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Editorial



As the nights draw in and we prepare for the long dark evenings of winter, I hope that you will be encouraged to read of how the light of the Gospel is being shared across the globe by our ministry partners.

A major focus for us over the past eight months has been seeking to shine a light on the continuing disaster following February's earthquake in Turkey. In the centre pages, you can read about our recent trip to Antakya, where the earthquake caused huge devastation. We saw first-hand what has been achieved so far by our partner organisation, First Hope Association, and the challenge of what is ahead as victims face the harsh winter. You can also read about how Lowri, a Christian from North Wales, was led to host our first 'Cup of Hope - Relief promotion in her coffee shop.

We have also been busy promoting our latest ministry partner, Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries in Ghana. On page 6 you will discover the difference that your generous support has already made to the children that attend High Priest Academy. We also want to thank the four businesses that have stepped out in faith to become our first '10:10 Corporate Partners', providing regular support for teachers' salaries.

The staff team have also been out on the road across the UK, at churches and events, promoting our work. It is astonishing that despite the fact we have been celebrating our 80th Anniversary this year, so few people have heard of us. You can see what we've been up to and where on page 17.

This edition also features stories including how injustice is being tackled in India (page 7), how you could sponsor Bible students in Myanmar (page 8), how the Gospel has been shared in Eastern Europe over the summer (page 15) and much more.

I hope that you will be blessed to see how, despite the economic challenges that we are facing in 2023, WorldShare has continued to faithfully equip and empower the church to share the light of the Gospel, bring hope and see communities transformed, as a result of your generous support.

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Potter's House unveils 'El Alfarero Multimedia'



Potter's House in Guatemala, supported by WorldShare, reached a significant milestone in July as they celebrated the relaunch of their Health Programme at one of their Community Centres. The newly revamped centre, named 'El Alfarero Multimedia', marks a new era in their history as they expand their commitment to serving the communities they touch.



Recognising the escalating need for quality health services amid the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and other health concerns, Potter's House responded to this call by establishing El Alfarero Multimedia. Guatemala has some of the highest levels of poverty and inequality in the Latin America and Caribbean region, with 60% of its population living in poverty. It is in these communities that Potter's House is at work, where a lack of education, suitable housing and work prospects often mean a life of poverty, poor health and little hope or aspiration.

The aim of the medical centre is to offer a diverse range of services that cater to the holistic well-being of the local community. The centre boasts three main channels of provision - Specialised Clinics, a Medical Lab, and a Pharmacy.



This multifaceted approach enables them to provide comprehensive care that goes beyond physical health, incorporating spiritual and emotional support, enhancing the overall healing process.

Based in Guatemala City, the centre is easily accessible by those in need from the surrounding communities. Potter's House shared, **"Ample facilities, qualified staff, new technology, and low-cost services paired with prayer and spiritual encouragement will allow us to become our patients' health allies for holistic healthcare."**

However, Potter's House could not have launched this facility without the generosity of the many supporters who have made this venture possible. Their commitment has played an instrumental role in bringing El Alfarero Multimedia to life and in realising their vision for holistic healthcare to be available in underserved areas.

The relaunch of the Health Programme with El Alfarero Multimedia marks a pivotal moment in Potter's House's journey. As they embark on this new chapter, they remain committed to serving their community with excellence and compassion, fortified by the support of their partners and a shared faith-driven vision.

"We are excited about all the new opportunities that this launch brings!" - Potter's House

Transforming Lives: ChildAid's inspirational journeys



Potter's House gives much more than just medical help. Their after-school coaching enriches education, with meals providing nourishment. It's a holistic approach, supporting growth spiritually, academically and physically, nurturing young lives in Guatemala, like those of Edgar and Ivi:



Edgar, hailing from Nuevo Amanecer, one of the communities surrounding the garbage dump of Guatemala City, is one of WorldShare's former ChildAid benefactors. Edgar's journey has been a source of inspiration, with him now being on the brink of becoming a veterinarian. It was in 2008 that Edgar first stepped into the doors of Potter's House.



de Guatemala and thank God I passed my admittance exams and started studying in 2018," shares Edgar.



