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HAVE YOU OPTED IN YET?

If you have not yet opted-in, but would like to continue being a part of this life-changing work, please complete and return the first section of the form at the back of the magazine.

From May, new fundraising rules are coming in which will mean we

may only be able to contact you if you have opted in to receive communications from us.

We would love to carry on updating you on the incredible work of our partner ministries and how you can get involved.



2018 is an important year for WorldShare and its Alliance partners – 75 years ago, this year (in 1943); Duncan McRoberts, a missionary from

Northern Ireland working in China, was evacuated to North America.

He spoke widely of his experiences and his vision for a new wave of Christian mission in China – the difference was this ‘new vision’ would be led by Chinese leaders not expatriate missionaries, who would recruit, train and direct the workers. This very different approach to mission, radical and ahead of its time, and was the starting place from which CNEC (China Natives Evangelistic Crusade) the forerunner of WorldShare, was born. For more details see our website www.worldshare.org.uk/about-us/our-history.

As part of the celebrations of our 75 year history in the UK, we’re starting

“ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift

2 Corinthians 9 v 15 ”

a new annual event – WorldShare week. Sunday 18th March – Saturday 24th March will be a week to focus on supporting and praying for the work of our ministry partners. Could you help celebrate WorldShare week with us? Maybe you could host a prayer lunch or a coffee morning or do a sponsored walk to raise money. Find out more on page 4.

As we move towards spring, I’ve been thinking back to Christmas. Our passage from 2 Corinthians reminds us of that first gift at Christmas – Jesus! When Jesus was born he received special gifts from the wise men and that act has inspired the giving and receiving of gifts, ever since.

Do you write ‘thank you’ letters after Christmas, to say thanks for gifts received? I’m certainly of the generation that was brought up to do so, a matter of courtesy, but also to express gratitude. Here at the WorldShare office we’ve been looking to see how we can be better at saying “thank you” to all our supporters whose gifts, often given on a sacrificial basis, support our ministry partners across the world.

Alan Butler, Chief Executive

Disaster relief becomes long-term development after the 2015 Nepal earthquake



The earthquake in Nepal in April 2015 took the lives of nearly 10,000 people, injured another 16,800 people and left half a million people homeless.



Many of you gave to our appeal for Nepal in 2015 which helped to provide food, blankets, shelter and medical supplies. But your help didn't just provide initial relief, it has helped the ongoing development of some of the communities who suffered.

After the initial relief was provided, the work of our ministry partners in the area shifted into development, with a long-term aim of community transformation. Your support was part of making this happen and we pray your impact continues to expand.

The village of Phostar in Dhading District in central Nepal is in the area that suffered the worst damage and was identified as a location to focus this development work. The villagers decided which houses to build first and they worked alongside ministry leaders to build 200 new metal houses, creating a sense of purpose and community spirit for all involved. Your gifts also helped to

repair irrigation dams and water-reserve tanks to provide clean water. Many people are now able to grow crops and farm cattle, to provide an income for themselves.

The earthquake destroyed a village mud house which was serving as a church. For several weeks, the small congregation gathered outdoors until a temporary church was built. Now, a community church building is under construction and due to be ready this April. In the last three years, many in the village who didn't like Christians have now become open to the Gospel and more people are attending church services.



The impact of the earthquake continues today as thousands of people are still living in unsafe houses or tents. Our ministry partners are now working with the villagers to take their newly learned skills to a neighbouring village and work alongside those villagers to help rebuild their homes, irrigation systems and crop fields and continue transforming communities.

To continue supporting the development work in Nepal, please give using the form at the back, online at worldshare.org.uk or by contacting us.

WorldShare Week

Sunday 18th–Saturday 24th March 2018

In celebration of 75 years of history, we have a brand new event!

WorldShare week is an opportunity to put aside a week in the calendar to intentionally pray for the work of WorldShare and use this time as an

opportunity to share with others the work of our ministry partners, your passion for being a supporter and to fundraise.

