

WINDOW

Spring/Summer 2023



8 Years
of WorldShare



Editorial



Welcome to the first Window update of 2023. This is my first such publication since taking over last year and what a busy period it has been.

We saw two major global disasters unfold, the monsoon flooding in Pakistan and Afghanistan back in September of last year, and more recently, the earthquake in Turkey and northern Syria. Both crises saw WorldShare supporters respond with huge generosity and compassion in Jesus' name.

We were also able to provide additional funds to Word of Hope in Myanmar and PiFò Haiti to enable vital projects to be undertaken. You will find progress reports on all this work in this edition.

As you may already be aware, 2023 is our 80th Anniversary and we wanted to start the year by honouring those who have pioneered the work we now continue. As we gathered stories from previous employees and volunteers, for the publication of our commemorative booklet, it was a privilege to see how the Lord has used WorldShare in so many different ways over the decades.

But here is where we begin to see WorldShare move forward into a new season of growth. You will no doubt notice that we have a new logo, created especially for this anniversary year, as well as making some changes to how Window looks.

Keep watching to see if you can spot the other changes that we will implement in the near future.

I hope that you will be encouraged and inspired by what you read inside this edition as we forge ahead in faith, knowing that 'Our God shall supply all our needs, according to His riches in glory.' (Philippians 4:19).

Thank you so much for all your support.

We could not do what we do without you.

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Celebrating 80 years of WorldShare



2023 marks WorldShare's 80th Anniversary and to start our celebrations we produced a commemorative booklet. As part of a fantastic response, our new CEO, Andrew, was able to meet and interview 96-year-old, Steve Juniper (pictured below), believed to be our longest standing supporter. We will be releasing this interview later in the year as we continue to mark this memorable milestone.

In February we launched our long planned 80th Anniversary Appeal, which we had to side-line temporarily following the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

The aim of this year-long appeal is to raise an additional £80,000, to enable growth and the development of new ministry partnerships. Our plan for 2023 and beyond sets out new activities to raise our profile, including:



- Exhibiting at some major Christian events between May & August 2023
- Creating new video content, to raise awareness of the work of WorldShare and our partners, for our social media platforms
- Building links with Universities & Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) to reach younger audiences

As a result, here are some examples of increased costs this appeal seeks to fund:

- Exhibition fees & associated costs
- Purchase of a new camera & video editing kit



Andrew interviewing Steve.

We are so grateful to you, our current supporters, who so faithfully pray for our work and give so generously, and we need more people like you who share the vision of WorldShare.

This appeal, therefore, reaches wider than just finance and asks you to consider alternative or additional ways of contributing through prayer, volunteering and by inviting us to your church.

We are also looking for at least six Volunteer Ambassadors who would be happy to be given training and resources to speak on our behalf from 2024 onwards. Could that be you?

To read more details and to respond please visit:
worldshare.org.uk/80thappeal

Hope in the face of disaster in Turkey

In the early hours of Monday 6th February, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.8 magnitude hit southern Turkey, close to the border with Syria. There followed a series of aftershocks, one of 7.5 magnitude and another of 6.4 two weeks later near Antakya.

This has caused devastation in both Turkey and Northern Syria. At the time of writing almost 49,000 people have died, tens of thousands have been injured and thousands of buildings have been destroyed.

There are 17 million people that live in the affected area, many of them in urgent need of shelter, food and medical aid. Reports from those in the affected regions say that what has been shown on news media is just the tip of the iceberg.

As has been the case in so many previous disasters, WorldShare is able to assist in the emergency response. Through our ministry partner, Kanal Hayat, we have contact with churches and a local Christian emergency relief organisation who are all working in the disaster zones.



One of the churches that have been destroyed.



It has become an important mission of the entire Church of Turkey to heal the wounds that will last for many years.



One of the relief workers.

Our Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, once again, enables us to respond where needed.