Guided by family and Potter's House's nurturing community, he conquered academic challenges, steadfast in his pursuits.

"As I'm now just months away from finishing my courses and embarking on a practical internship, I pray that one day God will allow me to fulfil my dream of having a low-cost veterinary clinic," Edgar reveals.

Edgar's journey embodies faith, determination, and unwavering support from Potter's House.

They were able to help him with after-school tutoring as well as provision of daily lunches, school materials, weekly devotionals and one-on-one tutoring. Over the years his love for animals grew, inspired by nature and animal programmes on television.

"In 2017, I applied to the public university called Universidad San Carlos

Ivi Jeaneth reflects on her Potter's House journey, sharing, "Studying there for 8 years was life-changing. Meeting friends and teachers shaped my childhood."



Overcoming hearing difficulties, she emphasises, "God's goodness prevailed, providing hearing aids and restoring clear communication."

Potter's House deepened her faith. Ivi Jeaneth says, "It strengthened my trust in God's plans."

Motivated by Potter's House to pursue a Graphic Design degree, she's now delving into "Plastic arts and art history," envisioning a path to "teach young people to draw with techniques," especially those facing hearing challenges.

Ivi Jeaneth's dreams reach further, aspiring for economic stability for both herself and her mother. Gratitude fills

her heart for her sponsors, who made her journey possible and created cherished memories.

Her guiding verse, "I am a child of God," fuels her journey, exemplifying her faith in every stride.



Could you support a child like Edgar or Ivi Jeaneth and bless them with the kind of opportunities and support that can transform their lives? Please visit: worldshare.org.uk/childaid or give us a call.

Our ChildAid programme provides vital support for education and daily meals through several of our ministry partners, especially for those children facing difficulties.

Many supporters choose to assist a child from a young age until they turn eighteen. However, older children without sponsors often struggle to find support.

Currently, there are three teenagers in this situation at JKPS in India and three at Word of Hope in Myanmar, each with about two to three years left in the programme, seeking short-term sponsors.



Nang Ngaih in Myanmar, aged 13

"I enjoy playing football and aspire to be an engineer when I grow up."



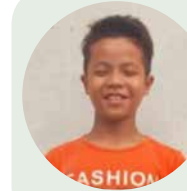
Dolan in India, aged 14

"During my free time, I enjoy playing with my friends."



Piyus in India, aged 16

"I enjoy playing football and my dream is to play professionally."



Thang Za in Myanmar, aged 14

"I enjoy playing football, and when I grow up, I aspire to become a headmaster."

Would you be able to sponsor a teenager 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.

Ghana Appeal exceeds expectations



At the end of July, we launched our appeal for High Priest Academy in Ghana. The school was in urgent need of window shutters to keep the mosquitos out of the classrooms, as well as funding to feed the children and pay the teachers' salaries.

High Priest Academy is run by our new ministry partner, Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries in Dome, Ghana, where most people live below the poverty line. The region is plagued by high rates of crime, school drop-out, teenage pregnancy, abortion and substance abuse.

Amidst the darkness, High Priest Academy is a beacon of light, playing a vital role in training children from the church and local community, not just academically, but in how to live a Christ-centred life and break free from the cycle of poverty.

Eshun Josiah received a scholarship from Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries to enable him to attend High Priest Academy. He said,



"I don't know what my life would be like had I not been given this gift of education... I am now at Senior High School and my goal is to study medicine at university so that I can become a doctor... I really appreciate all the support I have received."

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised enough to meet the urgent needs outlined in this appeal. Headteacher of High Priest Academy, John Adu, said:



"High Priest Academy is greatly blessed by our partnership with WorldShare. We have been able to ensure that outstanding salaries owed to staff have been paid as well as clearing the loan we took to purchase textbooks for all the children. Now we have one student to one textbook in all the ten subjects studied in the school. The installation of the much-needed shutters, fans and doors (see above) has been very transformative to the learning environment of the school - enhancing ventilation, preventing tropical diseases like malaria caused by mosquitoes and beautifying the environment."

Please continue to pray for the Lord's provision for High Priest Academy and for the children and staff to know His hand of protection on their lives.



