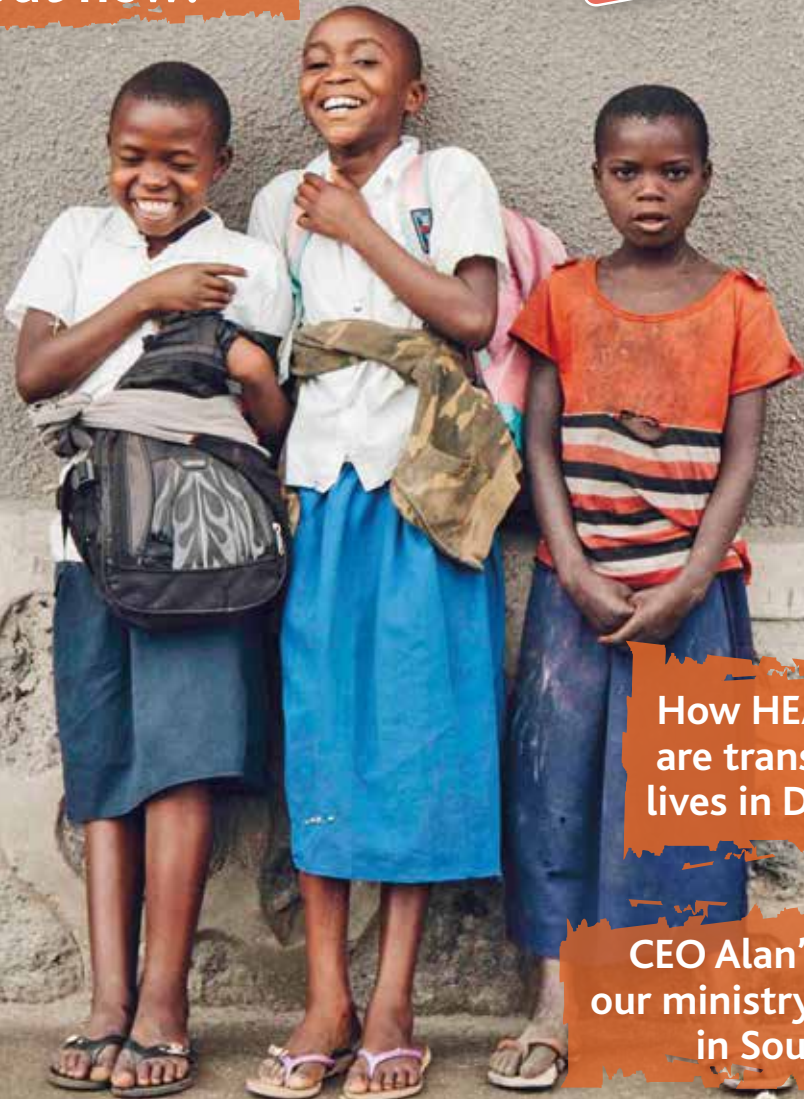


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From May 2018, WorldShare is moving to 'Opt-in' due to new fundraising regulations. From that time, we may only be able to contact you if you opt in to receive communications from us.

Thank you to those of you who have chosen to continue supporting the important work of our partner ministries around the world and have already opted in.

If you haven't yet, make sure to fill in the form at the back of the magazine so that you can continue being a part of this life-changing work.

As summer turns to autumn here, it's good to remember that in the Southern Hemisphere, spring is moving towards summer. A reminder that God's world is not just in our backyard, town or country. Recently, I visited our ministry partner Hope for Africa missions (HfAM) and had a few busy days with Bishop Hendrick Mahlanga seeing the fantastic work that HfAM are doing across Africa. See more on the next page.

As I write this piece, it is International Day of the Girl, which brought to mind one aspect of modern-day slavery – child marriage. A well-known newspaper today reported that “More than 20,000 underage girls marry illegally each day” and in the developing world one in three girls are affected by this practice.

Here are the beliefs and way of life that God our Father accepts as pure and without fault. When widows are in trouble, take care of them.

Do the same for children who have no parents.

James 1 v 27 (NIRV)

Injustice is one of our six focus areas and recently we've been highlighting how every day, more than 5,000 children are sold for sex. Our ministry partners in Moldova and India work to rescue and rehabilitate girls, as well as take preventative measures to educate and protect those at risk.

As we move into autumn it is time to release our new Freedom Gifts catalogue. This year we have expanded the range of alternative gifts and you now have over 30 to choose from. For the person that has everything, these gifts can offer something different that can change a life and help transform a community. Gifts are available from the catalogue or on our website www.worldshare.org.uk. It is a great way to support the work of WorldShare.