Thank you to our supporters! To date we have already been able to send over £28,000 to Turkey via Kanal Hayat, First Hope Association and Antakya and Diyarbakir Evangelical Churches. Members of both churches, despite suffering personal loss themselves, immediately responded by serving their own communities by providing food, water, clothing, hygiene supplies and temporary shelter.

One victim said, **"In the beginning, the Christians sheltered us in vehicles. They gave us warm clothing to wear, they gave us food to eat. The Christians met our immediate needs."**

The Turkish Evangelical Church described the scene of Antakya as "worse than a war scene" and that the city is almost completely destroyed. Volunteers are actively involved in the preparation and distribution of three meals a day. Thousands of earthquake victims come to this distribution point.

First Hope Association (FHA) have set up at several disaster sites providing additional relief aid. They are running two mobile hygiene trucks that are constantly in use by both victims and relief workers. In addition, they have provided mobile shower and clothes washing facilities that are in operation constantly for ten hours a day. With the help of volunteer bakers, their bespoke mobile oven produces hot bread, pastries and cookies. This kitchen unit also provides breakfast by making unused bread into sandwiches.



Relief workers providing shelters.

They have also provided shelter and bedding to families who have lost their apartments. Hygiene kits, personal protection items, food boxes and many other goods are also provided for them as soon as they arrive at their new home. The necessary permissions from the official authorities to install a tent city have finally been granted and work has begun to get this in place. 1,000 family tents will be set-up together with beds, duvet covers, quilts, pillows, blankets and carpets.



Volunteers distributing food.

With much of the aid from other organisations going to the immediate needs in Turkey, Kanal Hayat is currently planning a longer-term support and aid strategy through its network of churches across the affected region. Your donations will be both helping to address the immediate and desperate need, but also will be helping with longer term issues. Thank you.

These amazing responses by the local churches and aid organisations to those in need, are only made possible through your amazing and generous support of the people of Turkey and Syria.



You can read the latest updates on our Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal by visiting: worldshare.org.uk/turkeyappeal

To give a gift, please visit the webpage above or send a gift via the donation form in this magazine.

Over £300,000 for Ukrainian refugees



A year on from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and there seems to be no end in sight to the devastation of war. In neighbouring Moldova, now home to some 85,000 refugees from Ukraine, tensions are high. The current energy crisis and attempts to destabilise the country keep Moldova under high risk. Despite this, our ministry partner in Moldova, Beginning of Life, continues to reach out with God's love to those displaced from their homeland.

Beginning of Life's holistic response to the refugee crisis has only been possible because of the generosity of you, our supporters. Of the total amount raised, half was thanks to WorldShare supporters, with the other half coming from our alliance partner in Canada.

Many of the refugees are also being supported long-term through Beginning of Life's regular programmes including, Urban Kids, Urban Teens and Urban PAS. PAS is Beginning of Life's Psychological Art Studio which is playing a pivotal role in helping people deal with the psychological impact of the trauma they've experienced.

WorldShare's CEO, Andrew, and Finance Manager, Jenny, visited the Baltzata refugee camp during their visit to Moldova in January. Up to 250 refugees are hosted there, with mobile teams offering educational and therapy activities for women and children. Each week they carry out Bible studies along with games and other activities.

Beginning of Life have also been carrying out humanitarian aid deliveries into Ukrainian territory.

Thank you for being part of this amazing response to the needs of Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Your support has funded not just the initial response to the disaster, but an ongoing programme that will continue to the end of 2023.

To watch a short video from Andrew and Jenny's visit the Baltzata refugee camp, please visit: worldshare.org.uk/ukraine-refugee-update



Andrew interviewing Valentin & Victoria in Moldova.

The Beginning of Life team continue to assist refugees with practical items for those in need including food, hygiene supplies, clothing, shoes, school supplies, medication and kitchen equipment. They also continue to organise transport, accommodation and provide help and advice.

Could you sponsor a teenager?

Our ChildAid programme is a great way of helping children receive a good education and a healthy meal every day, where they might normally not be able to.

