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# Chanctonbury CHURCHES



We are so excited that this coming May, the 4 Interns, Holly Draper, and Archie Croft, along with Michelle Quibell and Andrew and Caroline Armitage, will be going out to the Gambia, principally to support our Mission Partners, Erik and Ele.

During their time there they will focus on 3 main aspects:

1. Supporting the work of the Diocese in Banjul - this involves working with a local youth worker, and is likely to include assisting with tutoring, painting and DIY, teaching swimming, drama and art, and running a Set the Fire style event.
2. Mission Conference with Erik and Ele in Banjul - every year Erik and Ele run a conference bringing together all the other Christian workers who focus on reaching the same tribal group. They have invited us to run a programme for the children, and also lead the worship, and offer prayer ministry and some teaching.
3. Working in the village with Erik and Ele - they have lived for many years in a Muslim village in the far east of the Gambia. They have a vision to convert the villagers to

Christianity. The support here will probably involve a mixture of practical work around the team compound and village, such as decorating and minor building and repair work, projects in and around the village such as planting trees and placing tree protectors, working in the bike workshop and hire shop, and possibly some education and tutoring. Importantly, the group will also provide valuable spiritual support to Erik and Ele and their children.

We are so excited about this opportunity to support both the Diocese in Banjul and the work of Erik and Ele, and the heart behind our time there is to serve, bless and encourage.

### **How can you get involved in supporting us?**

1. **Prayer** - We would value this so much! For safe travel, protection on health, for us to release hope and joy and encouragement into the different projects and for lives transformed.
2. **Finance** - We are so grateful that the Ashington PCC Giving Team are supporting the Interns by match-funding any money that they raise to cover their own individual costs. So the Interns will keep you posted with any fundraising activities that they organise. To cover the other costs of the team and trip, we will be having a collection for The Gambia Trip as part of the services on **Sunday 24 March**. So if you would like to give toward this, then please come prepared.

What a joy it will be to serve our Church family in The Gambia!

Attached is a factsheet which gives more information about Erik and Ele and their service in the Gambia.

If you have any questions then please contact us.

Love

Michelle Quibell and Andrew and Caroline Armitage

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