

WINDOW

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Editorial

God works despite our weaknesses

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

It never ceases to amaze me that God chooses to fulfil His extraordinary plans and purposes through normal, unextraordinary people who just make themselves available to Him.

Since the start of this year, the WorldShare team have been working hard focusing on one of the biggest fundraising projects that we have undertaken for some time. Our aim is to raise £80,000 in order to rebuild the monsoon-damaged girls' dormitory at Hope Orphanage in Myanmar. You can read more on pages 4-5.

During my visit there in October last year, I was able to see first-hand the impact that Pastor Pau and his team have had, and continue to have, in the lives of the hundreds of children that they have cared for at Hope Orphanage over the past 23 years.

These faithful followers of Jesus, like all of our ministry partners, reveal on a daily basis the light of our Saviour through their work for Him. Often this work is done in the most challenging of circumstances, like the recent crisis experienced by the HEAL Africa team in DR Congo, when rebels violently took control of Goma (read more on pages 6-7). To do so, they need to be continually equipped with the 'all-surpassing power' of God.

As you read this edition of Window, my prayer is that your faith will be strengthened by knowing that as we serve the Lord together, alongside our ministry partners, we are also revealing the treasure that we have in our own 'jars of clay'.

Andrew Yelland, WorldShare's CEO

Front cover photo: PiFò Haiti's Community Garden Project (pages 14-15)

A young mother supported by Wakisa Ministries in Uganda (pages 12-13)

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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.



Make every step count!

Word of Hope, Myanmar



In January, we launched our year-long appeal to raise funds to rebuild the girls' dormitory at Hope Orphanage in Myanmar.

Despite the dedication of our ministry partner, Word of Hope, the girls' dormitory building at the orphanage is facing critical challenges. Frequent flooding during the monsoon season (pictured below in 2024) has caused the structure to deteriorate over time, making the living conditions unsafe for the children. With increasing risks to their health and wellbeing, it is our number one priority to ensure that the orphaned girls have a secure place to live.



Word of Hope ministry leader, Pastor Pau, said:

"We desperately need our girls' dormitory to be rebuilt. We are thankful in advance for your contribution, whatever amount, for Christ's sake."

Praise God! Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, we have already raised **over £18,500** towards this urgent project. But there's still a long way to go to reach the **£80,000 needed for the construction of the dormitory**.

That's why we have organised a **brand new fundraising event**: an all-age, untimed 10k walk at Rutland Water Country Park. We are inviting you to get involved in any way you can - details can be found on the next page.

Raising 10k from our 10k challenge

Our event will take place at Rutland Water on Saturday 31st May 2025. There are three ways to get involved in helping us to raise £10,000 from our 10k:

1 SIGN UP

Why not register to take part and get sponsored? Every £1 you raise will be doubled. Together, let's make every step count! To book your place, visit:

www.worldshare.org.uk/event

2 SHARE

Know anyone who might be interested in taking part? Then please share the above link with family, friends, neighbours and people in your church.

3 SPONSOR

If you are unable to attend, could you sponsor someone to do the event? Alternatively, we have Oakley the dog as our very own four-legged fundraiser! To sponsor him, scan the QR Code below or visit:

www.justgiving.com/page/oakley-the-dog-1



STOP PRESS!

Thanks to a generous donor, all support raised through this event will be matched £1 for £1, up to a total of **£10,000**



Saving lives, restoring hope

HEAL Africa, DR Congo



HEALTH

Thank you for praying for our ministry partner in DR Congo, HEAL Africa. Since the start of the year, they have faced extreme hardship, with M23 rebels overtaking the city of Goma, where their hospital is based.

Despite a ceasefire being announced by M23 for humanitarian purposes and things beginning to return to some form of normality, many are still suffering. The death count stands at nearly 3,000 people and hundreds of thousands have been displaced in this wave of violence.

HEAL Africa Hospital has continued to be a beacon of hope and light through the conflict. Staff have been caring for hundreds of wounded patients (pictured right), and their operating rooms have been busy day & night. Praise God that, thanks to the generosity of WorldShare supporters and charitable trusts, **we were able to send an amazing £30,000 in February to enable HEAL Africa to purchase emergency supplies and employ temporary doctors & nurses.** This is an incredible answer to prayer.



Between July and December 2024, HEAL Africa equipped 55 military, police and civilian chaplains as part of their follow-up trained chaplains project. This training teaches **active listening, reconciliation mediation and conflict resolution.** Particularly important given current circumstances!

