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# WorldShare in a nutshell



WorldShare is a UK-based Christian charity, which works to bring social and spiritual transformation to people in some of the neediest parts of the world.

We have no overseas staff, instead we build strong partnerships with indigenous organisations, that have a firm understanding of their communities, which we call 'ministry partners'. This enables us to provide support effectively and efficiently and means that we rely wholly on the teams of our ministry partners around the world to deliver on the ground.

Through the financial and prayer support of individuals, churches and charitable trusts we fund projects and help build the capacity of ministries around the world, encapsulating one or more of the following six themes:



**Education** – a commitment to the provision of education (and shelter, food and medical care where needed) for children from impoverished circumstances, primarily through our child sponsorship scheme, ChildAid.



**Health** – a commitment to the provision of healthcare for children, families and individuals from impoverished backgrounds, and especially those affected by violence and warfare.



**Community** – a commitment to support and develop impoverished families and communities around the world, in a practical and spiritual manner.



**Church Planting** – a commitment to grow God's kingdom, to show God's love and spread His word. WorldShare works with Christian partners in all that we do, and all projects and ministries that we support have Christian witness at the heart of their work.



**Injustice** – a growing commitment to the victims of human trafficking, and those at-risk of being trafficked. Also, more broadly, a commitment to the victims of modern-day slavery in whatever form.



**Relief** – a commitment to the victims of emergencies caused by natural disaster or military violence.

Our UK office is based near Doncaster airport and consists of a small staff team. If you have any questions about how or where we work, or how we can resource your church to make an impact overseas through partnering with WorldShare, **please do contact us.**

## From studying at Business School to selling chicken and chips



### How Gloria became Chiquimula's first recipient of a microloan

**Our ministry partner, Potter's House, has been serving communities living and scavenging on rubbish dumps across Guatemala since 1991. They run their ministry from community centres which have become safe havens where children, individuals and families are developed through holistic programmes underpinned by the Christian faith.**

One such programme is a micro-enterprise initiative, which provides financial resources and guidance to enable people to start or grow a small business and increase their income. In 2019 alone, Potter's House gave out 176 microloans, transforming the lives of those who received them. A particularly exciting development was that they were able to expand their reach and start the programme in Chiquimula, a particularly poor city in the east of the country.

Gloria Elizabeth Martínez Almazán (48) lives in Chiquimula along with her two children and two grandchildren and was the first in her area to receive a loan. Her husband left their household almost 10 years ago after saying he was leaving to find work somewhere else, and her oldest daughter, Estefany (25), has special needs. She has had to fend for herself and her children all these years.

Potter's House got to know Gloria through their Business School. Currently both Gloria and Jose, her

15-year-old son, are students there every Saturday. Both have the creativity and the willingness to put into practice everything they have learnt.

After the first seven sessions of the Business School, all the students were presented with the opportunity of applying for a microloan. Without hesitation, Gloria applied with her new business idea of a food stand. A week later, Gloria had already set up her stand where she sells fried chicken, chips and ice-cones on one of the busiest streets in her community!

Upon receiving her loan, she said:

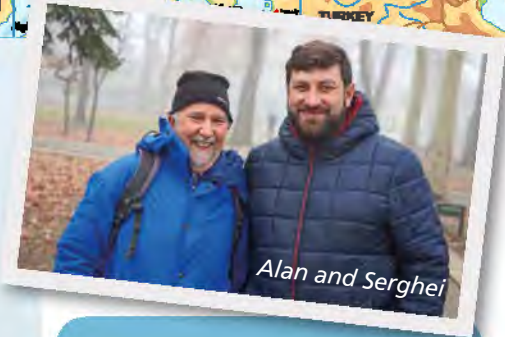
*Potter's House is the Lord confirming to me that I am not alone. They are a great blessing to me and the door of opportunity that I had been praying for.*



**Please now pray that God will bring the right clients to the new phase of this programme and use the work of Potter's House for His glory.**



# Alan's visit to Beginning of Life



Alan and Serghei

At the end of last November, I had the privilege of visiting Moldova again. The trip this time, however, was special as I was taking Nick Franks with me to film some of the fantastic work that our ministry partner Beginning of Life (BOL) is doing.

It was great to see the smiling face of Serghei Mihailov, the Executive Director of BOL waiting for us at the airport.

