



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

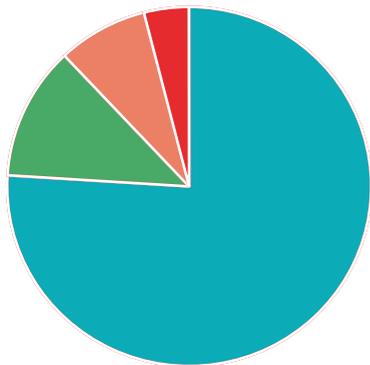
Due to the dedication and commitment of **WORLDSHARE SUPPORTERS**, throughout 2018 we were able to continue **PARTNERING WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS** in some of the least-reached and least-resourced parts of the world. By supporting their God-given vision, we have helped them to share the Gospel, **RESTORE HOPE AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**.



**WORLDSHARE'S IMPACT IN THE NEEDIEST PLACES**

## Your Gifts...

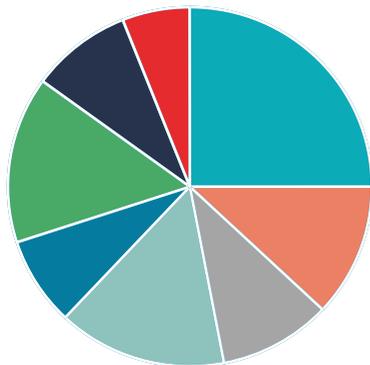
■ Donations	350,379	76%
■ Alliance Partners	53,902	12%
■ Gift Aid	38,683	8%
■ Gifts in Kind	0	0%
■ Legacies	20,040	4%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£463,004</b>	



## How we spent it...

■ Education	127,362	25%
■ Health	61,191	12%
■ Community	49,939	10%
■ Church Planting	77,925	15%
■ Injustice	42,947	8%
■ Emergency Relief	79,848	15%
■ General running costs	46,488	9%
■ Governance	32,588	6%

**Total Expenditure** **£518,288**



These numbers are provisional figures as at the end of April 2018 and are subject to audit.

## Alan Butler, Chief Executive...

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this year's illustrated Annual Report of the work of WorldShare and our ministry partners during 2018.

Our focus, prayer and passion are to continue partnering and supporting local Christians and churches in the most difficult, least-resourced and least-reached parts of the world, to support their God-given vision to bring about social and spiritual transformation of their communities.

This holistic and transformational work takes many different forms and styles; there is no one recipe to be followed. As we journey together with our partner ministries, we can see that God inspires each in different ways and their God-given vision is distinct but wonderfully matched to their situation. At the heart of what we do is to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

We trust you find the impact figures on the following pages inspirational, as well as the stories of real lives transformed and hope restored.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and for your financial support over 2018. **This has been an exciting year for WorldShare in the UK, as we've been able to send out the largest amount of financial support to our ministry partners since 2013.** Thank you also for being part of that story.

Please join us in prayer as we journey together, under God, over the coming years.

Alan

Acts 10:3-4

“ He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.”

