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Editorial

How has your Covid-19 journey been so far?

We've all been on our own very unique journey with our own very different experiences. For most of us there have been good days and bad days, which is what psychologists say we should expect. The closest person to me to catch the virus is one of my daughters who is a doctor and although it didn't affect her too badly, meaning no hospital admission, it took her some time to fully recover. For most of those three weeks, it was a mix of good and bad days, but there was always food on the table.

For many in the communities that our ministry partners serve, the bad days keep coming and the good days are few. You may have seen the short video recorded by the leader of JKPS in India, Finney Thomas? He says, "In India, more people are going to die of starvation than from the virus". No good days and a tough, lengthy journey ahead for many. In Guatemala, they estimate that over 60,000 jobs have disappeared, potentially increasing to 500,000 (population ~17M) and alongside this, over 70% of the population who work in the informal economy have seen their income reduced by 50%. Not many good days on these communities' Covid-19 journeys!

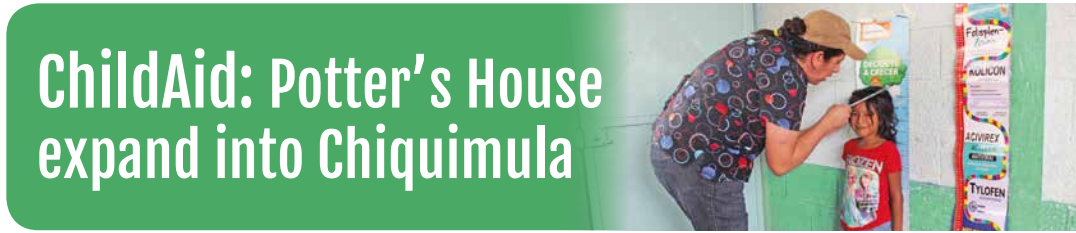
Like JKPS in India and Potter's House in Guatemala, all of our ministry

partners are working hard to serve their communities at this time, not in the regular activities such as income generation, basic health clinics or education programmes, but in ensuring that people have access to a daily, secure supply of food. They are striving tirelessly to help turn the bad days into good days for these communities on their Covid-19 journeys. Please continue to stand with us in helping our ministry partners do this. Last month we launched an appeal for funds to help in this and I'd like to personally thank you so much for your amazing response. If you've not yet given, please do prayerfully consider donating - the ongoing challenge of food insecurity will be with us for many months. Thank you!

As in our last magazine, we've brought together some stories of what our ministry partners are doing to serve their local communities at this time (pages 4 & 5). Please do read these and make them a topic for your prayers. Thank you for praying and for your ongoing and very generous support of these communities.

Alan Butler, Chief Executive

We continue to pray for all WorldShare supporters, that you will entrust your Covid-19 journeys into the safe hands of the Lord. We praise God for your ongoing commitment to our ministry partners and pray that you will know that your generosity is having a great impact on the lives of many.



ChildAid: Potter's House expand into Chiquimula

Welcome to our 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 Potter's House in Guatemala.

Introducing the Chiquimula ChildAid programme

As a lot of you are aware, our ministry partner Potter's House has been serving the community of Chiquimula since 2017. Chiquimula has one of the highest rates of poverty in Guatemala and is part of the "dry corridor", an isolated area which is in drought for most of the year.



The work began by slowly providing ovens and water filters, renovating classrooms and running children's Bible schools. A number of Potter's House staff relocated there to better serve the community. A community centre was established to run various programmes, including a Health and Nutrition Programme. Unfortunately, according to recent figures, during week 16 of the Covid-19 pandemic in Guatemala, acute malnutrition in Chiquimula jumped and the number of cases grew by 56%.

We are pleased to announce that, in order to combat this growing problem, Potter's House is now running a ChildAid sponsorship programme in Chiquimula. This will be run in the same way as the sponsorship programme that serves the dump community children in Guatemala City.

We have four children ready for sponsors, one of which is Osias.

My name is Osias Samuel and I am 7 years old. When I grow up, I want to be a policeman. I love to play football and to draw. My favourite subject is Physical Education. I like to eat "Tortilla de Harina" which is made of beans and meat.