We spent several days filming in the capital Chisinau and had the opportunity to travel outside into the rural farming areas. These rural areas were such a contrast to the drab grey uniformity of the ex-soviet housing blocks, broken up by the occasional shack-type house or modern building illuminated by a neon sign. Outside of the city, the difference in colour and variation in housing was massive. Gone were the modern cars and buses, replaced instead by the horse and cart and the simple tractor. People were generally making a living off the land but there were few signs of any wealth.

BOL continues to work from an unremarkable building in central Chisinau (pictured right). They occupy 2 floors and the basement, with the upper floor being used by an independent Baptist church, Light of the World, whose Senior Pastor is Vladimir Ubeivlc. He was one of the founders of BOL and is still heavily involved in overseeing their work.



Moldova, formerly part of the Soviet Union, is sandwiched between Romania & Ukraine and is the poorest country in Europe. Since 1991 when it became independent, the population has reduced from about 4.3 million to about 2.5 million because of migration.

So why the massive migration? A series of reasons including poverty, corruption, lack of social cohesion and family breakdown. These have all contributed to the younger generation's desire to leave Moldova to find a more prosperous life in the rest of Europe. This has left them open to being drawn into sex trafficking and forced labour.



Beginning of Life's work has developed over the years to respond to the fact that trafficked and traumatised people no longer return to Moldova. This is not to say that trafficking doesn't still happen, it does, but those rescued are opting to make a new start in other European countries. Instead, BOL now focus on preventative programmes that support and educate poor and vulnerable people at risk of being trafficked. Their key principle is to be "there where the differences are needed" and this strapline is part of their logo.

Two stories I was particularly encouraged by during my visit were:

- Alla, whose husband went overseas to work and never came back. She has to support her three children on limited funds which she earns from a part-time job. Through the support of BOL and the church, she has been able to cope with her oldest son being left permanently disabled after being knocked down by a car.
- Invanka, whose life was transformed from being an aggressive angry teenager distrusting of anyone, to becoming the capable young Christian leader she is today, helping others, through the work of BOL.

Look out for our videos on social media and on the website in the coming months to see how BOL has changed lives and continues to do so. Through these short videos, we aim to tell people's stories, so that you can see and feel the struggles that people in Moldova go through each day.

One of my greatest privileges as CEO is to visit our ministry partners to spend time with them, to talk, pray and learn first-hand about their joys and challenges. Spending time with Vladimir and Serghei during this visit was no exception.

Alan Butler,  
Chief Executive





# Countdown to WorldShare Week...

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>–Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

WorldShare Week is a fantastic opportunity to set aside time to intentionally pray for our work, either individually, with friends or as a church group. It is also an ideal



opportunity to help share news about our ministry partners and fundraise for WorldShare!

Maybe you could organise a coffee morning or cake bake, do a car boot sale or hold a WorldShare themed



prayer meeting? Or you might prefer to be sponsored to either give up something or achieve something. For more ideas and some useful resources, please download a Fundraising Pack from our website.

We'd love to hear about your event so please email us at [info@worldshare.org.uk](mailto:info@worldshare.org.uk) or write and tell us what you've been up to when you send in the money you raise. **Every fundraiser will receive a WorldShare water bottle as a thank you gift and your event could feature in a future issue of Window!**



## Golden Wedding Celebrations!

WorldShare supporters, Jo & Susie raise £170 from friends & family...

WorldShare would like to thank Jo & Susie Marriott for raising £170 for HEAL Africa in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary last month.

Susie said:

*We had a simply wonderful few days of God's radiant blessings upon us, our family and our church family. The anniversary event itself was a fantastic celebration of 100 family and friends from landed gentry to ex-heroin addicts. We asked for no presents, instead we offered our guests the opportunity to give to one of three charities close to our heart, one of which was WorldShare. We provided web links to each of the three charities on the invitation and put out baskets on the day.*



If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, why not ask your family and friends to donate to the work of WorldShare in celebration. You can hold a fundraiser for us using Facebook, point people to our website to donate online or collect donations yourself and send them onto us by post.

## Reaching Syrian refugees with the Gospel...



### The Free Evangelical Association of Lebanon (FEAL)

FEAL have been ministering in Lebanon and surrounding Arab countries for over 25 years, bringing the Gospel of Hope to the mainly Muslim communities. Since 2011, they have also been witnessing to and discipling Syrian refugees through their Oasis project, bringing both physical help and hope to those who need it most.