This is done through our different ministry partners around the world. A lot of supporters like to see a child all the way through from a young age up until they finish at the project, usually when they're eighteen years old. However, if a child joins the project at a later stage in life or if they lose their sponsor, it can be difficult sometimes to find someone who wishes to sponsor an older child or teenager.

We currently have four girls and three boys that are in this situation at JKPS in India. Most of these children have about two or three years left on the programme and are looking for short-term sponsors.

Meet Suchana



Suchana is 16 years old and is sincere and diligent. She is in the 10th grade and her favourite subject is English. Her father works as a daily labourer and he is the primary breadwinner in the family. Suchana's mother works in a factory and also looks after the family. Suchana attends children's fellowship every Saturday and is very attentive. Apart from studying, she loves to draw and aspires to become a schoolteacher in future.

Would you be able to sponsor Suchana or another teenager at JKPS for £25 per month?

Please visit: worldshare.org.uk/childaid-teenagers, give us a call or tick the box on the response form and one of our team will be in touch.

Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge

In June, we will once again be taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge and raising money for WorldShare in the process.

23rd – 25th June 2023

3 peaks, 12 hours, 25 miles

in partnership with



This year our fundraising will be focused on the 80th Anniversary Appeal to enable growth and the development of new ministry partnerships. Maybe you could sponsor us?

If you would like to sponsor the team, please visit: justgiving.com/campaign/ytp23

Launch of WorldShare 10:10 Partners



March 2023 sees the launch of a new initiative as part of our move forward in faith, WorldShare 10:10 Partners.

This project is aimed at raising support for new ministry partners and ventures and will feature greatly when we hit the road, promoting our work across the country, at a variety of Christian exhibitions and festivals this year.

The concept is simple, Jesus said in John 10:10, 'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.'

He also told his followers in John 14:12 that 'whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.'

So, if Jesus came to combat the enslaving work of the enemy, by bringing life to the full, so we are called to do likewise. This includes providing opportunities, through new ministry partnerships to bring the Kingdom of God into people's lives who are excluded, marginalised and impoverished.

WorldShare 10:10 Partners invest into projects that bring life in abundance.

We are delighted to announce that our first 10:10 Partnership has just been agreed. Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries are based in the Dome region of Accra, Ghana. In 2003, under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Amponsah, the church saw the need of local children and parents and established a nursery for a small number of under 5's to provide early childhood education to children of needy parents in the church and the community.

Over the past 20 years this has developed into the High Priest Academy, which has grown considerably. The school now has 130 pupils ranging from 2 – 15 years of age within Dome and other surrounding communities and has developed a strong reputation in the area of Ministry and Education focused on quality teaching and learning.



High Priest Academy, Ghana.

70% of the children that attend the school were enabled through scholarships provided by the church congregation. However, since the Covid pandemic, numbers returning to church have dropped considerably, as is the case in many locations globally.



This means that the church has been struggling to continue to pay the 13 teaching, catering and cleaning staff. During 2022, staff were unpaid for three months and the situation has not improved. This obviously means that the future of the school is in jeopardy and thereby, the education of the children.

One of the key areas in which WorldShare serves is education and so through the 10:10 Partners scheme we are seeking to be able to assist in the monthly shortfall, to enable the children to attend school and receive a nutritious meal each day.

With the inflation rate in Ghana recorded at 53.6% in January 2023* the challenges are huge and this is why WorldShare wants to help, by enabling and equipping Living Word of Faith to continue its community transforming ministry in Dome.

On his recent visit to Ghana, Andrew signed a new ministry partnership agreement with Pastor Samuel Amponsah of Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries. Stepping out in faith, WorldShare made an initial grant of £2,000 enabling the school to cover all salaries for the next four months. They also funded lunch for the entire school for one day.



Pastor Samuel and Andrew, 14th March 2023.

WorldShare has entered into this partnership for a minimum of three years, to give the church time to recover



High Priest Academy, Ghana.

from the pandemic and be in a position where it is able to provide scholarships once again for the children.