EDUCATION

Sanctuary within the red-light district



Situated within Kolkata's red-light district, Mahima Homes stands as a testament to Christian compassion, supported by WorldShare through our ministry partner JKPS. In the ongoing fight against human trafficking and forced prostitution, this sanctuary of hope emanates a guiding light.

Ashaloy House, one of the Mahima Homes' drop-in centres, which is nestled in the thick of the district's challenges, offers more than shelter - it extends a hand of love and restoration. Mahima Homes stands firm in its dedication, offering women and children crucial healthcare, legal guidance, counselling, and a steadfast support system. Beyond immediate care, the initiative nurtures holistic growth by providing education, vocational training, medical attention, and sustenance.

The transformational impact of Mahima's mission reverberates through firsthand accounts. One touched life states, **"Mahima opened doors to education and opportunity for me. Today, I stand in college, a testament to their unwavering support."**

Mahima Homes are more than just drop-in centres. They also have residential homes, which give children and young women who are either trafficked or at risk of being trafficked an opportunity to grow-up in a safe environment. The celebration of Mahima's 13th anniversary illuminated the organisation's journey through uplifting performances, showcasing both its expansion and beneficiaries' creative talents.

Throughout June's activities at Mahima Homes, beneficiaries found solace and connection through engaging experiences. Dancing in the rain and crafting with recycled materials offered not only amusement, but also avenues for emotional



TACKLING INJUSTICE



expression and healing. National Gardening Day brought beneficiaries together to colour pots and plant saplings, fostering

eco-awareness. Bharatanatyam dance training showcased enthusiasm and self-discovery. These diverse activities, including storytelling competitions and artwork creation, provide more than just leisure – they offer a way for beneficiaries to cope with their trauma and emotions. **Mahima Homes continues to guide them on a journey of emotional, spiritual, and physical healing.**

Amidst these transformative endeavours, Ashaneer, another open drop-in shelter, which offers refuge for the children of sex workers, was recently inaugurated and dedicated (see below). This shelter is open day and night and was named after the Bengali words for "Hope" and "Sacred Water," reflecting Mahima Homes' mission to bring restoration and a fresh start to broken lives through the love of Christ.



Nurturing Bible college students



Many WorldShare supporters will know that our ministry partner, Word of Hope in Myanmar, runs an orphanage for over fifty children. Pastor Suanza Pau and his wife not only have responsibility for this, but also Hope Church and Hope Bible College.



The college is recognised by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Myanmar, and currently has thirty-four students, twenty of which are in their first year. All the students are working towards a Bachelor of Theology degree, covering forty-eight subjects, which takes four years in total to attain. As well as receiving Bible teaching, students also study topics as diverse as Elementary English, Christian Apologetics, Church Planting & Growth and Pastoral Ministry.

All students live by faith and rely on God's provision through the generosity of others. Could that person be you? Four first year students are featured here, with sponsorship costing just £30 per month. This provides for the students keep and education. If you would like to help a student, please contact us for more information.

Sei Kyin Hlaing

I have committed myself to serve the Lord, which is why I need a deeper understanding of the Word of God. After finishing at Hope Bible College, I intend to return to my province and share the Gospel while planting churches where none exist. In addition to studies, I enjoy playing music and preaching.



Win Maung (Gideon)

After overcoming addiction, I've dedicated my life to serving the Lord. I'm eager to gain a deeper understanding of the Word of God. Once I complete my studies at this college, I plan to return to my province and share the Gospel among unreached people while also establishing a camp to help those struggling with addiction. In my leisure time, I enjoy playing football and listening to music.



Zin Mar Htay

After accepting Jesus as my personal Saviour and Lord, I have a strong desire to serve Him wholeheartedly and deepen my understanding of the Word of God. Upon completing my education here, my plan is to return to my hometown and share the good news of Jesus through Children's Ministry. In my free time, I enjoy playing the guitar and dancing.



It Nei Kim

I've dedicated my life to serving the Lord, and I recognise the importance of gaining a deeper understanding of the Word of God for this purpose. After completing my Bachelor's degree, I plan to pursue post-graduate studies and then serve as a minister at the Bible School. In my free time, I enjoy drawing and reading.



