

WINDOW

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Editorial

A light in the darkness

Earlier this year, the Lord led us to seek a ministry partner in Gaza to respond to the huge suffering being experienced there. Jesus calls us to: **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 15:16)** and it is in the darkest of places that a small light can make a huge difference. WorldShare may be small, but by purposefully engaging in some of the darkest situations in our world, Jesus is glorified.

There are a very small number of Jesus followers in the Gaza Strip and they are suffering immensely themselves. Yet, Christian Mission to Gaza, based out of Gaza Baptist Church, are serving their neighbours - just as Christians are revealing Jesus in tangible ways in Turkey following the earthquake. We are honoured to be a part of that work. You can read more about this on pages 4-5.

We recently launched our new website and as part of that project, WorldShare’s Charity Gifts Catalogue now has a new online feature: choose-your-own gift cards. These can be sent to loved ones, who can then choose for themselves which charity gifts to fund. We hope that this will encourage more people to get involved in mission and discover more about the work we support.

Finally, you’ll find ‘Mini Window’ on pages 12-13 of this edition, a special section just for children. Would you like to see this become a permanent feature next year? If so, please get in touch by email: comms@worldshare.org.uk.

We pray that you will be blessed as you read the stories of how God’s Kingdom continues to grow in amazing ways around the world through your generosity to those who may otherwise be overlooked.

Andrew Yelland, WorldShare’s CEO

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To help WorldShare to continue to provide relief to those in the greatest need, we need your support, both financially and in prayer. To donate to our ongoing work, scan the QR code or fill out the donation form and post it in the Freepost envelope, both enclosed.

Compassion in crisis

Christian Mission to Gaza



RELIEF

Our ministry partner, Christian Mission to Gaza (CMG), continues to provide vital support amidst extreme hardship. Thanks to your generous donations, we have sent over £10,000 so far to aid their relief efforts.

In partnership with Gaza Baptist Church, CMG have distributed chickens and rice to hundreds of families and provided hot meals to thousands. Their solar-powered water project continues to supply clean drinking water and washing water to many.

Your prayerful giving has also enabled CMG to provide cash assistance to 290 families, helping them purchase essential items. This is particularly crucial, as the Baptist Church can only provide one meal every 48 hours. We are actively working with CMG to increase the number of hot meals available to both Christians and the wider community.

At the time of writing, CMG are also preparing to distribute winter clothing, having previously provided summer clothing to these families.

Please continue to pray with us for the desperate situation and the relief work, using this prayer from a believer in Gaza:

“Lord, touch the hearts of the lost to know your Son, the Saviour, who brings peace and reassurance. We pray for an end to the war, for peace, security, and stability to prevail. We pray for the displaced, those suffering in the heat, and for God to meet every need and bless every work done in His name. Amen.”



Lives transformed

Christian Mission to Gaza have shared the following powerful testimonies with us, showing the experiences of those who come to receive aid:

We encountered an elderly man who had come for food but found none left. **He asked for leftover pea water, which spilled through his punctured bag.** His hands shook as he told us it was all he had for his family. We quickly provided him with a chicken and a kilo of rice, assuring him it was a gift from God. His overwhelming gratitude reminded us that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

As we distributed food, we witnessed moments of hope and gratitude. A little girl, after receiving her meal, thanked us, saying, **“Thank you to our Lord.”**

A young man, upon hearing the food was from the Baptist Church, remarked, **“The food is delicious without me even tasting it, because it has come from the church - you believe in God AND you have good morals.”**

We met a man and his daughter in dire need. **The man’s wife had been killed in a bombing, leaving him injured and his daughter without proper care.** We provided them with a chicken, a bag of rice and ten shekels as a small token of support from the church.

Many children eagerly asked when we would return, **their innocent eyes filled with hope.** They even requested meat & rice and I assured them, with God’s help, we would try to bring more next time.

As you can see, your continued generosity and prayers are making a tangible difference in the lives of many. Thank you so much.

Christian Mission to Gaza will need our support in the long term to fund their ongoing relief work. To donate, please use the enclosed form, scan the QR code, or visit worldshare.org.uk/cmg-donate.