This is where WorldShare 10:10 Partners will add another 'string to our bow' by creating resources that can be used to support struggling or growing ministries that are serving the Lord and transforming their communities through the Gospel.

*Source: tradingeconomics.com



High Priest Academy, Ghana.

You can sign up to become a 10:10 Partner by visiting: worldshare.org.uk/1010. Please pray for this new ministry as it develops in the coming months and years.

11 families are already debt free



We are delighted to report that 48 families, across three brick kilns, have been supported during the first year of ChrisFon's Community Development Programme in Pakistan thanks to your amazing generosity through our 2021 appeal.

ChrisFon has worked hard to educate the brick kiln workers to break the cycle of borrowing from the kiln owners. Last December, all 48 families refused a loan offered by the kiln owners. 11 families are already debt free and the remaining 37 families have reduced their combined debt by 43% so far.

Christian Education

Throughout the year, all 48 families have increased their knowledge of God and they have also been taught to pray before they start their work, to ask God for His blessing.

Additional Income

All 48 families in the project are now raising at least one type of animal or bird including cows, goats, poultry, rabbits and pigeons to generate additional income. ChrisFon has also provided seeds to enable the kiln workers themselves to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

Healthcare & Education

At the start of the project, the brick kiln workers had poor health awareness. ChrisFon has educated the families in personal hygiene, most importantly hand washing and teeth cleaning, plus their medical officer ran a medical day camp at each of the three kilns.



ChrisFon distributing sewing machines.

Women's Development

Throughout the year, special attention has been paid to the development of women. ChrisFon has carried out the biggest distribution so far of sewing machines to kiln workers - to 40 families - as well as providing a stitching tutor. These women now feel respected and are not only stitching their own clothes, but also generating extra income.

Please thank God for a successful year and pray for the team at ChrisFon, particularly as they tackle the issue of adult literacy which is the most challenging aspect of the programme.

Thank you again for your support. You are part of a rare, successful, long-term intervention that is both liberating people and building vibrant communities of Jesus followers in Pakistan.

Over £12,500 raised for PiFò Haiti



In June last year we shared with you the basic but important needs of our ministry partner, PiFò Haiti. Thanks to your generosity in response to our appeal, all their needs were met – praise God!

Not long after the appeal, armed gangs intensified their control of strategic areas in Haiti including the main fuel terminal in the capital, thus preventing the distribution of fuel. The lack of access to fuel has harshly impacted businesses, schools, and hospitals and created shortages of basic goods including water and telecommunications. This means that prices skyrocketed and, as a result, some of the projects outlined in the appeal have been slower to implement than initially planned. Here is an update of the progress so far.

New classroom furniture

In both the city school and mountain school, new wooden benches have been made and the old benches repaired, plus lockable desks and chairs have also been made for the teachers. The teachers feel blessed and respected now that they are able to keep their personal belongings safe and no longer have to mark work on their laps.



New desks, chairs and wooden benches.

The pre-school children also have new low tables and chairs for their classrooms. The new blackboards are pending due to the cost of plywood, but they will be purchased soon.

Community Garden storage

Work has recently started to build the storage shed for the community garden in Palma, up in the mountains. The workers have also been clearing the land ready for planting so that the garden can start to contribute to the local economy. Everyone is so excited to finally see progress and have asked us to pray for rain!



Buying food from Palma market for the workers.

Food storage depot & office

Very soon work will start on the food storage depot and office for project manager, Emerson.

Please continue to pray for Emerson. With the ongoing violence and political instability in Haiti, he feels the weight of responsibility as he responds to the needs of the island community of La Gonâve.

Extra blessings for Word of Hope



In September last year, Pastor Pau, ministry leader of Word of Hope in Myanmar, shared with us some urgent needs.

Thanks to your generosity in response to our appeal, over £13,500 was raised, not only meeting the need but blessing them with extra funds.

The most urgent request was to build new flood defences around the orphanage to protect it from flooding during the rainy season every year. You will see from the photo above that this work has been completed and that your generosity also covered the \$1,000 needed for the government building permit.