Renewing hope amidst destruction



On 9th May 2023, Cyclone Mocha hit Rakhine State in western Myanmar, on the border with Bangladesh. This was the worst such event for over 15 years, causing widespread damage to buildings. And all this in a state which hosts over 228,000 displaced people, including 157,000 ethnic Rohingya.



Despite the difficulties in obtaining information from the region, the UN reports that the current monsoon season has made the need for repairs even more urgent as families are unable to protect their possessions from the rain with little more than tarpaulin.

At the time, WorldShare contacted our sister organisation, CNEC in Singapore, to see if there was a specific need we could assist with. We were informed that two education facilities, serving the Rohingya people and supported by CNEC, had their roofs destroyed by the cyclone. WorldShare was able to make a £3,000 grant to assist in the repairs, and we are currently awaiting an update on the progress of this work.

Meeting the need together



In June, WorldShare was approached by Transform Europe Network (TEN), a Christian mission organisation that works in eastern Europe and who, like us, supports the Evangelical Church of North Macedonia.



They asked if we could join with them to assist Pastor Josip, who ministers in the southwestern city of Bitola, to replace his car. Pastor Josip had managed to extend the life of his previous vehicle by four years, but it had finally given up the ghost.

The Lord's timing is incredible. Less than 24 hours after the request, we were delighted to receive an unexpected gift towards our work which was intended 'to be a blessing'. Part of this gift, along with additional funds from our 'Cup of Hope - Pastors' initiative enabled us, with TEN, to provide the money needed to ensure that Pastor Josip and his wife, Biljana, could continue their ministry.

What a joy it is to be a part of God's plan to provide for His people.

Turkey Earthquake update



Crossing the Halilbey mountains in Turkey, driving south from Adana to Antakya, there is nothing to prepare you for what awaits as you approach the outskirts of the city.

First you see small clusters of tents, then larger container villages along the main road. The closer you get to the city, the more partially collapsed buildings you see. Then into the city itself, the devastation is shocking.



Seven months after the earthquake hit and you see tower block after tower block with entire walls missing, buildings collapsed, either with individual floors crumpled or indeed completely flattened. Churches have been destroyed and congregations scattered as people seek refuge in other cities.

Everything is still. No building is inhabited. A ghost town, reminiscent of a war zone.

Yet in midst of this devastation, God is moving.

The team from First Hope Association, whom WorldShare has supported since our initial appeal, has been working relentlessly to bring relief to the city in Jesus' name.

In the first days following the earthquake, they helped to set up and run a field hospital and installed 150 portable toilets across the city, which have since been followed by more permanent mobile hygiene units. **No mean feat bearing in mind that much of the water infrastructure was damaged and 50% of the city's engineers were killed.**

Providing shelter for the tens of thousands of homeless people was also a priority. This was done by erecting tented villages and later, installing housing containers. Despite the incredibly cramped conditions in the containers, they give families some protection against the elements before the onset of winter.

Those moving in are expected to be living there for five years. Unfortunately, many still reside in tents as there are not enough containers.

First Hope visits these camps daily, providing hygiene kits and other essentials.



First Hope Association providing aid



RELIEF

Hope has been stolen for many in Antakya, but Pastor Hamdullah and his wife Elmas have been providing just that to their community.

They lead the Antakya Christian Church, which has shared the light of Christ since its establishment in 1999. Despite their home and church building being destroyed, they set up a container compound on donated land and there has been a continuous stream of people calling at their gates for help ever since. Hamdullah and Elmas could move out, but they have decided to stay, living in what can only be described as basic facilities, fulfilling God's call on their life to minister to the people of Antakya.



Andrew and Burçin with Pastor Hamdullah and Elmas outside the church compound

As with many other churches, the congregation was dispersed, but they are seeing a new congregation grow as they worship in their compound. People are being touched with the love of Jesus through practical means and want to know more. Many Muslims are being saved and even writing out the entire New Testament for themselves.

There is so much still to be done and the need is huge. Entire city blocks are being razed to the ground in preparation for the rebuild which will take many years. The workers are exhausted and their prayer request is for strength to continue.