I live with my mother Maria, my father Manuel and my four siblings: Lili (2), Sefora (3), Abigail (4), and Cristian (16). We also live with my grandparents, one uncle and aunt and two cousins. My house has three rooms with metal sheet walls, a dirt floor and a metal sheet roof. My family have lived in this house for 20 years.

Potter's House blessed our family with a water filter system. I go to church with my family and I love to sing songs. Please pray for my family.

Could you support a child like Osias? Please get in touch for more details or visit our website. Tel: 01302 775209 or email clare.hill@worldshare.org.uk www.worldshare.org.uk/childaid

How our ministry partners are responding to the impact of Covid-19



WorldShare partners with indigenous Christians in some of the poorest countries around the world. Like us, they have had to adapt their approaches, reaching out to their communities in the best way they can, while complying with government restrictions. Here are some examples of how they are responding to their local needs.

Cahaya Suku, Indonesia:

The Lord continues to enable Cahaya Suku's church planters as they disciple new believers and members of house churches. In the areas where lockdown is being enforced, the teaching materials for discipleship are mostly delivered by phone; however, the church planters are still making direct visits to deliver food staples, protective masks, and disinfectants.

In West Java, a church planter said that the members of his house church were learning the teachings from the Bible more quickly during the pandemic. After a few short meetings, some people in the house church shared the Gospel with their family and friends. As a result, a new house church has been formed for those who have come to faith.

The church planters continue to pay attention to the physical needs and health of the house church members. This pandemic has become a test of faith for many church members because of the difficulty to provide for their families.



Evangelical Church of North Macedonia:

Many of the churches that have reopened in North Macedonia are not seeing as many people attending services as before Covid-19, partly due to space issues but also because people are still being cautious about gathering together.

Thankfully, sermons are still being watched online via Facebook, which is a great encouragement to the church leaders.

The church in Veles has been running a 'public kitchen' where food is provided for the homeless and other people who are in need.

The Evangelical Church have been giving out food parcels and have a passion to help migrants in transit through North Macedonia who have no support at all.



JKPS, India: The Covid-19 crisis in India has left more people hungry than normal. Sensing the need to prevent starvation deaths, JKPS have acted

quickly to stand in the gap. Over the last three months they have fed 4,500 children, elderly and beggars across Kolkata's slums with cooked meals as part of their Covid-19 relief project. They have also provided dry ration kits to 3,500 families including JKPS' community development workers, daily wage earners in the villages, families of bible students and Mahima Homes, and ChildAid beneficiaries and their families. The relief work will continue for as long as JKPS have available funds.



Beginning of Life, Moldova:

During the period of Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions in Moldova, Beginning of Life's Early Learning Centre (ELC) have had to suspend their indoor and outdoor activities. They found a new way of meeting and teaching at a distance by forming seven groups where meetings are conducted online. For mothers who do not have internet access, BOL have kept in contact with them by phone. The new online training format includes lessons for children and lessons for mothers, allowing them to take part in joint activities which help them to develop better relationships.



Word of Hope, Myanmar:

Last month we received a request from Pastor Pau who leads our ministry partner, Word of Hope, in Myanmar. He said that they were experiencing a very difficult time and needed £2,125 to be able to buy rice. This rice was needed to feed the children in the Word of Hope orphanage, 40 Word of Hope families and 30 families who are their neighbours in the community – so that they could show them the love of God. Thanks to the generosity of you, our donors, we have already been able to send more money than they needed. Thank you!



Potter's House, Guatemala:

Walner is the only person in his family with a phone, so when he receives messages from Potter's House, he shows them to the rest of his family. The voice messages and images have encouraged them greatly during this difficult time. After a month of receiving messages and praying together, his family now spend time together laughing and doing the suggested activities. He is amazed how God has worked through this!



Thank you for standing with our ministry partners at this time, whether in prayer or by giving. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Encouragements through adversity for MAF, Albania



In Albania, a team of committed Christians at Medical Ambassadors Fellowship (MAF) have been working to spread the Gospel and bring the hope that we have in Christ, evangelising and church planting in five poor, rural villages based around the southern city of Korçe.