## Impact...

**226,500**  
people heard  
the Gospel

**38,100**  
people received  
medical care

**90**  
new churches /  
house groups

**752**  
new leaders  
trained

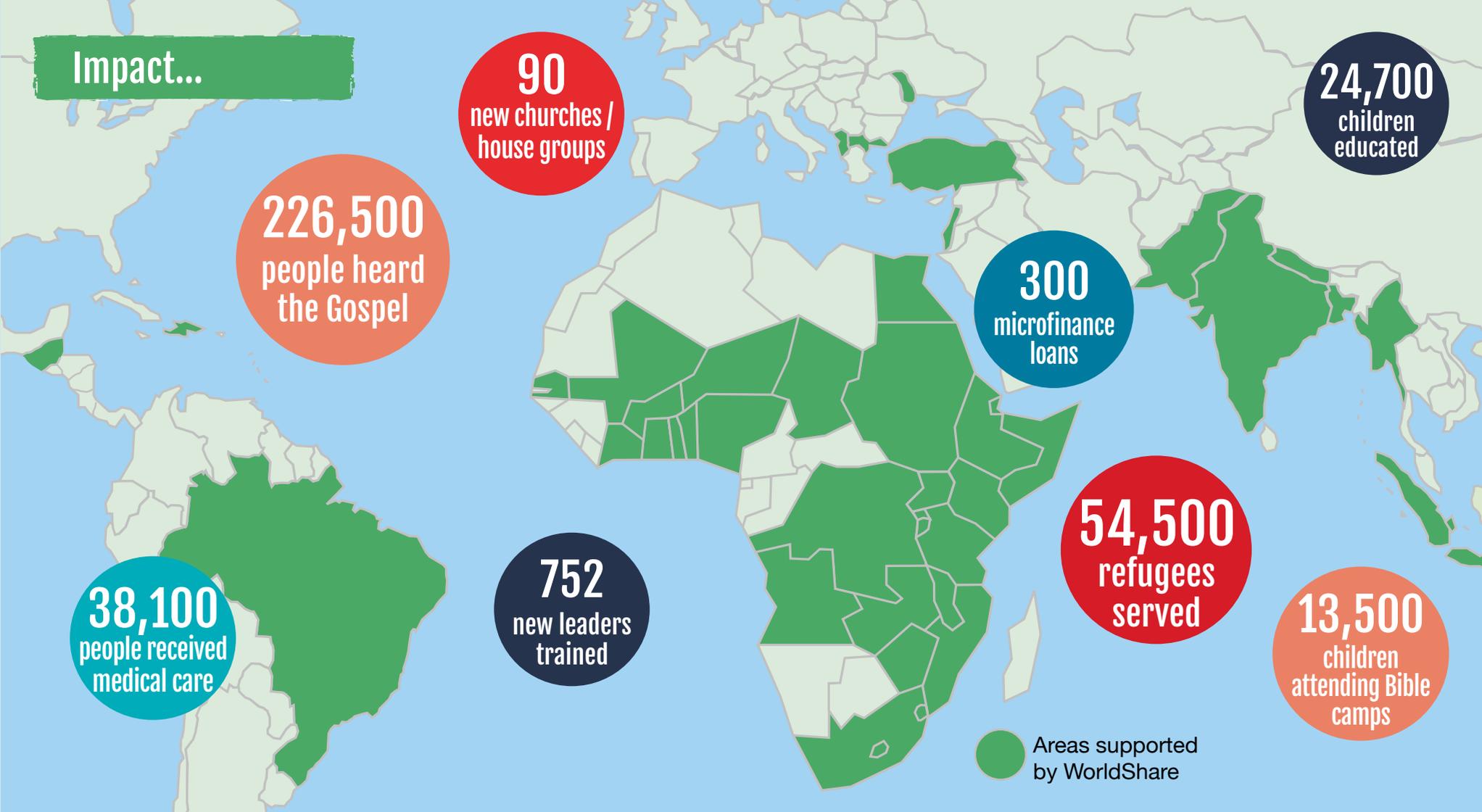
**300**  
microfinance  
loans

**54,500**  
refugees  
served

**24,700**  
children  
educated

**13,500**  
children  
attending Bible  
camps

 Areas supported  
by WorldShare



## Stories from 2018...

### Tsunami on the Southern Coast of Lampung...

**Thanks to the generous giving of WorldShare supporters, we have been able to raise a total of nearly £15,000 for this great need. ))**

Buu\* and his wife were asleep when the tsunami struck. Chau\*, their daughter, was also sleeping with her husband and two children.

Around 9:15pm they could hear the sound of waves coming on shore. Chau woke and ran out to see the store next door to them had collapsed. Beginning to panic, she woke everyone up but by this point water had already entered their home and was about one meter high.

Buu took his sarong and told his wife to get into it so they wouldn't be separated. He told everyone to hold hands so that if one of them drowned they would not be carried away by the waves; if they were all to drown, they would be together. Buu and his family tried to find their way to the main road.

At one point Chau's daughter lost grip of her hand and disappeared into a ditch.

Chau was able to use her feet to search for her daughter until she found her. As the family swam 10 meters towards the higher ground, a small fishing boat slammed into them.

Buu's wife (in her 60's) was then trapped between the boat and some wooden planks. Buu (in his 70's with a heart condition) mustered all his strength in trying to prevent the boat from separating them while still holding each other. They managed to grab a tree and started shouting for help because a canal blocked their access to higher ground. The people across the canal warned them not to cross the canal because the bridge had been destroyed. Buu told his family to pray to Isa Almasih (Jesus Christ). "Isa Almasih help us" they prayed.

A piece of wood drifted towards Chau and she grabbed it and started beating the water where the bridge was located to see

whether it was still intact-it was. The family ventured forward slowly feeling their way across the bridge and eventually made it to higher ground.

It wasn't until about 12am that the water finally receded. Chau's husband, on returning to their home, discovered that their little store had been ransacked, the drawers in the rooms had all been opened and all their belongings were thrown over the floor. They are now temporarily living in the hills.

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\*Names are changed for security reasons



# The Gospel Slumdog Millionaire

God has been doing marvellous work through the Bible Training Institute (BTI) of our ministry partners in India, Jatiyo Kristyo Prochar Samity (JKPS).

JKPS actively engage in the training and equipping of young men and women, preparing them for ministry in different corners of the state and beyond.

As a result of this ministry, BTI students have recently helped to establish 10 children ministry centres, led 34 people to the Lord, prepared 10 people for baptism and opened 5 house fellowships. Most of the boys and girls who enrol in BTI for their theological studies have been from a different faith but who have known the Lord through personal encounters and outreach ministry.

Dipankar Paul, one of the boys who completed his Diploma in Ministry from BTI this year, has a strong testimony of how God works in mysterious ways to accomplish his will.

Dipankar has faced tremendous hardship growing up. After his mother died, his father remarried but his stepmother could not put up with him.



Dipankar was thrown out of his home by his stepmother after which he ended up at a railway station. He spent several of his childhood years there transporting and loading goods into trucks. Living on the station platform with other children, this unlikely setting became Dipankar's new family. But soon enough, he adopted their lifestyle, getting addicted to substance abuse.

However while growing up with the 'platform children', Dipankar connected with a Christian pastor who led an outreach ministry among them. The pastor shared God's Word with them, taught them songs and

Bible verses and also inspired them by motivational stories from Scripture. It was through this pastor that Dipankar was introduced to Jesus. As a result, he was invited to visit a ministry drop-in centre that this pastor and his family lead. During one of his visits, a verse from the Bible (Romans 5:8) caught his attention and it touched his heart. With the passage of time, Dipankar's life started to change. His hunger to know more about God eventually led him to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour followed by his baptism in water.

Dipankar's pastor sent him to the Bible Training Institute to pursue theological studies. At BTI, Dipankar learned about Jesus in more depth, was trained in preaching, leading worship, gardening and farming besides getting more adequately trained in God's Word.

Dipankar's testimony has inspired other students to have strong faith in God and His power to transform lives. Dipankar has a deep desire to share his life's transformational experience with his father and to also work among the 'platform children' where he once grew up.



“ Pray that God will provide him with an opportunity to fulfil his dreams, as he now embarks on his ministerial journey. ”





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