Yet those who love Jesus are at the forefront of faithfully ensuring that the Gospel continues to be revealed in very dark days.

WorldShare will continue to support these and other ministries for as long as we can through our 'Cup of Hope - Relief' initiative and through the generosity of our supporters.

Coffee Shop helps raise funds

Over the summer, Jacob's Ladder in St Asaph, North Wales, trialled WorldShare's new Cup of Hope coffee shop initiative. Coffee shop owner, Lowri Williams, promoted the initiative to her customers throughout July and August.

The initiative asks if customers could donate the cost of one cup of coffee, £3, to help with short and long-term relief work, through WorldShare's partners around the world following natural disasters or war. Currently relief work is being carried out in Turkey following the earthquake in February.

We want to say a big thank you to Lowri and her customers for being our first partner in this project and raising over £300. If you have a coffee shop near you that you think might be interested in promoting Cup of Hope to its customers, please get in touch.



Legacies - free resource for will making



Throughout WorldShare's eighty-year history, gifts in wills (also known as legacies) have opened up new possibilities for the people and communities that our ministry partners serve.

For the most part, these special gifts have come from long-standing supporters, but there have been other times where there is seemingly no known connection to WorldShare. We are so grateful for all the special gifts that have helped to sustain and grow our work and that of our ministry partners around the world.

Over the years, gifts in wills have been answers to prayer, often arriving at a time of unexpected need for one of our ministry partners. That's why it's such a blessing when gifts in wills are unrestricted in nature, meaning they can be used at the discretion of the charity. This flexibility enables us to meet the most pressing needs of our ministry partners or the needs of our UK office operations at the time of receiving the gift.



John and his late wife Jean

Here are some examples of the difference gifts in wills have made:

Through one supporter leaving a gift in their will, anaesthetic machines were able to be delivered to the HEAL Africa hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for use in life-saving surgeries.

Through another, pottery wheels and kilns were able to be transported to Beginning of Life in Moldova, for use in their art therapy sessions with those who have experienced psychological trauma.

Although it is impossible for us to plan for legacy income, just knowing we have the commitment of generous supporters allows us to think long-term about how to help the most vulnerable in the most effective ways. We are greatly encouraged every time a supporter, like you, shares with us that they have included a gift to the work of WorldShare in their will, as this not only provides a wonderful opportunity for a conversation about how the gift could be used, but also the opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate it.

John, a WorldShare supporter and ChildAid sponsor, told us this,

"Revisiting my will gave me the opportunity to include a gift to WorldShare. I made this decision because upon my death my monthly child sponsorship would stop. By leaving a legacy, I can ensure that their education continues until new sponsors can be found."

This year we have teamed up with a company called FreeWills to provide you, our supporters, with the opportunity to make a will free of charge. There is no obligation to leave a gift to WorldShare or any other charity, just visit: freewills.co.uk/charity/worldshare to get started.

Thinking of making a will?

We understand that when prayerfully planning for the future and making a will, your family and friends will often come first. After that, you may want to consider making provision for the charities and causes that are closest to your heart. As a WorldShare supporter, a gift in your will can enable you to continue to make a difference to the lives of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised well beyond your lifetime. You can use the FreeWills service to make your will or, if you need advice, you might want to consult your solicitor.

Already made a will?

You can still use the FreeWills service if you have already made a will and would like to change it. When you've followed the link, you will be prompted to confirm that you want this new will to replace the previous one.

What's the catch?

There really is no catch. The will writing service is free of charge as long as there aren't any complicated elements involved like power of attorney or property overseas. If one or more of these elements are involved, you will be referred by FreeWills to experts who will advise you for a fee. Every will is fully and legally checked by a panel of qualified will writing solicitors. After the will is complete, there is just a nominal cost to pay if you want to receive a printed copy or store it with the probate service.

Gifts in wills can help ensure that the life-changing work of our ministry partners can continue for another eighty years and beyond. Leaving a gift in your will can make a significant impact too.

Visit: freewills.co.uk/charity/worldshare



FreeWills is delighted to be helping you support WorldShare

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From bricks to a completed building!



Last year, our ministry partner in South Africa, Hope for Africa Mission, embarked on an exciting project to create a new kitchen and dining hall at Grace Christian School in Siyabuswa.