Refugees meeting to pray

individual and small group settings. When it is finally safe for these refugees to return home, they will be taking their own testimony with them, strong in their faith and spreading the Gospel as they go. FEAL has also been reaching out to affected children, giving them access to education, lunches, clothing, Christian teaching and small gifts.

\*Ahmed\* is one of the children that FEAL have been ministering to over the past few years. Although his mother has embraced the help they offer and is now a believer, the horrors that Ahmed has seen and faced left him resistant and angry. They were both offered a new life in Canada, but their journey was delayed, meaning he was able to attend FEAL's children's camp. During a period of prayer, where Ahmed was prayed for by name, he felt a weight lifted from his shoulders. Amazingly, he accepted the Lord as his Saviour and turned from a life filled with despair and anger to a new life filled with hope for the future.

This past year, they have reached 1,750 such refugees, providing them with regular food packages, medical care and essentials. Alongside this, every family has been given a Bible and invited to hear about Jesus through

Please pray for FEAL as they begin a new year of ministry and aid, that they would achieve their goals, relying on God for all they need.





# Breaking the Barriers of Exploitation

A dance theatre performance at JKPS

The evening of Saturday 16th November 2019 was eventful for the 645 people who attended the performance entitled "Baandh Bhenge Dao – Breaking the Barriers of Exploitation" at a theatre in Kolkata, India.

In an effort to highlight the serious problems of trafficking and violence against women in India, our ministry partner, JKPS, came up with a unique and compelling idea. Girls, who are victims themselves and who live at JKPS' rescue and restoration centres (Mahima Homes), put on a compelling dance drama performance that they had been practicing for months. The story unfolded in an hour-long spectacle that captivated the packed auditorium and kept people glued to their seats!

Organisers, and especially the girls themselves, were delighted and honoured that Dr. Shashi Panja, the Minister of State for Women, Children and Social Welfare, attended the event. She was joined by many other dignitaries, notable guests, board members and individuals from organisations working in the area of child protection and rights, plus some from the cultural fraternity of music and theatre. Dr. Panja, in her inaugural address, was appreciative of Mahima's work in bringing healing and restoration to the lives of many.

*The performance told the story of the life of Bonya and her mother, who struggle for survival in a society that keeps placing one obstacle after another before them. Bonya is a young girl from a lower middle-class family who becomes a victim of gender discrimination while growing up. Abandoned by her husband, Bonya's mother struggles to make ends meet to care for her children. Soon, she falls prey to the devious intent of a man who plans to exploit her daughter. Desperate to provide for her family, Bonya's mother trades her off into a dangerous profession whilst society watches like a silent bystander. As Bonya and her mother gradually break the cycle of exploitation, they are finally able to fight their way to justice and safety.*

The programme culminated with Smita, the head of Mahima Homes, thanking everyone who had played a pivotal role in making the event possible. She praised the girls for working hard, practicing long hours amidst their exams and still having energy to perform on the big stage.

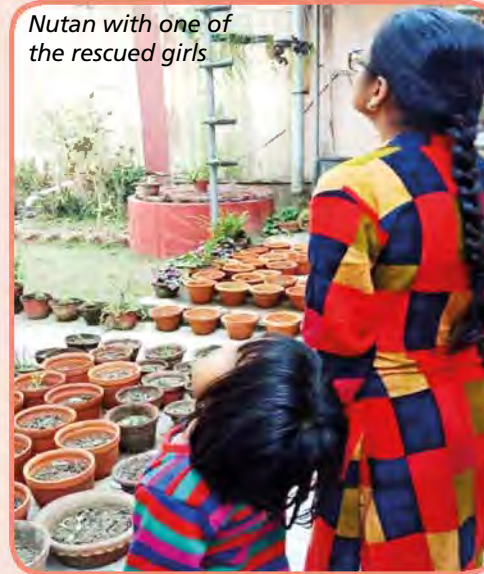
**Everyone left the theatre with their hearts full!**



To give you an insight into what some of the girls performing have been through and just how life-saving the work of JKPS is, here is Nutan's story...

Nutan was rescued in 2011 and lived at Mahima Homes for 3 years after being put into the sex trade by her alleged parents. In 2014, at 18 years old, Nutan chose to return to these same parents, believing they would not abuse her anymore. With a heavy heart JKPS saw her leave, knowing they would not keep their promise. Sure enough, for the next 5 years, Nutan was forced to prostitute herself every day. Last year she ran away twice but was found and taken away again.

*Nutan with one of the rescued girls*



In September 2019, Nutan realised she was done running. She returned to Mahima for shelter, protection and a second chance at life!