The challenges to the team are high. The villages where they work are historically Muslim and the people they minister to, often from Romani backgrounds, have faced prejudice and persecution for much of their lives and so are slow to trust. Despite this, Patriot and the team have brought a consistent message of hope over despair for more than 20 years, breaking down those barriers.

For these communities, the coronavirus pandemic has been devastating. Families tend to be low income dayworkers or subsistence farmers, already facing poverty. Overnight, when the country instigated a lockdown in response to the pandemic, their income vanished, and they were prohibited from working in the fields. Patriot and the team, helped by your donations to our response appeal, were able to distribute food and provisions to those families who had nothing, continuing to bring light into the dark places.

Whilst the team at MAF have been busy

over recent months demonstrating the love of Jesus in a practical manner, they have not allowed the pandemic to halt their evangelising. They have, like us here in the UK, had to embrace technology. They've set up Facebook groups for children in the villages, live-streamed services and worship on Facebook, and have been holding Zoom Bible study groups. Through this, they have been able to reach out wider than the villages where they usually work, with native Albanians living in other countries also joining in.

As Albania comes out of the lockdown, God's hand at work through adversity is clear to see for Patriot and the team. The changes that MAF had to make to how they operate, because of the pandemic, have unexpectedly led to new openings. They've had increased numbers of young people engaging with their outreach, a new children's group has started to meet (see header photo), and they have been part of setting up an online network across Eastern Europe, training new evangelisers and church planters! Patriot knows clearly that God's hand has been upon them, even though times have been hard.



Ministry leaders Shelly, Keli and Patriot

We appreciate very much your part in this ministry here for the Glory of our Lord Jesus! God bless you all. In Him, Patriot.



Making cards to support WorldShare



During lockdown, Ezra & Joey (with the help of their mum Tina), decided to make packs of assorted cards and sell them to friends and family to raise money for WorldShare.

We are Ezra and Joey Woof, and we wanted to raise money for WorldShare, to help people who don't have as much as we do.



Everyone at WorldShare would like to say a BIG thank you to Ezra & Joey (and mum Tina) for thinking of us at this time and investing time and resources in this fantastic fundraising initiative. You are an inspiration!



Tina created a Facebook page to help them promote their fundraising idea through which people could donate. Not only did they sell out of cards, including extras they made, but they raised over £180 to help those who are less fortunate than them.

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



After you've provided for your loved ones, remembering WorldShare in your will can help provide vital support to our ministry partners in their efforts to make a lasting change among their communities.

Legacies can have a huge impact on our work and allow you to do something really significant for a cause you believe in.

Your gift, whatever the size, can make an incredible difference to how we support our ministry partners.

