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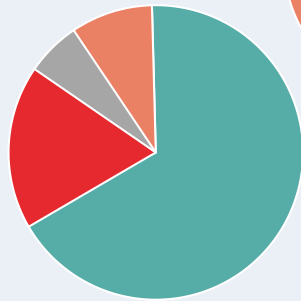
This edition of Window marks a fresh chapter for WorldShare as we welcome a new CEO. But before we begin, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that God has done over the last year through your generosity and to say thank you.

2021 was a more 'normal' year than 2020, but Covid-19 still had a big impact on our ministry partners who provided oxygen cylinders and PPE, delivered emergency relief and helped roll out vaccinations. When natural disasters struck, in countries including Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo, our ministry partners were able to rapidly respond to those most in need, as well as continue serving their local communities. All made possible with the help of your faithful prayers and support. Your incredible response to our appeals relating to the Covid-19 crisis in India and the earthquake in Haiti were particularly humbling – thank you!

We are so grateful to God and to you, our supporters, for an amazing income of £522,000 during 2021, the highest since 2013. You can see the split of where this income came from and how it helped below:

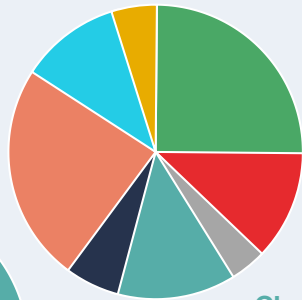
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But the financial numbers are not the full story, it is the transformation of individual lives that illustrates the impact of the work of our ministry partners. Lives changed like the ones you will read about in this magazine, which we pray will inspire and encourage!

Looking forward – welcome Andrew!



In the last edition of Window, WorldShare's CEO Alan Butler shared news that he was retiring. Alan has now passed on the baton and today we invite you to join us as we welcome our new CEO, Andrew Yelland. Before Alan wished us farewell last month, he sat down with Andrew for an interview. Check out snippets of this below.

Hi Andrew! To get us started, tell us a little bit about what you were doing before WorldShare.

For the past 18 years I have been the Senior Pastor of Crofts End Church in Bristol, building the church both spiritually and physically. Before that I was a police officer in Bristol for 17 years, so it has been a varied career thus far!



What drew you to WorldShare?

In May 2021 I felt the Lord was telling me to lay everything down at Crofts End as he had something else in store for me, but wouldn't reveal what that was until I had left, so began a process of prayer. I left Crofts End on the 6th

of February this year. The very next day I saw the WorldShare CEO advert and I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to apply. Interestingly too, before leaving Crofts End, someone asked me "What will you do next?" and I said, "I have no idea but I have a heart for mission so it would be great to use my leadership skills to help a Christian charity, but it's up to God." And now here I am at WorldShare!

What excites you most about joining WorldShare?

I am excited about building relationships with not only supporters, but also with the ministry partners around the world.

I look forward to developing my understanding of how WorldShare's ministry partners are working to build the kingdom globally and helping to get that message out to a wider audience.

Finally, how can we be praying for you?

Please pray for myself and my family. This will be our first move out of Bristol so it is a massive change for us as a family. All of us will be coming up; myself, my wife Teresa, my son Jordan and my dog Jazz. At the same time I will be trying to wrap my head around everything I need to know to be an effective CEO.

To listen to the full interview and hear more about Andrew's journey to WorldShare visit:
worldshare.org.uk/helloandrew

Freedom from fear in Myanmar



"Through you I can do anything, I can do all things, for you give me strength, nothing is impossible. Through you my eyes are open, through you my walls are broken, living by faith. Nothing is impossible!"

A wonderful song that rings out from the Word of Hope Orphanage in Myanmar, full of joy and promise for the future. The sound of hope in the midst of ongoing conflict and uncertainty. The voices of children who, after losing so much, have found a safe haven.

The military coup which overtook Myanmar in February 2021 may seem like a distant memory and the news outlets may no longer be reporting on it, but the struggle to stay safe remains.

Many, particularly in the more rural provinces, are living with the constant threat of fighting and violence and still fear leaving their homes. A difficulty which our ministry partner, Word of Hope, is facing with absolute trust in the Lord and determination to deliver an education for the 50 children it has given a home to.

School at last!