From classroom to community

Word of Hope, Myanmar



Earlier this year, five students from Hope Bible College in Myanmar graduated with a Bachelor in Theology Degree after four years of hard work. Word of Hope were overjoyed to host a graduation service for them in their church. It was a wonderful celebration of God's goodness.

The students graduating were:

- Lanh Suan, who is going back to the village church he is from to work as an evangelist.
- Lum San, who will return to his home and begin a Masters in Divinity shortly.
- At Rai, who wants to open an elderly people's home and share the Gospel in her home town.
- Dai Lian, who is returning to his home church to work as a full-time minister.
- Mung Pian, whose plan is to plant a church where he is from.



Please join with us in praying for each of them, that the Lord would open doors and provide opportunities for them to put into practice all they have learnt. May the Gospel be shared across Myanmar through the work of these five faithful servants, to the glory of God. Please also hold in your prayers the five new Bible college students who started their training in June, financially supported by generous WorldShare supporters.



From sponsored child to graduate

Mung Pian has been supported through WorldShare since 2010, when he first came to Word of Hope Orphanage in Myanmar (pictured below), following the death of his father. At the orphanage, Mung Pian has been provided with a safe and loving environment, food, clothing, medical care, educational support and Christian witness. Since being little, his ambition has been to become a Pastor.



Incredibly, he is well on his way to achieving this, thanks to the wonderful support he has received from Word of Hope, through the generosity of his WorldShare ChildAid sponsor.

Mung Pian was one of the students graduating from Hope Bible College with a Bachelor in Theology Degree!

After four years of hard work, Mung Pian enjoyed celebrating his graduation. Esther, housemother at Word of Hope Orphanage, shared this with us:

"Mung Pian is now going to serve the Lord as an Evangelist. He is dedicated to using his talents and education to positively impact his community and spread the message of hope and salvation. Thank you for the generosity of WorldShare ChildAid sponsors, which not only transformed his life, but also enabled him to fulfill his calling as an Evangelist."



The impact of your generosity

Recent funding successes to thank God for!



Maternity Appeal raises £10,000 so far

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our appeal to equip the new maternity centre in Uganda. £10,000 of the £21,000 target has been raised to date, which will help provide essential equipment for the examination room, the labour ward and the neonatal unit. One gift, given to provide a neonatal incubator, was donated by a supporter in memory of her late aunt. The aunt had spent her life as a midwife and community nurse in Whitehaven, Cumbria. Her niece said,



“She would be so pleased to think some of her money was going to help provide good maternity care in a needy place.”



Two doctors are currently being trained by HEAL Africa in DR Congo as a result of bursaries from a UK charitable foundation, secured by WorldShare. Dr Luhavo is in year 2 of a 3-year course in Family Medicine and Dr Meschak is in year 1 of a 3-year course in Surgical Medicine. Please pray for them both as they continue their training.



Thanks to a grant from a UK charitable trust, secured by WorldShare, Medical Ambassadors Foundation in Albania have been able to purchase new puppets and a new portable puppet theatre for their children’s evangelism work. The children already love the new larger puppets, and the new stage is much more portable than the old one, making it easier to move from venue to venue.

ICT Suite funded in Ghana

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to supply the funds for High Priest Academy to establish an ICT suite to provide computing facilities to support the teaching and learning activities of their students in Ghana.

Your support has helped to provide computers, suitable furniture, a printer, photocopier and projector, as well as cabling and internet access. Not only will these new facilities be used by the school, but they will also be used for the development of skills training to church members and others in the wider community.

We thank God for stirring hearts to respond to this need, making a huge difference to the education of the school students, their teachers, the church that supports them and the wider community of Dome in Accra, Ghana.



Praise God that following our successful appeal, Pastor Pau, ministry leader of Word of Hope in Myanmar, was able to purchase a diesel generator for Word of Hope Church to address the electricity shortage in their community. It will be an incredible blessing to the church family, and Hope Bible College which uses the church building, so thank you!

We praise God for the faithful generosity of WorldShare supporters - without you, these amazing achievements would not be possible. Thank you!

On the ground in India

JKPS, India



COMMUNITY

In October, WorldShare's CEO, Andrew Yelland, and trustee, Daniel Ukiomogbe, visited our long-standing ministry partner, JKPS. They went to Kolkata, the 'city of joy', to find out first-hand the impact that JKPS' work is having. Here is what they reported...