COMMUNITY



The school has already transformed thousands of young lives and senior figures in the community send their children there. The high quality of education attracts fee-paying students, allowing the school to provide the opportunity of an equal education for orphans and street children, many of whom have gone on to university and well-paid jobs. Children attend Grace Christian School either as day students or boarders. Those who board in the hostel tend to be from distant locations or orphans who need the provision of a home as well as an education.

Before this project, only the children boarding had been provided with meals. The aim of the new kitchen and dining hall was to create a facility that would not only address the need to feed all the children in the school, but also deliver wider benefits to the school and the local community. These benefits include:

- Access to healthy meals, as well as teaching for pupils about food preparation.
- Training in hospitality, not only for pupils but also via an examinable course for adults.

- Good venue for wet-weather assemblies, collective worship and staff and parents' meetings.
- Potential for planting a kitchen garden so that pupils can learn to grow their own food.
- Potential for the town's first sit-down restaurant, run out of the school kitchen on a Saturday.

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of others, the kitchen and dining hall are complete and already in use (See photo below). There is still some work to do to install the kitchen equipment and obtain the dining tables and chairs, but chairs can be brought across from the church in the meantime. There is also some landscaping work still to be completed outside the new structure.

Isn't it amazing to see how the 'rows of bricks' that were purchased as Freedom Gifts last year have been able to benefit the school in such an amazing way. God really does take what we give and multiply it for His glory!



Faithful Growth: Church expansion & evangelism



We are delighted to be able to update you on the church repair and expansion project in Vlocisht, undertaken by our ministry partner, the Medical Ambassadors Foundation (MAF) in Albania.



EVANGELISM

All the exterior renovations were completed in time for the successful government inspection, praise God. The interior work is still in progress, but the space is now being used for meetings. Your contributions, through prayer and giving, play a crucial role in making projects like this possible, reflecting our partnership's impact in the community.



Over the border in North Macedonia, it has been a busy summer as Christian communities from the Evangelical Church have been engaged in a series of impactful events. Partnering with groups from Germany, Hungary and the USA, they have been focusing on youth engagement, through drama, songs, and conversations across many Macedonian towns. They also participated in practical ways to help, such as cleaning the Scout Centre and in Radovish, where they provided food and hygiene products for families struggling to meet their basic needs.

The inaugural 'Bozilak' Family Retreat Camp, backed by the Evangelical Church

in Veles and Glasnost Skopje, was held in Belgrade. It provided respite for Macedonian families with disabled children, sharing both physical and spiritual nourishment. The Evangelical Church in Shtip also collaborated with Norway's 'Jesus Revolution' to organise two dynamic evangelistic events. About 80 young people were in attendance and about 30 of those came forward to seek repentance and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

There have been lots of baptisms across many of the churches and more are planned as we write this article!

Over the summer months, the Scout Centre managed by the Evangelical Church in Gevgelija, led by Pastor Zoran Kolev, has been bustling with activity. Hosting four seminars and five camps for youth and another planned for September, it has become a pivotal hub.

"This centre is a real blessing for us and therefore, we want to expand it."

Renovation plans, including new toilets, kitchen upgrades, and more, reflect a commitment to growth, but as with most of these growth and expansion plans they look to God's guidance to supply the needs.

God is well and truly at work in North Macedonia and Albania, changing and shaping lives, through the passion and dedication of our ministry partners there, and through your support. Thank you!

Celebrating fundraising



Huge congratulations to Owen Davies who completed the London Marathon in April and in doing so raised over £1,000 towards WorldShare's response to February's devastating earthquake in Turkey.

He said, "I'm really pleased to have an opportunity to run in the London Marathon, one of the big six world marathons, and I want to use this to make a difference to the people of Turkey whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake and its aftershocks."

Thank you, Owen, for choosing WorldShare as your sponsored charity. You have truly made a difference to those affected.



Congratulations also go to the 27 walkers of all ages and fitness levels who embarked on the famous Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in June, expertly supported by John Bunce and his team of Up Mountains volunteers.