Here are some ideas of how you can get involved:

Prayer meeting.
Prayer lunch.



Coffee morning.
Cake bakes.



Give up to give

give up a cup of coffee and give the money.

Themed Meal for our ministry partners

i.e. Indian meal for JKPS in Kolkata.



Sponsored walk.
Sponsored silence.
Sponsored fast.



Post pictures of your WorldShare week activities and share using **#WorldShareWeek**

For a prayer calendar or fundraising pack, get in touch at **01302 775209 / info@worldshare.org.uk**

We are excited for you to get involved however don't worry if you can't take part during WorldShare week, you can do this anytime.

Success for Edgar, a sponsored child in Guatemala



Our ministry partner, Potter's House in Guatemala City serve the deprived communities living next to the city's largest landfill site. By providing education, community development, healthcare and sharing the Gospel, they are aiming to break the cycle of poverty for these communities.

Many children in this area are sponsored by WorldShare supporters, through our child sponsorship scheme called ChildAid. One of these sponsored children is called Edgar Hernandez.

Edgar is the second of four children. He has been attending Potter's House programmes since he was about 8 years old. His mother works as a cleaning lady at an office in the business area of the city and his dad works as a messenger.

Edgar received a scholarship to study at high school in Guatemala City and he graduated at the end of last year. During his time at school, Potter's House provided after school tuition and school materials as well as daily lunches and weekly devotionals.

Edgar has just passed the rigorous admission tests and been accepted to study veterinary medicine at the national college in Guatemala. The extra tuition and support provided by Potter's House has played a big part

in Edgar's success and has made this opportunity a reality for him.

Edgar loves animals, especially felines and exotic animals. His dream is to run an animal hospital that is accessible for people who cannot afford vet bills. In the short-term, he will be able to go on to find employment so that he can contribute at home and pay for his college studies.

For Edgar, like many other children in these communities, education provides opportunities for a more prosperous future.

The work of Potter's House is gradually breaking the cycle of poverty as more and more children grow up educated, skilled and able to earn themselves an income. More importantly they have hope and can aspire to a better future.

" Thank you so much to the people who have supported me over all these years. It was a blessing to me that helped me to accomplish so much.

Thank you for everything you have done for me and my family.

Edgar.



Sharing the Gospel through musical film

Our ministry partner, Kanal Hayat run a Christian TV channel which is broadcasting into Turkey and other parts of the Middle East. Jay Moussa is the daughter of one of Kanal Hayat's ministry leaders, and she is producing a feature film musical based on the story of Ruth. We caught up with Jay to find out more about this project and why it's so important.

Jay, what made you decide to create this film musical based on the story of Ruth?

I always wanted to do a musical and to combine film-making with making the Bible come alive for people. I wanted this musical to be something worthwhile, and in my eyes that means telling people about God. I think that songs can reach people in a way that words can't, that's why I wanted to bring the two together. When I read the story of Ruth it really spoke to me, because it was similar to my story of moving from the UK to Turkey. It's also very close to Middle Eastern culture and I felt like it would really reach people from that area of the world.

What are your hopes for what the film will achieve?

My aim is to get people interested in the Bible. I think people sometimes find it difficult to visualise stories in the Bible and I wanted to make something that people can apply to themselves and that will draw them to reading

the Bible. I don't think films themselves can change somebody's heart, but they can share the Gospel and lead people towards the Bible and towards God.

Where are you up to so far with the project?

We are currently in pre-production, we're still casting, building sets and raising funds. We're aiming to film this summer with the intention of completing in March 2019.

What is the plan for the film once it is complete?

This film will be an English version, but we will be creating versions that will be dubbed in Turkish and Arabic which will be broadcast on Kanal Hayat to millions of viewers in the Middle East. It will also be broadcast in the USA and Australia. My plan has always been that it doesn't just get stuck in Christian circles, I'd really like to see it somewhere like Netflix, where anyone can access it. The wider plan is that we will eventually shoot the film in Turkey in Turkish.