Alan Butler, Chief Executive

Alan's visit to South Africa

Late September saw me with my bag packed and heading off to the airport for a visit to South Africa to meet with our ministry partner Hope for Africa Missions (HFAM). The ministry is based in Siyabuswa township, north of Pretoria, but is engaged in church planting across 34 African countries, in 7 regions.

It was a privilege to meet the ministry leader, Bishop Hendrick Mahlanghu "on home turf", and be able to hear, smell and feel the everyday work of HFAM.

Siyabuswa community is impacted by high levels of unemployment (about 50% amongst young people) and the effects of HIV/AIDS. I found it challenging to hear first-hand of the impact of HIV/AIDS on families and that the use of Anti-Retroviral drugs has, in some situations increased the number of sufferers. The everyday reality here is a large number of orphans, child-headed families and a sense of hopelessness.

HFAM's response to some of these issues was the establishment of Grace Christian School, to give a future and a hope to some of these children. The school was established by HFAM about 16 years ago as a community project and now has some great facilities and teaches to a very high standard. Currently there are some 550 pupils and WorldShare currently sponsors over 30 of these.

To fulfil HFAM's main and broader ministry of church planting, the Alatheia (meaning truth) Bible College exists to train both men and women for the ministry.



The HFAM team



Grace Christian School



Alatheia Bible College

At the time of my visit, there were 17 students studying part-time, partially supported by WorldShare. These are the future church planters for Africa.

It was a joy to spend time with Bishop Hendrick and to understand how HFAM is working, much broader than just in the township of Siyabuswa. Hendrick was very clear about the need to reach people for Christ before Islam sweeps down through Africa.

Gifts that change a life...

Freedom Gifts

Our new catalogue is now available and enclosed with this magazine.

We're really excited to launch our new catalogue of Freedom Gifts which, this year has over 30 gifts to choose from.

Our Freedom Gifts are alternative gifts that you can buy for a loved

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Trapped in Slavery



There are 3 million slaves in Pakistan, many of these are trapped in some form of bonded slavery, including farm labour.

trapped in slavery by offering interest free loans and enterprise projects. The loans not only help families pay off their debt, but also allow them to invest in generating their own income. So far, ChrisFon have provided 300 loans.



Many people in rural Pakistan live in severe poverty with no access to education.

Due to their situation, they are vulnerable to falling into bonded labour. They often have no choice but to borrow money from wealthy farm owners who charge high interest rates. To pay back the debt, they are forced to work long hours on the farm. The owner usually provides housing but takes 90% of their earnings as payment, leaving them in spiralling debt.

Making ends meet can become so impossible for these exploited labourers, that they become vulnerable to the black market for human organs. In an attempt to lessen their debt or escape abusive labour contracts, they find themselves selling kidneys for small sums of money.

Our partner ministry, ChrisFon are tackling this issue and freeing those

"With our loan from ChrisFon I bought some reeds to make winnow baskets and with the small pieces that were left over from winnow making, I started making hand fans. In just one crop season we made a good income. In a short time we not only paid off our loan from ChrisFon but we cleared all your debts. Now we have plenty of food grain in our store to last until the next season; we are no longer worried. I would like to thank ChrisFon for changing our thinking. In our culture it is not considered a good thing for the women to work for wages but now a change is coming about in the society."



ChrisFon brings hope, sustainability and dignity to those who have been struggling for generations.

Transforming lives in DR Congo

Mercy for DR Congo

Over the past three decades, the health system in the Democratic Republic of Congo has deteriorated dramatically. Now, approximately 70% of Congolese people have little or no access to health care and the country is one of the lowest in the Human Development Index. HEAL Africa is changing that.

The hospital exists to provide healthcare to the Congolese. Their Mercy Fund covers medical and associated costs for those who are unable to afford even basic treatments.

Living conditions for the poor communities in DR Congo puts them at even more risk of disease, infection and serious illness and without the Mercy Fund they would be left untreated.

Like Ndimurwange, a 56 year old farmer who injured his leg working on a farm. After a piece of wood cut a deep wound in his left leg, he needed a skin transplant and recovery treatment which costs around £265.

But Ndimurwange was unable to afford this “I have no money at all. I do not know where to get it from” he explained.

Without any treatment, Ndimurwange would have had to be returned to his home, the inflammation would have spread and he would have soon died. Instead, the Mercy Fund allowed him to

HEAL Africa run a Christian medical ministry in DR Congo providing holistic care for the people of this war-torn region. The ministry focuses on training health professionals, strengthening social activists and providing physical, spiritual and social healing.

get the treatment he needed, allowing him many more years on his farm.