For more information contact jenny.hunt@worldshare.org.uk or call 01302 775209

2019 Impact and thank you!

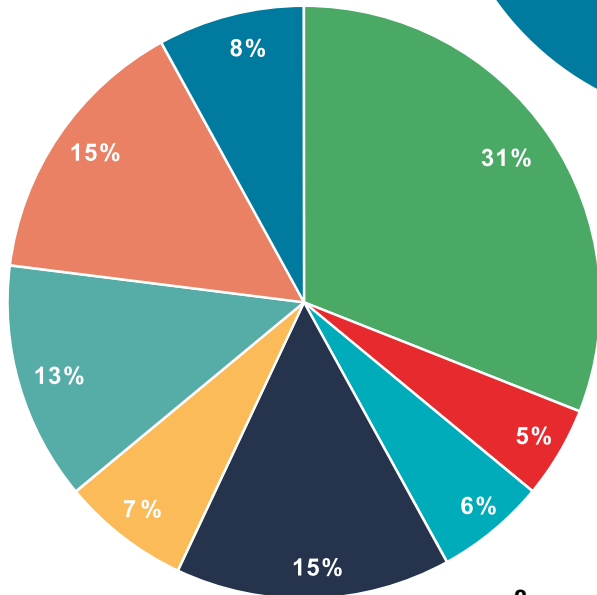
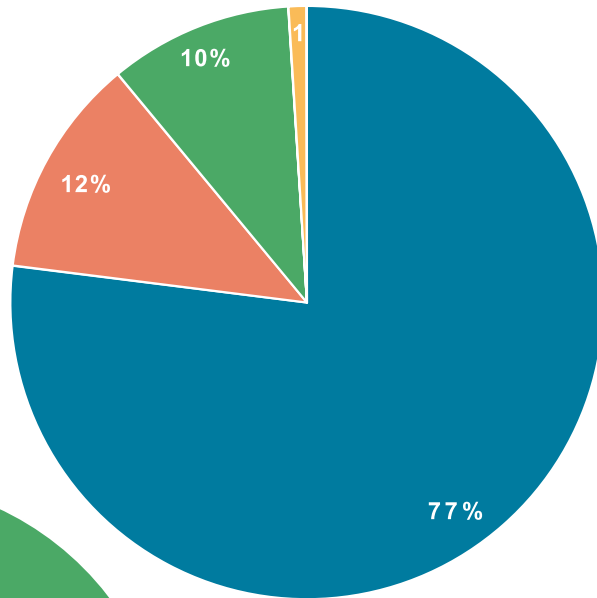
Around this time of year, with the filing of our previous financial year's statutory accounts, we have an opportunity to look back and say "thank you" to our donors and supporters, who've given and prayed over the previous year. Thank you so much for journeying with us during 2019.

2019 was a very challenging year for WorldShare, as of course has been the early part of 2020, but for different reasons.

A couple of staff members moved on at the end of 2018 and it took more time than we expected to replace them, meaning that we ran at less-than full capacity for a large part of the year. As a result, our overall income (£371,354) and expenditure (£370,352) was down, the split of which is shown below.

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- Donations
- Alliance Income
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- Legacies
- Other Income - 0%



HOW WE SPENT IT...

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

To show the impact, we would like to share with you two stories of how WorldShare's ministry partners were able to make a fantastic difference to those they serve.

In the month of October, our ministry partner Potter's House was able to deliver 56 water filters to a community called El Pinalito.

Unfortunately, this community is one of many in the area of Chiquimula in Guatemala, that has a very unregulated service - they only have access to water every two weeks, for just a couple of hours, through community taps. Because of this situation, families need to keep water in different kinds of containers and don't have purified water to drink or cook with. Providing water filters to 56 families is a huge blessing.



Thanks to these filters, many children and adults will suffer less from stomach diseases and other illnesses related to poor water supply. "Thank you so much for our water filter." - Jackeline (aged 5) and Francisco (aged 3), pictured above.

In 2019, our ministry partner Kanal Hayat, an evangelistic Christian satellite TV channel broadcasting into Central and West Asia, went from strength to strength.

They expanded their reach by making social media and online follow-up key priorities. Throughout the year, they made contact with over 100,000 people, had over 400 face-to-face meetings and saw over 100 people coming to faith. Here is one of many testimonies from their viewers: "I came to faith in Jesus Christ ten years ago through your channel. Now, together with other believers, I am ready to find a fellowship in our city. Your channel helped me to grow over all these years. Your channel put me in touch with those who are helping me take this big step." - viewer in Northeast Turkey.



We pray that you are encouraged to see how your kind prayers and gifts throughout 2019 enabled us to achieve our aim of sharing the Gospel, bringing hope and transforming communities, through our ministry partners. Please join us in praying that God will continue to use us to do His work across the world in 2020.

Haiti Christian Schools becomes 'PiFó Haiti'



Our ministry partner, Haiti Christian Schools, has been through some exciting changes recently, the biggest of which being a name change. It will now be known as 'PiFó Haiti', using the Haitian Créole word meaning 'stronger'.

What began in 2011 as a ministry to provide a Christian education to children on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti, has slowly developed to become the holistic support network it is today. PiFó Haiti currently supports over 500 students and 30 staff members through 5 interlinked programmes:



Student Scholarships: PiFó Haiti provides hundreds of Haitian children with a quality education and affords them bright and sustainable futures. Students' fees are covered, enabling them to learn core academic subjects, taught by Christian teachers.