After over a year of not being able to leave the orphanage to go to school and receiving online classes, the children were finally able to restart school in person in June. Making journeys across the city of Yangon, where the orphanage is based, is still not easy but routes have opened up for the children to make the 30-minute journey to school possible. Each day the team prays for the Lord's protection over the children and monitors the ongoing situation.



Children are finally able to go back to school in Myanmar

Due to in-person lessons sometimes being called off and the need for extra tutoring, online learning tools continue to be essential for the 4 to 18-year-olds living at the orphanage, but these are not easy to access. Students crowd round a limited supply of phones and iPads, and online lessons are frequently interrupted by power cuts, some lasting as long as 24 hours. The Word of Hope team is currently praying for the provision of computers in response to this, to make online learning more accessible.

A light in the dark

Alongside schooling, the Word of Hope team is committed to teaching children about Jesus and shining his light amidst the difficulties outside the walls of the orphanage. Each day begins with prayer, the children's choir sing songs of praise to the Lord and Bible studies take place each week.

Of course, this level of care would not be possible without the love and faithful support of child sponsors. Word of Hope is one of WorldShare's ChildAid ministry partners, meaning the children at the orphanage are supported through the faithful prayers and giving of child sponsors.



Esther

They receive school supplies and uniforms, are provided with nourishing meals to fuel them as they learn, have any school fees covered and are given the chance to hear about Jesus.

Children like 13-year-old Esther, who was sent to the orphanage by her father after her mother passed away when she was just two years old. Esther is from a Buddhist family and was beaten by her Grandma for attending Sunday school as a small child for fear she would believe in Jesus. Through the loving care of Word of Hope, Esther has stepped far away from this fear and in May this year gave her life to Christ. She shares how this has transformed her life:

"Before, I didn't listen to my teachers. I didn't want to confess my faults and didn't like anyone rebuking me. I insulted and used bad words against my friends. I wasn't happy about reading the Bible, praying or attending Sunday school. But after, my life was totally changed - I became a new creation. I love God as well as others. I have learnt to be humble before God and men. I need people who will rebuke me. I listen to my teachers. I love to pray, read the Bible and attend Sunday school. I feel so blessed and happy to be here. I thank God and I am also grateful to all who have helped me in different ways."

By Harriet Robson

Could you sponsor a child from Word of Hope orphanage, just like Esther, and bring practical and spiritual help to a young life? Find out how by visiting: worldshare.org.uk/childaid

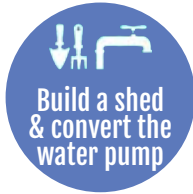
Thank you for your amazing support



At the end of June, we launched our PiFò Haiti Appeal to raise urgent funds to help meet three very basic but important needs identified by our ministry partner in Haiti.



Build classroom furniture & equipment



Build a shed & convert the water pump



Build a food storage depot & office

Thanks to your generosity and faithful prayers, we have already raised a total of **£9,500**, for which we are truly grateful.



Maccia, Director and year three teacher of one the schools supported through PiFò Haiti, explains why the classroom furniture and equipment are so important:

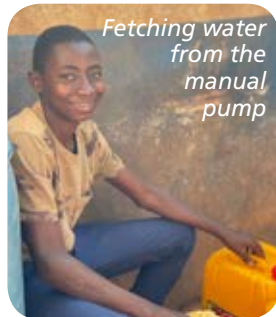
“Having benches in the classrooms is one of the most important pieces of furniture. If a child is comfortable and has enough space to work, they learn much faster. If there are too many children on a bench or the wood is rotting it is not a good learning environment.

Blackboards are an important part of the classroom. Most families do not have access to eye tests or glasses. So, if a child has poor sight, poor condition or wood-coloured chalkboards make it almost impossible to see.”

The provision of a shed and converting the manual water pump to a tap will be an amazing blessing to the mountain community of Palma, giving them better access to water, irrigation for the community garden and jobs for local people.

Building a food storage depot and office will help strengthen the food programme and provide PiFò Haiti's Project Manager, Emerson, with a dedicated workspace separate to his home.

There is £3,000 that still needs funding, so if you've not yet had a chance to respond or you would like to make a donation after reading this, please use the form in the inside back cover and state 'PIFO HAITI' or visit: worldshare.org.uk/pifoappeal. Thank you.



Fetching water from the manual pump

Jenny's visit to Moldova



I (Jenny, WorldShare's Finance Manager) recently had the privilege of visiting Beginning of Life in Moldova to see first-hand how it is serving refugees who have fled the devastating violence in Ukraine. It was a very moving experience spending time with individuals who have fled the war.