You may remember that the other requests included six laptop computers to assist and provide continuity in the children's learning, an electric bicycle for the Word of Hope team and basic solar equipment to enable the orphanage to generate electricity for lighting.



55 new mattresses for the children.

We are delighted to report that these were all provided for, as well as 55 new mattresses for the children to sleep on (which replaced old and water damaged ones).



New electric bicycle for the team.

Thank you for being a blessing to the 50 children being cared for at the Word of Hope orphanage in Myanmar. Many of them are orphaned, have been abandoned, or their parents are simply unable to afford to care for them.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Pau and the rest of the team at Word of Hope as they navigate life in a country embroiled in political and economic turmoil.



New laptops to assist with learning.

Impact of your giving in 2022



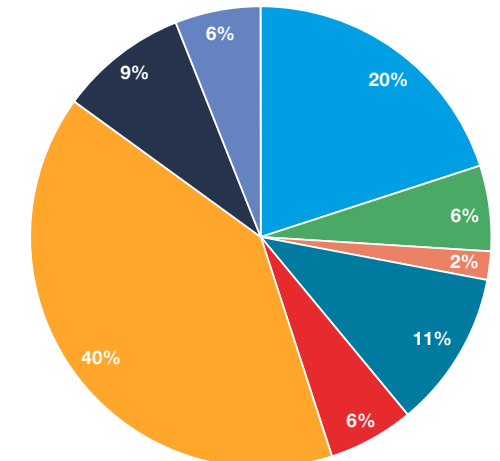
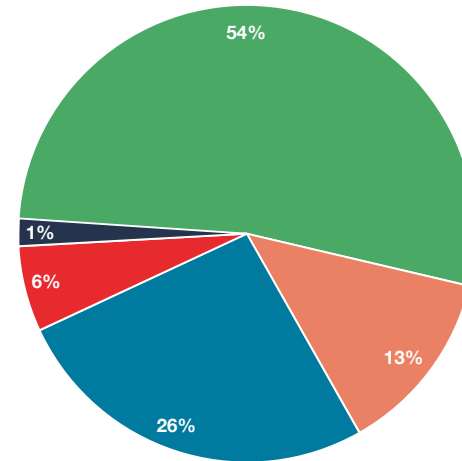
2022 was yet another year where we were, once again, blessed and overcome by the generosity of you, our supporters. Across the year, you gave an amazing £700,223, that's £180,000 more than in 2021!

Your generosity

Individual Donations Trusts & Foundations Alliance Income Gift Aid Legacies

How it helped

Education Health Community Church Planting Tackling Injustice Emergency Relief General Running Costs Governance



Much of this was in response to the terrible situation that unfolded in Eastern Europe, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with over £300,000 being raised to help support refugees both in Moldova and those still in Ukraine. This has funded, not just the initial response to the disaster, but an ongoing programme that will continue to the end of 2023.

In addition, WorldShare's ChildAid scheme continued to operate, with over 200 children receiving direct support through child sponsorships, and hundreds of other children being supported through the work of other similar projects.

As would be expected, with record income levels, expenditure also increased significantly, as we were able to support our ministry partners through a 30% increase in the level of grants sent. It really has been a year in which we have seen such an upsurge in lives transformed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you. We really could not do this without you!

New arrivals

We are delighted to announce that Emily Hobbs, Senior Communications Officer, gave birth to Susanna (Susie) Ruth Hobbs on 15th February 2023, weighing 8lbs 13oz. Emily is currently on maternity leave and she and Susie are doing well.



In November we welcomed Burçin Lefevre to the team as Communications Officer to provide cover for Emily's maternity leave. He has settled in quickly and will be continuing to improve our communications while Emily is away. Burçin is married to Milixa and they have three daughters.



We also welcome Lynn Davis, who joined the board as a new trustee in January. Lynn has more than 20 years' experience in a church leadership role alongside a career in the higher education sector. She is married to Gilbert; they have 2 grown up children and live in Bristol.