Those able to pay for their treatment, are expected to do so, but we along with HEAL Africa believe that everyone should be able to get the medical treatment they need. This is the reason why we support HEAL Africa’s Mercy Fund. The average cost of treating a patient is around £250, so it’s a challenge to keep the fund topped up and once empty, patients like Ndimurwange have to be turned away.





Training a new generation of spiritual leaders

HEAL Africa are keen to treat patients holistically as well as physically, and so a big focus of their ministry is to share the Gospel.



Their Chaplaincy Training project aims to develop this area of the ministry through training existing spiritual caregivers. By providing education and supervised practical work, trainees will

enhance their ability to provide holistic care to the people of this region who have suffered through so much conflict.

The training allows candidates to improve the quality of ministry and pastoral care they can offer when treating patients. They will be more equipped to share the Gospel and help patients to be healed spiritually as well as physically.

Many of those that have already graduated work in their communities to transform the lives of victims of rape and those who are marginalised due to disease or disability.



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

Luke 4: 18-19.

God is at work in rural Albania



God is changing lives in rural Albania and growing the church. But a growing church brings about the need for a bigger building to meet together in.

Our partner ministry, the Medical Ambassadors Foundation (MAF) work in the remote, poverty-stricken villages of Albania to develop communities physically and spiritually through the hope of Jesus Christ.



A decade ago, MAF planted a church in Vloçisht; a run-down rural village in southeast Albania, where poverty is rife. At that time, the community had lost all hope and ambition and suicides were at 2-3 per month. Since the church was planted, many people have been saved through Jesus and the community has been transformed. As a community, they have grown closer and stronger and no suicides have been reported in the last five years.

Ylli and Dola are a couple who attend the church and they kindly offered the space above their grocery shop

rent free, to be used temporarily for church gatherings. It's now three years later and the church still gather in this space. Not only have they overstayed their time, the facility is no longer big enough to cater for the growing congregation. There is no space to run a children's ministry and the room is on the second floor making it inaccessible to the disabled or frail.

Our aim is for this church in Vloçisht to own their own property, so that they have a permanent place to meet. It will also allow the local church body to be able to continue the ministry in their community allowing MAF to move on and share the Gospel with a new unreached village.

MAF have located a building in Vloçisht which offers the space required as well as living space and outdoor areas. The extra space will allow them to develop the ministry and offer extra services, groups and courses. We are aiming to raise £23,000 to purchase this building for the church in Vloçisht.



News . . .

Hellos and Goodbyes

After 4 years with WorldShare, Keith Gibbons has finished his role as Relationship Development Manager and moved on to a new chapter and new challenges. We want to thank Keith for his contribution to WorldShare and we wish him all the best.



This summer, we welcomed Adam Lynch to the WorldShare team as Fundraising and Promotions Officer. Adam will be focusing on church partnerships and fundraising and we're excited to have him on board. Adam comes from a background in retail and charity work after studying Biblical Studies with Theology at Mattersey Hall Bible College.



We have also welcomed Anthony Fisher this summer to the WorldShare Board of Trustees. Anthony has spent 40 years working in Health Service Management and has worked on church partnership projects in Romania for 25 years. We're very pleased to welcome Anthony onto the Board.



Leave a gift in your will



After you've provided for your loved ones, your gift can give vital support to our partner ministries in their efforts to make a lasting change among their communities.

Legacies can make a huge difference and allows you to do something really significant for a cause you believe in.

Your gift, whatever the size, can make an incredible difference to how we support our ministry partners.

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Thank you for your support . . .



Our appeal to help those affected by the recent flooding in Nepal has now raised over £13,000.

Millions have been affected and thousands have lost homes. Your generosity is providing essential items to those who have lost everything. Thank you.



Thank you to those who have given to our East Africa Crisis appeal which has raised over £12,000.

Your generous support is helping our partner ministry to distribute food to the most vulnerable people suffering in the famine crisis in East Africa.

Thank you to Margaret Kidger who held a celebration at St Wilfrid's Church in Wilford, Nottingham for her birthday.

As part of the evening, Margaret invited us along to share with her guests the amazing work of our ministry partners around the world. The event raised a fantastic £550, thank you Margaret!



You can fundraise too...

Fundraising can be a fun and exciting way to support and give to WorldShare. Whether it's something small and simple or something big and adventurous; by sharing the work of WorldShare with others and raising money, you can support the amazing work of our partners across the globe. For fundraising ideas and inspiration, visit our website or get in touch.



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