To give some context, Moldova is a small country with less than 2.6 million people and it borders the southwest corner of Ukraine. 500,000 Ukrainians have fled from the violence into Moldova and 100,000 of these people have remained. Beginning of Life has been doing a fabulous job responding to this crisis; helping to feed, clothe, house and reach out to those in need.

During my visit, we spent time at two refugee camps, both of which are quite isolated, originally used as summer camp locations, now temporary homes for refugees. But as we know, the situation has proved anything but temporary!

Families have been stuck in these camps since early March and, although in a tranquil setting, there is little to do. As we ran activities with the children in the sunshine, it was easy to forget why we were there.

But then you notice that there are no men and you speak to the women who are very subdued.

Soon you realise that their lives are on hold, waiting to see what happens, waiting to hear if their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons have survived.

It was a privilege to spend a couple of days with these people, to eat, pray, laugh and cry with them. One of the most poignant moments of my visit was when we drove to the border with Transnistria, an area of Moldova controlled by pro-Russian separatists. Here, we went up onto a hill with Ukraine visible in the distance (pictured below). Whilst there, we spent some time in prayer, words of which I invite you to join in praying today:

Lord, we pray for your healing hand to be upon this land. We pray that you will be working in the hearts and minds of all of these people, of the soldiers, the refugees, those in power, those with no power, to bring about your peace and reconciliation. Amen



Jenny spending precious time with Ukrainian refugees



48 families on their way to freedom

In September 2021, we launched our 'Freedom from Modern-Day Slavery Appeal', seeking to help our ministry partner in Pakistan, ChrisFon, to implement a Community Development Programme. Our appeal set out with the aim of impacting 40 families across two receptive brick kilns over the next two years.

We are delighted to report that, thanks to the amazing generosity of supporters like you, we have been able to go beyond this! A total of 48 families are now being supported by the programme, across three brick kilns in Pakistan.

Two families in one kiln have been in debt for 40 years and are second-generation so have been indebted with their parents' loans. Two other families have been in debt for 30 and 22 years respectively. This just shows how desperate the need is. Until this programme began in January 2022, they had never had a counsellor or mentor to help them.

Here are details of some of the progress that has been made since the start of the programme.



Financial Debt

Debt levels are starting to reduce already and hope is beginning to be restored. Hope of a future free from debt.

"We have been under debt for a long time. We did not know how to get out of this. In the past months we have acted on Pastor Rehmat's advice and we have seen that our debt has started to go down." Anwar (Maraliwala Kiln)

Christian Education

Families are learning the importance of praying together. Alongside this, the Lord's Prayer, Psalms and hymns in the Punjabi language, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed are all being learnt.



"We are thankful to God that he has sent his man to teach and guide us. We are learning from the Bible. He is teaching us new songs. Our children are enjoying it also. We believe we will grow in the knowledge of God." Irshad (Mithuwala Kiln)

Women's Development

Many new skills are being taught to the women at the brick kilns. So far, 25 women have been learning to make round trays from straw to sell, 55 women are learning stitching and several are being introduced to kitchen gardening. Alongside this 40 women have been provided with sewing machines.



"Nobody was caring for the welfare of the women. We are happy that we've not only been given sewing machines, but we have a tutor who is teaching us cutting and stitching. We hope to be able to make our own clothes." Rubina (Rosaywala Kiln)

Additional Income

Some of the kiln workers have begun raising rabbits, pigeons, sheep and goats.

"Pastor Rehmat has been saying to raise some animals or birds to make extra income. I have started raising rabbits. They now have three offspring. I am hoping that they will multiply quickly and I will make good extra income from selling them." Shahbaz (Mithuwala Kiln)

Thank you for all your faithful support for these precious brick kiln workers. Please continue to pray for the families on the programme, that they would embrace what they are taught, grow in their Christian faith and be freed from the bonds of modern-day slavery.

Health

The health knowledge of the brick kiln workers is very weak, so they are being taught about personal and domestic health and hygiene, they are being made aware of endemic diseases and are learning to make sure that their children don't eat dust.

Literacy

Access to literacy was a difficult area to overcome during the pilot project but praise God that this time they have found two men and one woman (pictured below), who are willing to teach. Please pray that these three tutors turn out to be faithful, committed, and honest and many of the kiln workers will become literate as a result.