That is when Nutan surprised staff at Mahima Homes. She wanted to save three other girls, aged 3, 4 and 14, who had been bought by her alleged parents and were being groomed for the trade. On 28th November 2019, two staff from Mahima accompanied Nutan to the police headquarters. Through a rescue operation that evening, she led the police to free two of the girls who are now safe in Mahima, and the other was released a couple of weeks later. She is elated that she has been able to redeem these three children from the bondage she was once in!

For girls like Nutan and those dancing in the show, getting back to life may not be easy after the breach of trust and fear they have experienced, but thanks to JKPS' Mahima Homes, they find love and security, helping them to overcome their trauma and renew their lost dignity.

**Please praise God with us for the wonderful work of JKPS, inspired by the wonderful work of our Saviour Jesus in redeeming and rescuing us.**



# CHILDAID: supporting children in desperate need...



Welcome to our new regular spotlight on ChildAid. In each issue of our magazine, we will focus on a particular ministry partner that we work with. So today, an insight into the work of EMAF (the Evangelical Mission for Assistance to Fisherman), who address the needs of isolated fishing communities across Brazil.

The money raised through WorldShare's ChildAid programme gives vulnerable children access to EMAF's daycare centres. These centres offer daily programmes where children receive meals, clothing, shoes and healthcare, as well as spiritual outreach and support for the entire family.

Cléo Mol Silva, who works for EMAF, told us two incredible stories which show us how ChildAid is helping to provide children with the healthcare they so desperately need...

*During Christmas 2018, we were alerted by a nurse at the Boipeba Daycare Centre that one of our students was very sick. Cassiane, aged 8, had a fever that had not come down for 2 weeks, and she was not walking anymore due to extreme weight loss and weakness in her legs. The nurse told me that if we, at EMAF, did not take her to the hospital in Salvador, she would die. We managed to get her there and, after 3 months and many returns, we received a diagnosis. She had bacteria lodged in her throat that had migrated to her heart. But, if she continues to take injections every month and is well fed, she will soon be fully well again. She is out of immediate danger!*

*We also helped Ray, aged 6, a student at our Barcelos Daycare Centre. Ray was run down, losing weight and only wanted to sleep. He was examined by one of our volunteer doctors and immediately taken to Salvador Hospital. The diagnosis was leukemia. Whilst staying at the hospital, we sent him basic food parcels to improve his living conditions. Amazingly, he finished his chemo and radiotherapy sessions at the end of 2019 and has now overcome the illness. Hallelujah!*



Cléo visiting Ray in hospital



Cassiane in hospital

Could you support a child like Cassiane or Ray in Brazil? Please get in touch for more details or visit our website. Tel: 01302 775209 or email [clare.hill@worldshare.org.uk](mailto:clare.hill@worldshare.org.uk) [www.worldshare.org.uk/childaid](http://www.worldshare.org.uk/childaid)

## News...



At the end of December, we said a fond farewell to Nick Franks who has worked on our printed and digital marketing and communications during 2019 and accompanied CEO Alan on his recent visit to Moldova to carry out important filming at Beginning of Life.

We want to thank Nick for his hard work and wish him well in his future endeavours.

At the end of January, we also said a fond farewell to our long-serving trustee and current Chair, Geoff Hine.

Geoff joined the WorldShare Board in 1999 and has been a massive asset to the organisation over his many years of service.

Words cannot express our gratitude for Geoff and all that he has contributed to the work of WorldShare over the past 21 years. He will be dearly missed.



Current Vice-Chair, Kevin McKemey, who has been on the WorldShare Board since 2005, takes up the role of Chair.

Please pray for both Geoff and Kevin. Pray that Geoff will be blessed for his years of dedication as a volunteer on our Board of Trustees and that Kevin will be encouraged as he rises to the challenge of leading the Board going forward.

## Exhibition News

During 2020, we will be concentrating our resources on 3 exhibitions. Please come and say hello if you are attending any of these fantastic events!