Thanks to a grant of £10,000 from a UK charitable trust in 2024, we were able to support HEAL Africa's Mercy Fund, which covers the medical costs of those who cannot afford their treatment. A total of **37 patients were given free, quality healthcare with the funds we sent.** One of the patients directly impacted by our support last year was Mona, whose story is outlined below.

Mona's story

At just 17 years old, Mona* has faced trials that no expectant mother should ever have to endure. **At seven months pregnant, nearby gunfire from an incursion of armed bandits caused her to be overwhelmed with fear,** leading to fluid leakage, bleeding and pain. At a local hospital, the doctors diagnosed a serious complication that threatened both her life and that of her baby. The only option was to induce premature delivery. On 21st August 2024, Mona gave birth to a very fragile but living baby. This moment marked the beginning of another battle: **the fight for her child's survival.** The medical team then made the crucial decision to transfer the baby to the specialised neonatal unit at HEAL Africa Hospital.

Mona's baby remained there under observation and intensive treatment. Coming from a disadvantaged family, she could not afford to pay for the medical bills. She recounted,

"I refused even to think about it because it took away all the happiness I had from seeing my baby gradually regain health."

Every moment was a mix of hope and fear. But just when she was expecting an insurmountable obstacle, a miracle happened. **Thanks to the support of WorldShare, Mona's medical costs were covered,** allowing her to concentrate on what was most important: being there for her child. On 2nd December, Mona and her baby were finally fit to leave hospital. What could have been a tragedy turned into a story of triumph. Praise God!



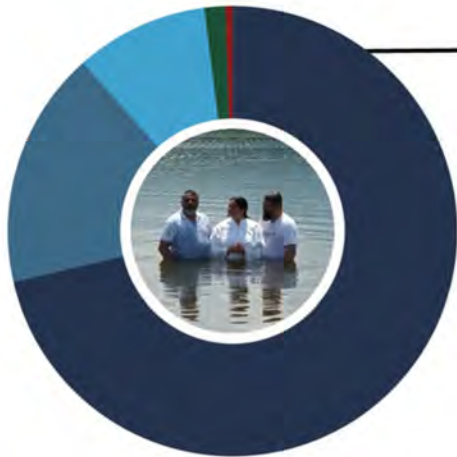
2024 impact report

How your support made a difference



In 2024, thanks to faithful supporters like you, we saw **income of £522,359**. Of this, over 70% was from individual donors, with a further 9.5% relating to Gift Aid on those amounts. 17% of income was from trusts and foundations and 2% of income was from our alliance partners. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to **issue grants of £206,931**, helping to support our ministry partners' projects around the world.

Your generosity



Individual donations - 71%

Trusts & foundations - 17%

Gift Aid - 9.5%

Alliance income - 2%

Other - 0.5%

*These figures are provisional and are subject to independent examination.

How it helped

ChildAid & related - 23%

Community - 21%

Emergency relief - 15%

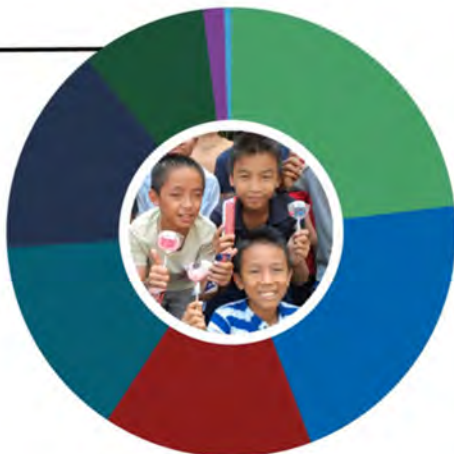
Evangelism - 15%

Education - 15%

Health - 9%

Tackling injustice - 1.5%

Other grants - 0.5%



The staff at WorldShare feel that we are just a small part of the overall picture of what God does through us together. The figures from 2024 prove that it is overwhelmingly **through the generosity of individual supporters and churches that we are able to make the impact that we do** in so many different ways.

Matthew 25:37&40 says: "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

One key way we made an impact was when we responded to the devastating situation in Gaza by entering a new ministry partnership with Christian Mission to Gaza. As a result, people responded with incredible generosity, **enabling thousands to be fed and clothed** amongst destroyed homes and ruined communities, in Jesus' name.