Song rehearsals

Why do you think it's so important to produce this kind of content for the Middle East?

In the Middle East, Christianity and the Bible have a bad name. Muslims are taught that Christians have distorted the Bible. Having grown up in Turkey, people are so much more open to God there than in the west. They believe in God and want to please Him, it's just finding out how they can have that personal relationship with him.

In the story, both Naomi and Ruth lose their husbands. In the Middle East, if you don't have a husband or an older brother you can't survive, nobody respects you as just a woman, which is what happens in the story. I think that will resonate with a lot of women in the Middle East.

You are still raising funds to complete the film-making. Why should people be encouraged to support this project?

Because it's another way to lead people to the Bible. I think music and films



building the sets

are really underestimated and not utilised enough in reaching people with the Gospel. We're trying to stay very close to the real story of Ruth and not changing things for dramatic effect. It's a beautiful symbol of what Jesus did for us, I think that's why it's such a powerful story.

To read the full interview and to support the project, visit www.worldshare.org.uk/ruth You can also give using the form at the back of this magazine.

Serving you and your church



**Hello! I'm Adam,
the Fundraising &
Promotions Officer
here at WorldShare.**

**Having recently
joined the team
at WorldShare I am
excited to write in**

Window magazine for the first time!

I wanted to use this opportunity to let you know one of the ways WorldShare can serve you and your church as you are supporting our ministry partners around the world.

Did you know we are able to send visiting speakers to church services, groups and events? It is a fantastic opportunity to hear first hand, real life stories about the ministries you are supporting and the difference your giving is making.

We would share about WorldShare in general and specifically the impact your

support and giving is making to the ministry partners you are connected to. From time to time we would even be able to arrange one of our ministry leaders to come and share whilst they are in the UK.

This opportunity for speakers is not just for churches who partner with WorldShare but also for individuals who give and would like us to come and share in their church or at special occasions and events. Perhaps you would like others to hear about the work of WorldShare to be encouraged and excited to support our ministry partners in the same way you do.

So, if you are already a church partnering with us, or perhaps an individual who is part of a church and would like WorldShare to share how your support is making a difference, then please do get in touch with me.

**You can call me on 01302 775209
or contact me by email:
adam.lynch@worldshare.org.uk
to arrange a speaker.**



Thank you for your support . . .

Thank you for your generous gifts towards our Trapped In Slavery appeal, which raised £4,200.

These gifts are helping our partner ministry to free families in Pakistan from bonded labour as well as restoring hope in their lives through Jesus Christ.



Our appeal for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh has now raised £7,000.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated towards this cause. Your gifts are helping to provide vital medical attention, food and shelter to those most vulnerable.



The Mission Love Zimbabwe trip took place at the end of last year.

Thanks to your generous support which raised a total of £3,000 our partner ministry was able to provide vital food and essentials as well as kick-start long-term projects for sustainable development.



Pray with Us . . .

Did you know we have a monthly prayer calendar with daily prayers for WorldShare's partner ministries around the world?

You can download the calendar and sign up to receive it monthly at www.worldshare.org.uk/pray

Fond Farewells



At the end of last year we said a fond farewell to Simon Garrett who left us after 17 years of commitment to the work of WorldShare.

We want to thank Simon for his dedication and many years of service and we wish him many blessings in his new season.

We also said a fond farewell to Dr Sue Sainsbury in December, as she stood down from being a board member and trustee, having faithfully served for 12 years.

Sue's gifts, abilities and contribution to the trustee board will be greatly missed as she looks to taking on a new challenge in her life under God.



New Event – WorldShare week

Our brand new event WorldShare Week is coming up on 18th-24th March. There's so many ways to get involved through prayer, fundraising and more. Find out more details on page 4 of this magazine.

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.

For more information contact jenny.hunt@worldshare.org.uk or call 01302 775209



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