WorldShare on the road in 2023

As part of plans for a new season of growth, we will be exhibiting at these four major Christian events between May and August this year. Please do come along to our stand and say hello if you are attending, we would love to see you!



Assemblies of God Leadership Conference
2nd to 5th May
Harrogate



Big Church Festival
27th & 28th May
West Sussex



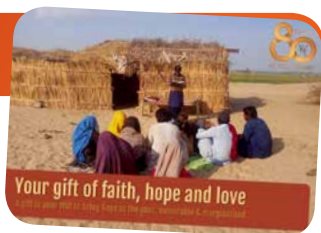
Keswick Week 3
29th July to 4th August
Cumbria



Bangor Worldwide
21st to 25th August
Northern Ireland

Updated Legacy booklet

To request a copy please email legacy@worldshare.org.uk or tick the legacy box on the response form overleaf, complete your contact details and send it back to us.



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Other (please specify) £ 80th Anniversary £

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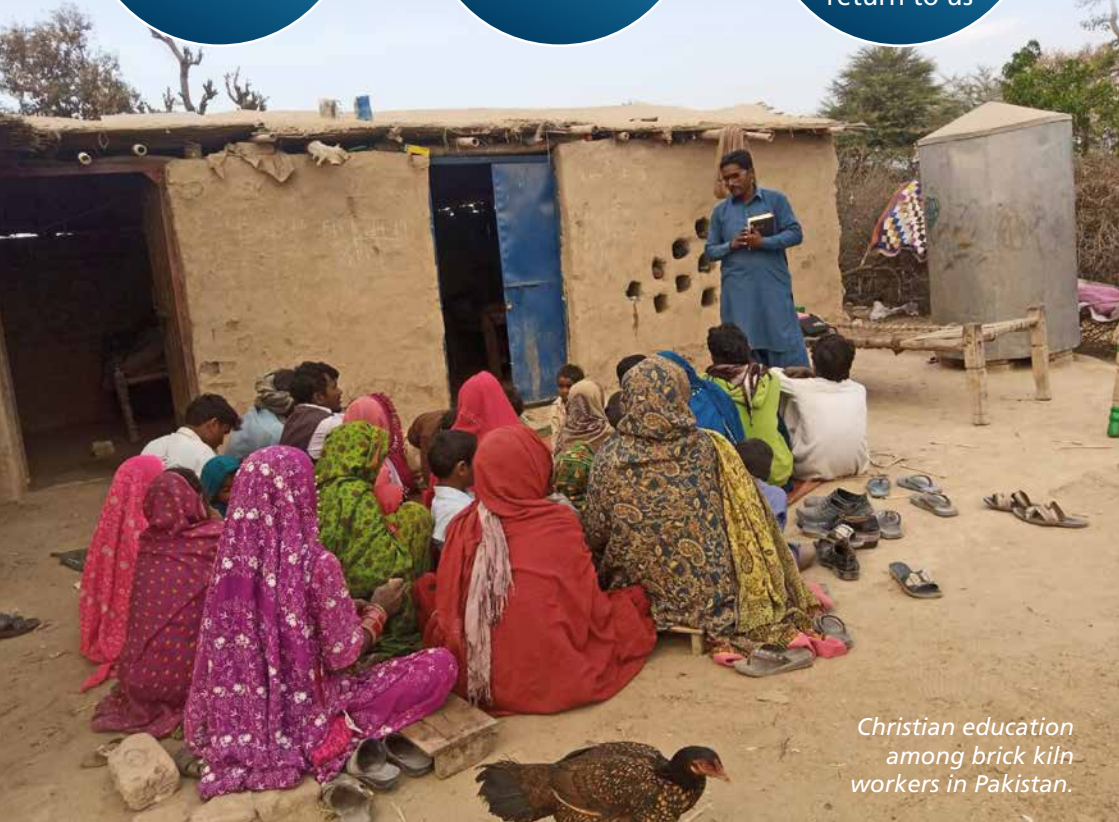
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