Once again, **the light of Christ has been shining in the darkest of situations as the Gospel is revealed in tangible ways**. This only happens when the people of God respond to the call to care for the poor and marginalised, revealing their faith in actions as well as in words.

Streaming the Good News

Kanal Hayat, Turkey & West Asia



Kanal Hayat produces evangelistic programmes to reach those seeking truth in Turkey and West Asia. Broadcasting into predominantly Muslim areas, they use their website, YouTube channel and social media to publish engaging Christian content. They also use a network of local churches to follow-up and disciple people who want to know Jesus.

In a nation where fear - of earthquakes, economic instability and the future - casts a long shadow, many live without hope. But through Kanal Hayat, **people can discover the unshakable hope of Jesus, a hope that overcomes even fear of death.** This was especially evident after the devastating earthquake of February 2023. Kanal Hayat's church network responded with extraordinary love, helping their neighbours despite their own hardships. Their compassion sparked deep curiosity: "Why are they helping us? Who are they?"

Today, these churches are not just recovering but thriving. They are **gathering and welcoming more people than ever and building lasting connections.** The disaster also exposed a deeper need for inner healing, as trauma still weighs heavily on many. Kanal Hayat remains committed to sharing Jesus' hope, **bringing comfort and restoration to those in pain.**



Yet as Kanal Hayat continue to share this hope, there are significant challenges. The team is still searching for a new Producer who feels called to serve rather than seek financial gain. This is a difficult task, as **openly sharing the Gospel on the channel can put presenters at great risk of persecution.** Meanwhile, rising costs threaten their studio space in Istanbul, with rent tripling this year following very high inflation in Turkey. A permanent, suitable premises - one that would secure their ministry's future - would cost \$4-5 million. Please pray this dream would be realised.

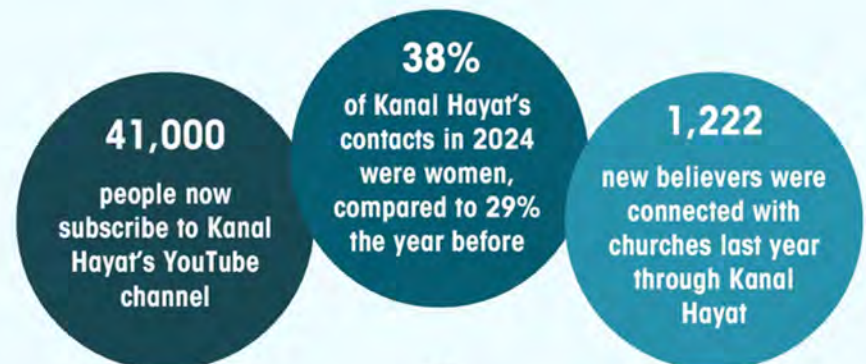


Ask God to protect and meet the needs of Kanal Hayat so that they continue to grow and flourish long into the future, all for His glory.

Testimonies of lives changed

*"One day, I found Kanal Hayat's videos, and what I heard about Jesus really surprised me. I had heard about a Jesus, but this Jesus was different! **I watched their programmes all night long and ordered a New Testament.** When I received it, I read it from beginning to end. The follow-up team was determined to visit me and when they came, I eagerly prayed the sinner's prayer with them. Then I said, "You've come all this way to see me. Who knows when you'll come again. **Please can we go ahead and baptise me while you are here?**" And then I got baptised." - Nabi, aged 60*

*"Yusuf contacted us from prison a year ago. We began corresponding with him by mail because this is what was allowed. Finally, one of our team members who lives in the city where Yusuf is imprisoned was able to visit him in person. **They prayed together and Yusuf now believes in Jesus Christ.**" - a member of Kanal Hayat's follow-up team*



Bumps and blessings

Wakisa Ministries, Uganda



TACKLING
INJUSTICE

A huge thank you to everyone who gave to our Maternity Appeal last year to help equip the newly built maternity centre at Wakisa Ministries in Uganda.

We are delighted to share with you that due to the generosity of supporters like you, **we have achieved the £21,000 appeal target**, praise God. Vivian Kityo, Founder and Director of Wakisa Ministries, has wasted no time in ordering the equipment that is highest priority. Before this, the first baby born in the centre was delivered on the only piece of equipment at the time, a single examination bed. You can read more about this in Shamim's story on the adjacent page.

Once the first orders had been placed, Vivian said,

"We are so excited that the maternity centre is now taking shape. Thank you for making it happen!"

