

Volunteers and Volunteer Accommodation

St Johns offers Education from Nursery to O Level Standards.

Through their links with CMS in the UK, DMG in Germany and supporting Church's many volunteers have visited St Johns.

Over the past 5 years they have received 16 volunteers for periods of time; from one month, up to two years. As well as 2 teams and three visits from their link schools.

The scheme is gaining momentum and already for 2017 there is the possibility of volunteers coming from; CMS UK, DMG Germany and their link Deanery in Germany, this is before any efforts have been made to look for volunteers. Recently contact has been made with a short term mission's organisation to see if St Johns can link with them.

Also Ruth Valerio, from the C of E in the UK, is interested in sending environmental volunteers to St Johns.

The volunteers are a huge blessing to the life and ministry of St. Johns.

The presence of volunteers widens the world view of the students and staff and brings different knowledge and skill sets into our working environment. They also have much to encourage us in our faith as we serve Jesus.

The next step to establish St Johns as a reputable project for receiving volunteers is to provide better accommodation. Until now we have been operating on a small scale and the volunteers have been accommodated in the head masters house.

During 2016, 9 volunteers and half of the team which came from St. Austell in October lived in the headmaster's house with his family.

Providing volunteer accommodation will give the volunteers a better experience while they are at St Johns and it will relieve some of the pressure on the headmaster and his family.

St. John's is an attractive project for volunteer organisations as there is much that the volunteers can do and gain. It is safe and having a westerner on site gives them some extra confidence, the area which is lacking is accommodation.

A project is now under way to partially build an accommodation block. Extra funding would go a long way to complete the project and establish St Johns as a reputable project for receiving volunteers.