"Kolkata is a city of over 15 million, of which less than 0.2% are Christian. JKPS' ambitious church planting programme now has more than 120 churches, but aims to establish over 500 by 2050. We got to meet church planters, evangelists and potential pastors, most of whom are in their early twenties, who are studying at Bethel Bible Training Institute.

On the same campus, young girls who are victims of sex trafficking and abuse are cared for by the incredible team at the Mahima Upasana Home (pictured below). We met a psychologist who converted from Hinduism and now leads the home. Upasana is one of three homes that provides shelter, trauma recovery and education programmes for girls.



JKPS work in one of the most dangerous places in the city - the red light district. They run a hostel in the heart of an area where prostitution is legalised. There, JKPS staff provide a safe space for the children of sex workers, as well as the women themselves, who desperately need to experience the transformation that only Jesus can bring.

In addition, JKPS also have a 'Sponsor a Child' education programme, which WorldShare supports through ChildAid. Classes in state schools can be as big as 70 children, so the project, run by Abjihit, gives impoverished children better learning opportunities outside of school. Abjihit (pictured right) was himself a sponsored child and thanks to the help he received, was able to get a Master's Degree in Chemistry. Now, along with other specialist volunteer tutors, he teaches the next generation in classes of just eight children. Praise God!"

Access to clean drinking water

In our Water Appeal, launched at Easter, we shared the water-related needs of four ministry partners including JKPS. They operate in rural communities where access to clean drinking water is scarce. **Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fund two projects, in Dasghara and in Kitapathar.**

The Dasghara community, which Andrew and Daniel were able to visit, consists of 20 families who rely on subsistence farming and daily wage labour for their livelihoods. The government-installed wells and hand pumps only meet the irrigation needs of the farming community, so the hand pump installed by JKPS, providing them with access to clean drinking water, is a huge blessing.



Kitapathar village, in the Godda province of Jharkhand, has a population of around 1,000 people. Many in the community have come to faith in Christ, and despite being denied access to the community hand pumps and wells, have remained steadfast in prayer, seeking divine intervention. **Their prayers were answered when a hand pump was installed by JKPS, benefiting the believers and the wider community.**

Praise God that these two water projects have not only provided safe, clean water, but they have also enabled JKPS to build strong social connections and increase opportunities to share the Gospel in these two communities.



Abjihit

£18,630

was raised from our Water Appeal, which was split between JKPS, PiFò Haiti, ChrisFon & ECNM



Dasghara pump

Mini Window jungle explorers



The children in Albania are not only able to go to Bible clubs like this, but they are also given food parcels, clothes, medicine, counselling, school supplies and tutoring by MAF.

Through WorldShare's support, and all they did at Bible club, the children can see that God is always helping them.

If you were a jungle explorer, what clues would you look for in your life to see how God is helping you?



Did you know?

Some trees found in the jungle are over 1,000 years old - they've seen more jungle adventures than anyone!



At WorldShare, we have a ministry partner in Albania called MAF. In July, MAF had a Bible club for 120 children. The theme was 'Adventure in the jungle - Exploring the wonders of God's creation!'

This is what the children learnt:

Day 1: God Created Everything

Day 2: God Protects Us

Day 3: God Cares for Us

Day 4: God Sent Us Jesus

They had songs, dramas, Bible stories, memory verses, games, crafts and Bible quizzes.

Which activities would you enjoy the most? How do you like to explore God's creation?

Eye spy



There are 4 differences between these pictures of the jungle Bible club. Can you spot all of them?

Make binoculars

You will need:

2 empty toilet paper rolls; String; Tape; Black paper; Scissors; Pens or Pencils; Stickers and glitter; Hole puncher.

How to make it:

Take the two empty toilet paper rolls and tape them together side by side to form the 'binoculars'.

Cut a piece of black paper (or any colour) big enough to wrap around both rolls. Secure it with tape to give your binoculars a cool, sleek look. Decorate the outside of the binoculars however you like.

Use a hole puncher on each side of the binoculars (near the ends of the rolls). Thread string through the holes and tie a knot to secure onto your head.