The centre now has a range of beds and other furniture (desks, seating, cupboards and cabinets), plus trolleys and waste bins. The photos below show the new beds being assembled. What a blessing!



While this is a big step forward, there is still some way to go to fully equip this amazing facility. **Please pray that WorldShare will be successful in achieving grant funding** and that Vivian and the team at Wakisa Ministries will find other sources of funding to complete the project.

Shamim's story

Sixteen-year-old Shamim* was four months pregnant when she arrived at Wakisa Ministries in September 2024. **Little did she know that she would be the first girl to give birth in the new maternity centre.**

The third of seven children, Shamim grew up with her Muslim parents and life was good until she was in grade four of primary school. When they relocated to another village, life became tough for the whole family. Sadly, Shamim's parents separated in 2023 and she got involved in an unhealthy relationship with a young man, resulting in her becoming pregnant.

At that time, Shamim was taking part in a sponsorship programme and was enrolled on a catering course, but when she found she was pregnant she couldn't stay at the vocational facility any longer. Regretful and remorseful, Shamim trusted God for help and He answered her prayers. **She was referred to Wakisa Ministries, thank the Lord.**

On 19th January 2025, **she gave birth while on the examination bed in the new maternity centre, the only piece of furniture there at the time!** Midwife Marion helped with the delivery, after which both mum and baby were immediately taken to hospital.

Shamim and baby Elisha are now both doing well. You can see her in the photo above, in the red dress on the right. **Shamim gave her life to Christ on Christmas Day, along with the other girls pictured.**

**name changed for security purposes*



A growing garden

PiFò Haiti



COMMUNITY

Join with us in praising God for the progress made at the Community Garden Project on La Gonâve, run by PiFò Haiti. Their Volunteer Director, Wendy Thiessen, shares with us the latest updates:

“We are excited to see so much produce growing in the garden. We have an amazing team of workers who follow the instruction of our agronomist, Lucso Alfred (pictured right). He is a wonderful, quiet man who knows everything agriculture and farm related. **His mission isn't just to see plants grow, it's to teach the young people who work at the garden.** Each of the young labourers has duplicated small gardens at their own homes thanks to the tutoring of Lucso. Not only is the community receiving fresh food grown locally without relying on the mainland, but **a new generation is also learning how to feed their families without leaving their back yard.**

Following a delay on acquiring supplies, thank God that our garden depot project is now moving forwards. Programme Manager Emerson was able to get a few truckloads of concrete and sand (pictured below) which means more walls for the structure. There was much excitement for everyone to see the progress. Now we wait for God's timing to finish the roof and floors.



£2,000
profit made from
the garden since
April 2024!

144 melons
200 hot peppers
288 papayas
planted in one
month alone!

100%
of the profit has
gone back into the
garden to buy more
seeds & pay more
workers

The Community Garden Project has been life changing for the market vendors on La Gonâve, who historically would cross the water to the mainland when the sun comes up, purchase bulk amounts of food and return to the island to sell it. Recently, the crossing has become treacherous, with piracy, robbery and kidnapping becoming commonplace. The desperation of the vendors is so great, they have had to risk their lives to continue to make money and support their families.

The PiFò Haiti garden in Palma acts as a wholesale seller to the merchants. The largest market on the island occurs each Wednesday and is only a five minute motorcycle ride from the garden.



Lucso Alfred



Emerson and his wife Farah

Madam Marilène fills her wheelbarrow with fresh produce from the garden and then meets the vendors. Emerson said,

“The ladies at the market anxiously await Marilène at the market because they know our products are good and we are fair. They say they sleep better at night knowing they don't have to risk their lives crossing the water for supplies.”

Not only do we see the amazing work being done, but the local municipality on the island does as well. On 8th March, Emerson and the garden team were awarded **certificates of honour & merit from the Ministry of Culture** for their commitment to growing food for the people on the island (pictured above right). We are thrilled and proud - what an accomplishment!

We have an opportunity to purchase more land adjacent to the current garden in the mountains. We pray God will give us discernment as we seek to make decisions going forward. Life is so incredibly hard, but we continue to grow the crops, teach and feed the children and tell the stories. **They are not a forgotten people, thanks to those who support the amazing work being done by PiFò Haiti.**

The Gospel on wheels

Evangelical Church in North Macedonia



The Evangelical Church in North Macedonia (ECNM) is committed to sharing the Gospel, and after much prayer, planning and fundraising, they have launched a new van ministry. This van serves as a mobile Christian bookstore and mini coffee bar, featuring external bookshelves and a stand for refreshments.