Teacher Certification Support: Only 6 out of every 1,000 teachers have a diploma or certificate in their field in Haiti. Nearly 25% have not attended secondary school. Beginning with 9 teachers in 2019, PiFó Haiti has been providing funding for the 3-year professional teaching qualification.



Vocation Training School: This hands-on training focuses on skill building for the working world, creating opportunities for employment. Artisans and skilled workers in the community teach students trades such as plumbing, ceramic tiling, sewing, floral arts, as well as leather and canvas products. Classes are offered each afternoon for secondary school students.



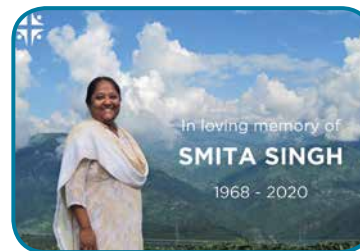
Food Programme: In 2019, due to drought, political unrest and food costs tripling in less than a year, Haiti fast approached famine-like conditions. PiFó Haiti now provides a meal to each student at one of their partner schools, as well as supplementing a lunch programme at another. More than 175 children receive a meal each school day.



In-Country Purchasing: Shopkeepers and market vendors have been put out of business because of foreign aid organisations flooding the market with donations, such as clothing and school supplies. PiFó Haiti want to change the conversation and be honest about what effective poverty alleviation looks like by investing in local businesses and purchasing supplies in Haiti.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has now reached the island of La Gonâve, where there is only one hospital. So far, they are able to stay on top of cases coming to the facility, but there is fear amongst the community. Many of PiFó Haiti's ministries have had to temporarily stop. Please pray particularly for school pupils whose academic year has been put on hold, but praise God that the food programme is providing essential rations to those who are in need at this time.

Latest News . . .



We are very sad to announce that Smita Singh, the Director of Mahima Homes in Kolkata, India, passed away on the evening of July 15th (IST).

Smita was a mighty warrior for Jesus and leaves behind a tremendous legacy of justice initiatives and a world-class ministry. Smita was a global expert in rescuing trafficked girls. She dedicated her life to human trafficking awareness and helping survivors

rediscover their sense of self-worth and identity in Christ – promoting healing and rehabilitation.

Smita sacrificially served those around her, especially the children at Mahima, whom she loved deeply. Her display of Christ's love enabled the children in her care to experience restoration.

Smita will be remembered for her dedication to revolutionary holistic programs and empowering survivors of human trafficking.

It is with great sadness that we announce that Isaac Lushombo Kashangabuye, a key staff member at HEAL Africa, also passed away on July 15th.

He had been admitted to the HEAL Africa hospital a couple of days previously but unfortunately died of complications from diabetes. Please remember his wife, children and all those who knew him in your prayers.



Connecting you . . .



In September we are hoping to launch the first in a number of Zoom webinars with some of our ministry partners around the world, allowing you, our donors, to hear first-hand from those you are supporting. We are in the process of testing the technology to be able to bring these ministries into your living room, kitchen, or study in an interactive way. So that we can let you know about these events it would be helpful to have an email address for you, so please contact us if you want to check we have your current email.

We are also exploring ways of using Zoom and video to provide churches with materials that help them stay connected with global mission during this season of online church services. If you are interested in exploring this for your church, please contact us.

ChildAid Letters . . .

Due to Covid-19 there will likely be a delay in receiving letters from your sponsored child, however you can still write letters to your child to let them know you are praying for them at this time. Please send them into the office, or email them to clare.hill@worldshare.org.uk

Cyclone Amphan

supporting JKPS as they rebuild & reach out

Here at WorldShare, we feel privileged to be able to stand alongside our ministry partners as they experience both the everyday struggles and joys of serving Christ and the one-off, natural disasters that grip our world. Partnering with indigenous organisations allows us to respond with first-hand knowledge and immediate action. And that's just what we were able to do when Cyclone Amphan devastated the lives of many...

