



# Serving In Mission

United Kingdom & Ireland

## Letter to Supporters of Michelle Proctor, January 2026

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*Warm greetings from Serving In Mission UK. It's with much gratitude that I write on behalf of the SIM UK team to express our sincere thanks for your faithful support, through prayer and giving, for Michelle as she has served in Zambia for 30 years. What a beautiful expression of the body of Christ participating together in God's global mission.*

*As you'll know, Michelle has concluded this chapter of her service and is now back in the UK, and during her Home Assignment we have been exploring together how God is leading next. A significant part of Michelle's role in Mukinge has been to provide member care to colleagues, she's gifted in this, and deeply passionate about supporting others and helping them to navigate the realities of cross-cultural mission service. Her long service and personal experience give Michelle much wisdom to share.*

*Quality member care is one of the key contributors to ensuring cross-cultural mission workers can sustain overseas service and cope with the unique pressures and challenges that come with this vital gospel work. Studies show that mission worker attrition (returning earlier than planned) is often for preventable reasons and having robust support available can make a huge difference.*

*SIM UK has been working on a team re-structure that will enable us to increase and strengthen our member care provision, including scoping out new roles that we have been praying for the people and means to fill. This has been in the works well before we knew Michelle would be leaving Zambia, but as this news came to light, we could immediately see what a brilliant fit she would be in our team.*

*Having approached Michelle with the idea and discussed the possibility with All Souls Langham Place (Michelle's sending church), we are excited to share that there has been a clear sense of the Lord leading us together. Michelle has expressed that she would like to take on a new assignment as a People Care Coordinator in the SIM UK Mission Personnel & People Care Team.*

*Michelle's role will involve working closely with our People Care Lead and Mission Journey Coordinators to support all mission workers serving with SIM UK. She'll help grow our expertise in key areas like burnout, resilience, singleness in mission, and dealing with trauma, just to name a few, helping train the team and develop our practices. She'll help us to shape and deliver more in-depth debriefing models and make more opportunities available for belonging and connection for our workers pre-departure, throughout*

*assignment and during the challenges of re-entry. She'll be part of a team available to provide 121 care to those who are struggling and need a safe and experienced person to talk to, helping them access additional help if needed.*

*Michelle also has a particular heart for caring for medical professionals in mission, recognising the additional stresses and strains that are unique to this ministry area. We have long wanted to increase the support available in this vital area, and to have someone with Michelle's experience on board is a huge gift.*

*All of this is only possible with your continued support, both prayerful and financial. Raising funds for a self-supported role in the UK is often much harder than when preparing to go overseas and being UK based also comes with higher living costs, especially as inflation has continued to rise. We'd love to ask you to commit to continued giving to support Michelle, and if possible, to consider increasing this support.*

*Natasha Rayan, All Souls Senior Minister for World Mission, writes: "We are deeply thankful to God for Michelle's many years of service in Zambia and are delighted to continue partnering with her as she now serves from the UK. Her tender care, thoughtful support of others, and wisdom - shaped by years of experience - make her ideally suited to support those serving in mission."*

*SIM UK & All Souls give thanks to God for Michelle, her witness, and perseverance, as she has counted the cost to serve in Zambia. We're delighted that she's willing to make herself available to continue her mission service in a new role as part of the SIM UK team. Michelle will begin this role in April 2026, after a 3-month sabbatical (Jan-March) where she will take time for rest, retreat and renewal.*

*If you have any questions, you are welcome to be in touch with me directly. In the meantime, thank you for your support now and into the future for Michelle as she serves the Lord in this important work.*

*Together in the Lord,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Hannah Boxall'.

*Hannah Boxall*

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