**New Wine National Leadership Conference, Harrogate**  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March

**Word Alive, Prestatyn**  
4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April

**Keswick (Weeks 2 & 3)**  
18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July



# In Memory of Maisie



## Continuing her fundraising efforts for HEAL Africa

Last year we received a generous donation of £1,313 to the work of HEAL Africa which was raised by Esther Watson in memory of her cousin Maisie Clark. Esther describes why Maisie was so passionate about supporting the work of HEAL Africa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

*Maisie first found out about HEAL Africa after learning about the work of Dr Jo Lusi on Channel 4 News.*

*Together we signed up to do the Bristol half marathon to raise money for the hospital in Goma and raised over £4,000.*



Esther set up a fundraising page on Just Giving and £1,313 was raised in Maisie's memory to continue to support the extraordinary work carried out at the HEAL Africa hospital, work which she so greatly admired.

**WorldShare would like to thank Maisie's family for allowing us to share Maisie's story. We would also like to thank her cousin Esther for speaking on her behalf and supporting the amazing work of HEAL Africa too.**



*Maisie was incredibly empathetic and wanted to support the young women at HEAL who had suffered so greatly as collateral damage in the ongoing conflict in Goma. She had the ability to find common ground and form a friendship with anyone she met. During one of Dr Lusi's visits to the UK, he had lunch with us and thanked us for fundraising for the hospital. Maisie and Dr Lusi grew very fond of each other which furthered the connection she felt to HEAL. To be in a room with the two of them together, one would forget how different their life experiences had been, they got on extremely well and continuously laughed merrily.*

*Maisie passed away suddenly in 2019 aged 28. No comfort can be taken from the loss of life from someone so bright and so brilliant, but Maisie was able to support HEAL Africa once more.*

# Fancy challenging yourself or a friend?



## Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge June 2020

We invite you to join us in taking on the famous Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge and fundraise for WorldShare in the process.

**When: Friday 19th June (17:00) till Sunday 21st June (11:00)**



The challenge will cover 25 miles in under 12 hours, summiting **Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough**. It is being run by Up Mountains which was founded by John and Lizzie Bunce in 2015 and delivers unique and bespoke adventure packages. John is also a WorldShare trustee and will be leading the event. He is a qualified mountain leader; outdoor first aid trained and has led many hundreds of people to successfully complete this challenge – so you're in safe hands!

The cost of registration is £60 which includes two nights' accommodation at Gearstone Lodge, a comprehensive route card, manned checkpoints and support vehicles. Gearstones provides good basic comfortable accommodation in small dormitory style rooms (separate rooms for men and women). Food provided includes breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal on the Saturday evening. See [gearstones.com/lodge/](http://gearstones.com/lodge/). If you would like to join us but don't want to stay overnight or wish to only stay one night, that's absolutely fine, just **contact Up Mountains at [upmountains@icloud.com](mailto:upmountains@icloud.com)**. It would be great to have you with us.



When you register, we will email you information about fundraising so you can get cracking straight away! There is no minimum fundraising target, just raise whatever sponsorship you can. We will also send you kit lists and specific event details such as timings and meeting points.



To register, visit [worldshare.org.uk/news](http://worldshare.org.uk/news)



Please pass on details to any family, friends or church members who may be interested in this challenge.



# Thank you for your support . . .

On behalf of our ministry partners around the world, we would like to thank you all for your generous giving both financially and in prayer. Since our last magazine, we have launched the following appeals which have so far raised...



## Over £3,000 for Macedonia and Albania

Your kind gifts are helping our ministry partners, the Evangelical Church in Macedonia and the Medical Ambassadors Foundation in Albania, to keep giving of themselves daily – sowing, watering and nurturing seeds of faith – sharing the Gospel, bringing hope and transforming communities in these unreached parts of the world.



## Over £9,000 for Freedom Gifts

Our charity gifts range from study bibles in the Burmese language to sewing machines, from food packages to trafficking prevention sessions. Your kind gifts are bringing hope to people in difficult circumstances, transforming lives and communities. If you haven't got around to buying your Freedom Gifts yet, browse or purchase online at [www.worldshare.org.uk/freedomgifts](http://www.worldshare.org.uk/freedomgifts).



## Over £10,000 for HEAL Africa, before Gift Aid

Your kind gifts are helping our ministry partner HEAL Africa to bring physical and spiritual healing to some of the most vulnerable people of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

# Pray with Us . . .

Did you know we have a monthly prayer calendar with daily prayers for WorldShare's ministry partners around the world? You can download the calendar and sign up to receive it monthly at [www.worldshare.org.uk/pray](http://www.worldshare.org.uk/pray).



**NEW! We are now on PrayerMate, where you can add our prayer requests to your personalised daily prayer feed. To find and subscribe to WorldShare's feed, scan our QR code using your mobile app.**



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