And finally, our ministry partner in Pakistan sent this message:

"We are grateful to God that he is using us in sharing his love with the suffering people of the brick kilns. We would like to thank WorldShare for coming forward and standing with us in doing this landmark work."

15 years of Kanal Hayat



24 hours a day for the past 15 years, our ministry partner Kanal Hayat has brought the Gospel to millions of people in Turkey and West Asia - and led thousands to Christ and into local fellowships.

Translated as 'Life Channel', Kanal Hayat is an evangelistic Christian TV channel which now also broadcasts programmes online on its website, YouTube channel and other social media platforms. Its follow-up scheme ensures that viewer responses are answered with either a home visit to provide more information and prayer support, or by connecting them to local Christians and churches.



Filming for Kanal Hayat's evangelistic Christian TV channel in action

Despite the strong opposing cultures in the region and the increasing risks from extremist groups, Kanal Hayat's ministry continues to open people's hearts to Jesus. **In 2021, over 175,000 people heard the Gospel!**

Martin Tangstad, leader of Kanal Hayat, shared his reflections on the past 15 years with us:



"A lot has changed through the years. But some things are unchangeable: our love for the people we aim to reach, and our gratitude to all of you who have faithfully stood by Kanal Hayat as friends, partners, hosts, and supporters of the ministry. Our anniversary is likewise a time to remember the risk involved in ministering in this region. 2022 is also the 15th anniversary of a well-known case where three martyrs were murdered in Turkey, just weeks before Kanal Hayat was launched. A recent, very serious assault on a pastor and host of Kanal Hayat reminds us of the tremendous sacrifice that people still lay down to share the Gospel with the unreached. We honour and respect their sacrifice and memory. As we thank God for the first 15 years of Kanal Hayat and pray for many fruitful years ahead for his kingdom, I encourage you to join me in prayer for God's blessing and protection of his ministries and servants."

By Emily Hobbs

Please join with us in celebrating this wonderful milestone and, as Martin asks, please hold in prayer those who so faithfully witness to people seeking truth and hope in Turkey and West Asia.

Tackling the Yorkshire Three Peaks



On Saturday 25th June, 27 cheerful (and somewhat nervous) walkers embarked on the famous Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, expertly supported by John Bunce and a team of Up Mountains volunteers.

The group consisted of a wide range of ages and fitness levels and included both Alan and Andrew, outgoing and incoming CEOs of WorldShare. Andrew (who you met on Page 3 of this magazine) was joined by a team of six friends who did some amazing fundraising through the challenge.



The amazing team of walkers preparing to set off

From Ribbleshead, the start of the walk was fairly gentle, taking the group alongside the viaduct before the ascent to the first checkpoint at the top of Whenside. From there, many of the group continued on to Ingleborough and then Pen-y-ghent, completing all three peaks. For some, their goal of conquering one peak was complete and they returned to base for a well-deserved rest. Others decided to skip Ingleborough and went on to tackle Pen-y-ghent, conquering two of the three peaks. Up Mountains volunteers were strategically positioned at checkpoints with refreshments, snacks and much needed

water top ups. We thank God that the weather was kind, everyone returned safely and, regardless of the number of peaks completed, everyone felt a real sense of personal achievement!



A much needed refreshments stop

Jess, one of the youngest walkers at age 12, completed an amazing two peaks and shares her highlight from the challenge:

"It was great to be able to encourage each other throughout the day!"

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to those who fundraised for WorldShare, raising over £6,500 to help Ukrainian refugees being cared for by Beginning of Life in Moldova. And we would also like to thank John, WorldShare trustee and founder of Up Mountains, for running the event and his wife Lizzie and her team of volunteers for providing delicious food for everyone.

By Vanessa Riley

Visit: upmountains.org to find out more about Up Mountains and read inspiring stories of those who have taken part in past challenges.

Equipped and empowered



In a bustling corner of West Bengal, you will find Saira and her team of local women, busy using their expert sewing skills to embroider wonderfully coloured sarees which are in high demand from Saira's business. A business which has enabled Saira to break free from the confines of her home, utilise her God-given skills and lift her family out of poverty.



Saira and a few members of her family outside their new business

Saira is from a small village in West Bengal's southern province of 24 Parganas. For most of her married life, her husband worked as a daily wage labourer and she managed household chores, caring for her family of six. Living in a traditionally male dominated society meant Saira didn't have access to money and couldn't make even the smallest change to improve her family's situation. She dreamt of becoming independent and one day using her and her husband's

sewing skills to start a small business. A dream held back by few financial resources, living in one of the poorest parts of India and the social norms of a patriarchal society.