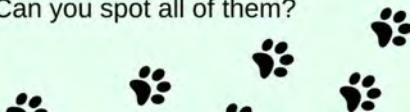
Wear your new binoculars and go on your next jungle adventure!

There are 5 🐾 inside this magazine. Can you find them all?

Jungle joke

Why shouldn't you play games in the jungle?

Because it's full of Cheetahs!



Holistic transformation

Potter's House, Guatemala



EDUCATION



HEALTH

Potter's House have four community centres in three locations across Guatemala, all working towards the same outcome: to spread the Good News of salvation, inviting the children they serve to enter into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Over the last two years, Potter's House have focused on John 15, particularly verse 16, which speaks about bearing lasting fruit. From this, they identified three areas of need which they have committed their efforts on fighting. These are **Intellectual Poverty**, **Spiritual Poverty** and **Physical Poverty**.

One of the ways Potter's House are tackling **Intellectual Poverty** is through their Education Programme, where children who would not previously have been able to go to school are supported and enabled to do so. The support has a holistic approach, aiming to meet the intellectual needs of the whole child, not just their academic needs. This holistic education also extends to the parents, who get involved in workshops at Potter's House, which teach them about meeting the physical & emotional needs of their children.

Impact of ChildAid

PRAISE GOD!

There are 287 children now part of the education and nutrition programmes at Potter's House, 66 of which are supported by WorldShare's generous ChildAid sponsors.



To tackle **Spiritual Poverty**, Potter's House are focusing on the spiritual growth of the children. They encourage them to read their Bibles and pray, participate in discipleship groups & camps and even get involved in evangelism. **Pictured above is a group of children at their Bible class, studying the story of Jacob.**

Potter's House are particularly working on tackling the **Physical Poverty** of the children they support through their Nutrition Programme. The programme involves providing daily nutritional lunches, encouraging physical activity, distributing bags of groceries to families and educating children & their parents on good nutrition. **In 2023, Potter's House re-established their medical centre in central Guatemala called El Alfarero Multimedia.** There, a team of qualified professionals are able to give children check-ups and, if necessary, treatment that they would otherwise have no access to.



Angie's story

Angie, aged 15, has been part of the Potter's House Education Programme since she was seven years old. She is the oldest of five siblings and spends a lot of time taking care of them. Despite all her responsibilities at home, she has excellent grades and a great desire to learn & grow. Angie shared:

"I am very excited to receive so many benefits in addition to academic support. I enjoy the lunches, recreational activities and discipleship studies, where I have learned a lot about God."

Dr Sanchez's story

Pictured here (and on the front cover) is Dr Sanchez in a clinical examination with Laisy, one of the children supported by Potter's House. Dr Sanchez is the Paediatrician at El Alfarero Multimedia, and she regularly travels to the Potter's House community centres in Chiquimula and Momostenango. There, she carries out medical check-ups on the children, monitoring their nutritional status. **Please praise God with us for Dr Sanchez, and all the Potter's House staff, who bring hope and transformation to many.**



An artistic outlet

Beginning of Life, Moldova



RELIEF



TACKLING INJUSTICE

With the situation in Ukraine still unstable and now with over 120,000 refugees in Moldova, Beginning of Life are as busy as ever, bringing refuge and restoration to the hurting.

Between December 2023 and July 2024, thanks to funding we secured from a charitable trust, Beginning of Life were able to provide regular support to 50 Ukrainian women and their 35 family members at their Urban Psychological Art Studio.

Beginning of Life's dedicated team, consisting of two qualified psychologists, two social assistants and six experienced volunteers, have been the driving force behind the project. They have poured their hearts into the work, along with 25 women from Light of the World Church, who have offered practical and spiritual support, making this journey of healing possible.

Through weekly group therapy sessions, master classes, field trips and individual counselling, women facing the devastating effects of war have been given the skills they need to process their experiences and build resilience.

Furthermore, Beginning of Life have been able to develop practical tools, equipping 10 new leaders to bring psycho-emotional care and restoration among traumatised people. They have also conducted training courses, both online and in person, reaching over 180 people. These initiatives have empowered individuals with valuable skills, enabling them to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

50 Ukrainian women
given psycho-emotional, social and spiritual support

188 people
trained by Beginning of Life to give psychological care to traumatised people

25 women
from Light of the World Church are volunteering their time to support women in need

Olena's story

Olena had lived in Odessa, Ukraine, her whole life. **When the war started, as her home was right next to an air raid warning system, she could not withstand the stress and had to leave.** After crossing the border into Moldova, Olena found a job in Chişinău.