In May of this year, whilst trying to deal with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Eastern India and Bangladesh were struck by a powerful cyclone. Cyclone Amphan tragically led to the death of 128 people and destroyed thousands of structures and homes. Our ministry partner in Kolkata, JKPS, was badly affected by the disaster, as were many rural communities it serves. This led to us launching an emergency appeal at the start of June, asking for your prayers and financial support for our dear brothers and sisters in India.

We are delighted to say that your generous donations, along with funds from two charitable trusts, totalled over £14,000!

We praise God for providing for JKPS through the prayerful giving of you, our supporters, and are pleased to give some encouraging updates on the progress made in rebuilding and reaching out that has taken place over the past couple of months.

One of the biggest problems faced by JKPS was that the roof of the Premanand building was blown off.

The Premanand Boys' Home houses 19 young boys from extremely deprived backgrounds, who have experienced a great deal of trauma in their lives. The home is a safe and secure environment where the vulnerable boys receive quality educational opportunities and vocational training - a place where they find hope for a better future. On 1st May 2020, the Premanand Boys' Home celebrated 5 years of successful ministry.

Due to a strict Covid-19 lockdown in India, the boys had been sent home before the cyclone struck, so fortunately no-one was harmed when the roof blew off. There was, however, lots of urgent work to be done to repair the building to make it liveable in the future. The damage caused to the dormitory on the top floor led to water seeping through to the ground floor.

Since then, with the help of partners like WorldShare, JKPS have made great progress in rebuilding what was destroyed. The following image shows the repaired roof and the beginnings of the dried, remade floor.



Although the boys are not yet able to move back into the Premanand building, they are back together in the adjacent Upasana building and able to resume their activities and training. JKPS are hopeful that the boys will soon be able to return and the campus will be filled again with the sound of their laughter.

Their efforts have not only been in restoring their own facilities but also in reaching out to others in the surrounding area. JKPS staff were among the first responders in their communities and have been working with the local church to meet needs. Bengal's coastal villages were particularly hard-hit by the cyclone, so have been the focus of JKPS' relief aid since the disaster. Thanks to your support, they have been able to distribute dry ration kits and tarpaulins for shelter to many families in need.

Of course, all of this has been taking place whilst Covid-19 spreads quickly throughout the country. Since March,



JKPS has worked tirelessly to provide surgical masks, hand sanitisers and gloves to hospitals and hot food and dry ration kits to daily wage earners, to workers and their families in the red-light district and to the urban slums and the rural communities of Kolkata. As we highlighted in our recent Covid-19 Hunger Appeal, Finney Thomas, leader of JKPS said "In India, more people are going to die from starvation than from the virus." We praise God for the perseverance and determination of our ministry partner in combatting the many hardships that come their way, all whilst showing compassion and grace.

For an inspiring video update from Finney Thomas showing JKPS' progress on rebuilding and reaching out, visit the WorldShareUK YouTube channel.

Please pray:



- Thanking God for protecting the boys and staff members at Premanand Boys' Home so that no-one was hurt when the roof was blown off. Praise God for 5 years of amazing ministry with the boys.
- For the mobilisation of funds to enable JKPS to continue their relief support to families affected by both Cyclone Amphan and lockdown.
- For safety and energy for staff and volunteers who are currently engaged in aid work at various locations.

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 the beginning of the pandemic we have launched the following appeals which have so far raised...



Over £31,000 across our Covid-19 Emergency & Response Appeals

This incredible response has enabled our ministry partners to respond quickly to the immediate needs in their local communities and adapt their programmes to comply with lockdown restrictions. Thank you!



Over £14,000 for our Cyclone Amphan Appeal

Your generosity in response to this targeted appeal has helped our ministry partner, JKPS in India, to repair the Premanand Boys' Home and reach out to local communities with dry ration kits and tarpaulins. Thank you!



Over £13,000 so far for our Covid-19 Hunger Appeal

Your kind gifts are helping our ministry partners to meet the physical and spiritual hunger of thousands of people suffering from severe food insecurity. Thank you! There is still plenty of time to give if you haven't already done so.

Pray with Us...

Did you know we have a monthly prayer calendar with daily prayers for WorldShare's ministry partners around the world?

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