This all changed in 2017 when Saira discovered JKPS' microfinance programme which provides loans to women to build small enterprises. After sharing with the team her business' hopes, Saira was granted a loan and was soon on her way to fulfilling her dream.

JKPS has been providing small loans to women since 2016 through its microfinance programme. Its team of community development workers identify those who are most in need and who are interested in establishing businesses to support their families.

With a start-up loan of 5,000 rupees (£52), Saira bought a sewing machine and some cloth. Small orders from her neighbours began to come in and gradually the word about the quality of her work spread beyond the village, leading to increased demand.



Saira using her expert sewing skills to provide for her family

With the business going from strength to strength, soon Saira and her husband were able to pay off the original loan and take out subsequent larger ones. With these they purchased more professional sewing machines, set up a small grocery store to run alongside the sewing business and even purchased a piece of land to set up another sewing shop.

Supporting the whole family

"Before, I used to look up to my husband for everything, but I am proud to be able to be a financial support to him now, have economic independence and make my own decisions." – Saira

The loan provided through JKPS has left Saira equipped and empowered as she can now support her husband financially and also provide for her four children by paying for their school fees and medical needs. She can even afford to buy jewellery for her children and support them as they prepare to marry. Luxuries that had never before been within her reach.

Saira is now able to dream far beyond the four walls of her home and enable her family to not simply survive but thrive.

Inspiring women across the community

Saira has also created job opportunities for women in her local community. Many are assisting her today in her shop, learning new skills and building a future for their own families. Saira's example has inspired other women to set up their own businesses and realise they too have valuable skills to offer.

All kinds of businesses have emerged, from making handcrafted jewellery to selling delicious foods such as pickles and papadums. Creating livelihoods is more important than ever, as communities continue to recover from Covid-19 and experience soaring food prices.



Supriti and her husband who have set up a dry snack business

One fellow entrepreneur, Supriti, shares how important JKPS' support has been:

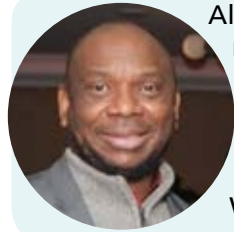
"When Covid-19 hit and lockdown started, my husband lost his job, so it was extremely difficult to make ends meet. We are grateful for JKPS' microfinance programme because it enabled us to get back on our feet. We have a small dry snack business. If not for generous supporters like you, families like ours would have had to go without food every night. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

By Harriet Robson

Praise God that thanks to JKPS' microfinance programme, the hidden talents and potential of women like Saira and Supriti are being realised, helping to create equity within families and empowering women to become leaders and entrepreneurs.

Latest news

In June the WorldShare Board of Trustees said a hello and a farewell. After almost a year on the Board, Victoria Balasubramanian, has stepped down. Victoria's passion for sharing the Gospel and her commitment to development and academic insights will be dearly missed.



Alongside this farewell, the Trustees welcomed their newest member, Daniel Ukiomogbe. Daniel is a solicitor and family mediator. Daniel gave his life to Christ as a teenager and has been involved in rural evangelism and church planting in Nigeria where he is from. He is currently serving as a men's group leader at Kensington Temple London where he worships. Welcome Daniel!

Exciting NEW resources for you and your church

This year we have expanded the number and type of resources we have available, each designed to inspire, equip and encourage. We would love you to help us spread the word too and share these with your friends, family and church.



Videos

Two new engaging intro videos have been produced, giving a snapshot of how WorldShare is empowering local Christian partners as they share God's love in practical ways. A perfect resource for you to share with your church or small group. Check these out here: youtube.com/WorldShareUK.



Prayer resources

Alongside our monthly prayer calendar, in May we launched our first prayer journey: 'From seed to fruit.' A set of six devotionals reflecting on the wonders of nature that God has gifted us. Visit: worldshare.org.uk/pray to download your copy. This is the first in a series of prayer journeys, more available soon.



Legacy booklet

Visit: worldshare.org.uk/legacy to request a copy of our new Legacy booklet which explains the difference you can make by leaving a gift in your Will to WorldShare. If you don't have access to a computer, please contact us on 01302 775209 and we'll send you a copy in the post.



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