Unfortunately, due to her lack of knowledge of the local language, the only job she could find was working in a chemical laboratory with dangerous substances, not without risks to her health. She was quickly introduced to Beginning of Life, but her shift pattern meant that she was unable to attend the psychological art sessions. **Incredibly, to be able to take part, she arranged with her colleagues to work different shifts.**



Beginning of Life soon discovered that Olena had a very low opinion of herself. **The psychological art sessions opened her eyes to her own uniqueness and also gave her an opportunity to think about faith.** Her Soviet atheist upbringing had made her fearful that the church would take away the life she had built. Through her interactions with the team, Olena noticed that people were different because of their faith in Jesus.

While Olena is grateful for the practical help that she has received, the most valuable input into her life has been the spiritual component of the meetings. She refers to her life before meeting believers as a 'vacuum'.



A fond farewell to Jenny Hunt

We thank God for the dedication and godly service of our Finance Manager, Jenny, over many years. She will be greatly missed by us all.



Jenny's farewell from the board of trustees

"After 11 wonderful years working here at WorldShare, I have left to begin full time ministry training. I have loved being a part of the WorldShare community - with you our supporters, our ministry partners, our trustees and my fellow staff members. It has been such a privilege and a blessing to see God at work, building His Kingdom through all of you. I will miss it terribly. Thank you and goodbye."

A happy hello to Santhosh Thomas

We are so pleased to welcome Santhosh to the WorldShare family as our Finance Officer. Join with us in thanking God for the skills and enthusiasm he brings to the team.

"Hello, I am Santhosh and I just joined the team here at WorldShare. It is such a privilege to be part of an organisation with a mission to change lives across the globe, alongside a team so committed to the cause. Please do pray for wisdom as I settle into the role."



A brand new website for WorldShare

Our team worked hard with a web developer over the first half of the year to create a visually appealing, more user-friendly platform for you, our faithful supporters. We are praying that our new website will also be a window into our mission for potential new supporters, helping them to engage with the amazing work of our ministry partners. Please go and have a look: worldshare.org.uk.

Warm up the winter months with a Cup of Hope coffee morning

We have been amazed to see some Cup of Hope coffee mornings being run by you, our wonderful supporters - thank you! From events of more than 60 church members in a hall, to events of close friends in your own home (as pictured), we have been blown away to see how you are engaging with our initiative. Over £800 has been raised to date and the work of WorldShare has been spread far and wide.



If you think you could run your own coffee morning, either in your own home or at your church, please visit: worldshare.org.uk/cohcm. We can provide you with promotional material such as bespoke posters and flyers. We look forward to hearing about your event!



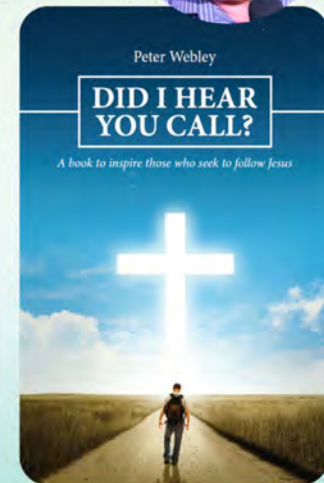
Cup of Hope
More than a coffee

Author donates proceeds of book to WorldShare

We are so grateful that Peter Webley is generously donating all proceeds of his latest book 'Did I hear you call?' to WorldShare. He shares with us the purpose of writing this wonderful book:

"I observed that some people who go to church feel like they have little to offer the church. Many have received a call from God but have not realised it was a call for them. 'Did I hear you call?' is a small book to help people understand God's purpose for their lives in simple steps. It is a tool to encourage and equip people to live more fulfilled lives, no longer sitting on the sidelines. I wanted the money generated from this book to be used for God's Kingdom, so chose to support WorldShare."

If you would like to buy a copy of the book for £5.99, please use the enclosed donation form or head to our website: worldshare.org.uk/bookshop.



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