The vision is to travel around North Macedonia, offering people free Christian literature along with a drink. After purchasing the van, the church in Resen spent months refurbishing and preparing it, before it was finally ready in March 2024. Since then, Pastor Dragan (pictured below, crouching on the right) and his team have been taking their 'Gospel Van' to towns and cities across the country, including Pretor, Struga and Bitola. After setting up in a town square, they distribute New Testaments, Christian literature and tracts, **with many people staying to talk about God and spiritual matters.**

Over Christmas, youth from the church in Prilep prepared a puppet show and, together with Dragan and his van, toured North Macedonia, performing in churches in Skopje, Bitola, Resen, Radovis and Shtip. The halls were full, and **it was wonderful to see a team of young people serving Jesus.** Following the performances, some churches invited children to Bible courses, leading to new children's groups which started in January.



After a successful Christmas tour, the Prilep youth are now preparing a new drama to perform for Easter. Meanwhile, Dragan and his team continue to travel, sharing the Gospel and engaging in conversations which open doors for the message of Christ. Please pray for this ministry, that they would be **fruitful in all they do**, that seeds would be sown and that **many would come to Christ** through these efforts.

The good news with the youth doesn't stop there. The Evangelical Church in Skopje organised a youth conference titled "IN/DEPENDENT", addressing addiction in all its forms.

The speakers, including Pastor Robert Shalamanov (pictured above), who gave a powerful testimony as a former addict, explored addiction from medical, psychological and spiritual perspectives. This one-day conference attracted young people from several cities, offering them the opportunity to learn and reinforcing the belief that **with God, all things are possible** and that **His plan is for revival in the churches of North Macedonia.**



Cup of Hope
More than a coffee



Could you give the cost of a cup of coffee per month (£3) to help support pastors in Eastern Europe? Pastors like Emil and Vesna from ECNM, who received WorldShare's Cup of Hope support last year:



"We want to be God's light to all we meet so that people's hearts will be filled with hope. By blessing us with your support, you are helping our work to expand and bless others."

To become a Cup of Hope supporter today, scan the QR code above or visit:
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Latest news

in the life of WorldShare



WorldShare
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WorldShare on the road

We are excited to be sharing about WorldShare at the following exhibitions:



Bible by the beach

2nd-5th May 2025
Eastbourne



Cliff Festival

23rd-26th May 2025
Sheffield

If you'll be there, come and say hello! Or know someone who will be? Direct them our way! Join us in praying that many more people would hear about our work.

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WorldShare is seeking to recruit a new trustee. We especially need someone with **financial experience** to join our Finance Sub-Committee. Board meetings are held quarterly, online and in person. Interested? Scan the QR code for details or visit: worldshare.org.uk/trustee



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Testimonials of WorldShare that we're proud to share

"It is great being able to see our ministry partners on the ground make a difference in the ways they serve their local communities. They make a real, substantial difference to people's lives in positive ways, and it would not happen if it weren't for WorldShare."

~ Neil Brighton, Chair of Trustees

"I love that WorldShare make personal, long-term relationships with their ministry partners and they clearly communicate where the money raised is being used."

~ Nigel Macdonald,
Supporter

"The holistic approach of WorldShare fits perfectly with our work in Haiti. We work together to provide for the spiritual, financial and tangible physical needs in the community. WorldShare has become our biggest supporter over the past 5 years. We can't wait to see what joint projects God has planned for us in the future."

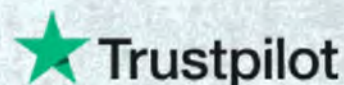
~ Wendy Thiessen, Pifò Haiti

"We are keen to express HEAL's gratitude; the support WorldShare has provided over recent weeks has been invaluable, especially during this challenging time in DR Congo."

~ Paluku, HEAL Africa

"I am happy for the opportunity to provide help for children's education at Potter's House in Guatemala. I pray that the hope of children awaiting their chance to be educated, with the benefits of loving, caring sponsors alongside to encourage them at every stage of their school life, will soon be realised through WorldShare."

~ Joan Kirby, Child Sponsor



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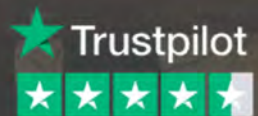
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