Despite a wet and windy start to the day, everyone returned safely and felt a real sense of personal achievement, regardless of the number of peaks they completed!

Charlotte, who took on the challenge for the first time said, "I really loved doing the three peaks for WorldShare and for myself. I didn't think I'd be able to do all three but with the help and support of other people in the group

and the volunteer helpers I made it! I'm very proud of myself and am happy to have completed it for such a good cause."

A big thank you to everyone who took part and special thanks go to those who fundraised for WorldShare in the process, raising over £1,600 in sponsorship.



Could you fundraise for WorldShare?

Yes, we love to hear from supporters who choose to run marathons, climb mountains or jump out of aeroplanes, but we get equally excited to hear about coffee mornings, bake sales and quizzes!

It doesn't need to be anything big or adventurous. By sharing about WorldShare with others and raising money, you can spread the word about the amazing work of our ministry partners around the world.

WorldShare's 80th: Taking it nationwide

Our 80th Anniversary Appeal enabled us to achieve one of our main objectives for the year, to raise greater awareness of WorldShare and our work. As a result of your generosity, we have been on the road doing just that.

We visited longstanding supporting churches, as well as new churches who want to learn more, at all points of the compass. We travelled as far south as Devon and north to Lancashire, as far east as Cambridgeshire and west to County Fermanagh.



Like so many others, WorldShare has faced major financial challenges due to the current economic climate. In light of the need for us to grow, we invested in a new exhibition stand to assist us in promoting our work to new people through events and conferences.

At the Assemblies of God leaders conference, we promoted 'Cup of Hope - Evangelism', providing hardship grants for pastors in North Macedonia. We asked people who were waiting to buy their morning coffee to consider 'tapping to donate' just £3 (the price of a latte) using our new card reader.

The Big Church Festival saw us highlight our ongoing support for Turkey by promoting 'Cup of Hope - Relief'. This led to us being

invited to run a pilot fundraising project at Jacob's Ladder Coffee Shop in Wales. (See page 11 for further details).

A very wet Keswick Convention meant that we had good interactions with delegates inside the exhibition hall, where we saw opportunities to forge links with more new churches in the months to come.

Finally, we travelled across the Irish Sea to Bangor, Northern Ireland, for the Worldwide Missionary Convention. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our work alongside so many other Christian mission organisations and be challenged by hearing how Jesus is continuing to build his church in so many different ways.



We were thrilled and thankful to be joined by a number of our supporters who helped us to run our stand at these events.

If you would like WorldShare to visit your church in 2024 or to join us next year at an event, please get in touch.

Latest news

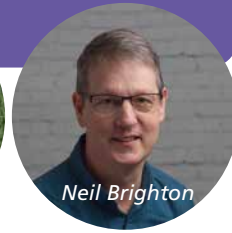
WorldShare has undergone some board changes in recent months.



John Bunce



Zoltan Biro



Neil Brighton

John Bunce, who served as vice-chair and played a key role in organising the Yorkshire Three Peaks fundraisers, is stepping down from the board after seven years in post.

Likewise, Zoltan Biro has stepped aside due to work commitments. We thank them both for their valued leadership contribution. Neil Brighton has undertaken the role of Chair, with Kevin McKemey supporting him as vice-chair.

We also welcome three new board members.

Zoe Dean, joined in March, bringing a passion for empowering individuals and communities, evident in her charitable work in the Philippines and Kenya. Her recent completion of a Master's in Conflict, Security and Development, coupled with her enthusiasm for the outdoors, adds a special perspective to our board.



Philippa Bunce joined the board at the same time. Having grown up in Zambia with missionary parents, Philippa is all about overseas missions. Her global volunteer experience, combined with her fashion designing skills, adds a unique flavour to our board. Philippa is also an active member in her local church community.

Our third new member is Adele Pilkington, who will officially join the board at our next meeting in October. Adele is a Consultant Occupational Physician who brings a lot of experience as a trustee, having served on several other Christian charity boards. She has experience both in missions and humanitarian aid work across the UK, including pro-life and anti-trafficking groups. Adele will make a valuable addition to our team and we look forward to serving alongside all three in the days ahead.



Please pray for them all as they take on their new responsibilities.

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