, CP, CLS, CKF,		
Learning objectives: To understand that the Christian Church is a worldwide community and to discover something of one particular area of the world. To compare Christian practices in the school's locality with a Church elsewhere in the world, celebrating similarities and differences		
Questions for reflection: Why are Christians around the world different? What would it be like to be a Christian somewhere else in the world? What special people, places and activities would I miss if I went to live elsewhere in the world? What message would I like to give to the children in the Church we are learning about? What would I ask them?		
Activities and experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recap on the story of the Ascension and Jesus final commandment (Acts chapter 1 verse 8) that the Christian faith should be taken to “the ends of the earth”. Discuss what (and where) this might mean. <p>It is important to realise that the Christian faith is not just Anglicanism, so it is good to find out something about Christianity in a different country, however finding appropriate materials can be difficult, and we would suggest : (a) using local knowledge by looking at an area of the world your parish / school already supports or (b) using the diocesan materials on the Cambridgeshire ecumenical link with Vellore in South India (www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools) which includes OHP photographs to download or (c) using the National Society's materials on the church in Tanzania at www.natsoc.org.uk/jesusfiles/Zone1/zone1.htm Depending on the age of your pupils, you can use the websites as a teacher resource, or as an ICT research opportunity. Activities could also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating and making crosses from your chosen country – see the excellent pack A-cross the from CMS (www.cms-uk.org) • Finding out how to speak and write the Lord's prayer in the language of your country – it will be on- line at www.christusrex.org in the section on the Convent of the Paternoster. By comparing this with the English version you may be able to pick out some key words in that language. Other prayers from the world church can often be found in published collections of prayers. • Seeing if your chosen church can also be found in this country – www.request.org.uk/main/churches/churches.htm has appropriate materials on Asian and African and Caribbean churches. • Looking at Christian art from your country (e.g ."the Christ we Share" pack – also from CMS) and comparing it to Western art. You could paint a Bible story in the style of your country. • Listen to music from your country and, if possible, learn a Christian song from that part of the world. A good compilation of such songs can be found in “Many and Great” from the Wild Goose Worship Group (Iona Community) ISBN 0947988408 (available from Ely Resources Centre with an accompanying cassette tape). <p>Why not share your work in collective worship and pray with the school for the needs of your chosen country? If this topic is being undertaken at the time of a significant Christian festival you could also share how this is celebrated in your chosen country.</p>		