

# WINDOW

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## Editorial

### A time of growth for WorldShare

#### Welcome to the latest edition of Window.

I don't know about you, but this past winter seemed to last far longer than usual. I am delighted to now travel to and from the WorldShare office in daylight and to see signs of spring such as roadside flowers sprouting. This reminds me that the time for hibernation is over and that growth is coming.

Despite facing financial challenges, like many others, WorldShare is focused on growth for the future. We launched our new branding at the start of the year and hope that you like what you see. We also employed Katie Wilson, who is strengthening our relationships with churches as well as developing new growth opportunities with university students. You can meet her on page 19.

We are delighted to introduce 'Mini Window' (page 12), our first foray into producing a fun resource for children. As in the words of the song, we 'believe the children are our future' and you can never start nurturing the next generation too early. We would love to know if you are able to use this resource with your children or grandchildren and how we can look to develop it in the future. Just drop us an email - [comms@worldshare.org.uk](mailto:comms@worldshare.org.uk).

Also in this edition, you'll find stories about the development of the Community Garden Project in Haiti (pages 8-9) and how, as we celebrate the first anniversary of our partnership with Living Word of Faith in Ghana, the children there are able to thrive (pages 16-17). All as a result of the generous sowing of you, our faithful supporters.

**My hope is that, as ever, you are encouraged by how the Lord continues to move across the world as together we 'Share the Gospel, bring hope and see lives transformed.'**

Andrew Yelland, WorldShare's CEO

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PiFò Haiti's Community Garden Project



# A night to shine

Evangelical Church in North Macedonia



Earlier this year, the Evangelical Church in North Macedonia (ECNM) hosted two big events, in Resen and Skopje, for disabled people and their families called 'A night to shine'. Attendees were welcomed with a red carpet and spotlights, and enjoyed a full programme of songs, dramas, a Bible talk and dinner. The intention was to show them love and care, and they were all overjoyed! Pastor Dragan, who organised the evening in Resen, shared this:

***"It was the first time we have done the event in Resen and we still hear people talking about it now. It 'shook' our town spiritually - it was a great testimony for our church and an opportunity to build fellowship and share the Gospel of Jesus with many local families. As we are a church planting ministry, this is the best tool that we have for growing our church. Through this event, God is opening doors to plant churches in the towns where there is no evangelical church. We are also building greater unity between the churches in our region - this is a big project and we have to work together to have a big impact. It was also a brilliant way for the youth in our churches to serve God by performing the dramas, songs etc. God-willing, we are planning another event next year - there is already great excitement for it, especially among non-believers."***



**43**  
volunteers from  
a local middle  
school helped  
out

**90%**  
of attendees in  
Resen were  
unbelievers

**John  
3:16**  
was the basis  
of the Bible  
talk



## Lives transformed

Invited to 'A night to shine' were two sisters with special needs, Sofija\* and Inara\*. They live with their father and come from a very poor family. The event was so special for them and their faces shone with happiness the whole evening. Since then, the church in Resen has brought them clothes and food. Together with social centres from the town, ECNM will continue to support the family, practically & spiritually.



The Penov family\* also enjoyed the event - the parents both have disabilities. They have recently started attending the church in Resen and its elders have visited their home many times to share the Gospel. Praise God! The church is now building a small work space for the Penov family, enabling them to launch their business selling handmade products in Resen. Through this, ECNM is building a strong relationship between the church and people with disabilities.



*\*names changed for security purposes*

**Please pray for the Evangelical Church in North Macedonia's continued witness, that their actions would show the compassion of Jesus to these vulnerable families. May they see their churches grow in number as the Gospel is shared, hope brought and lives transformed.**



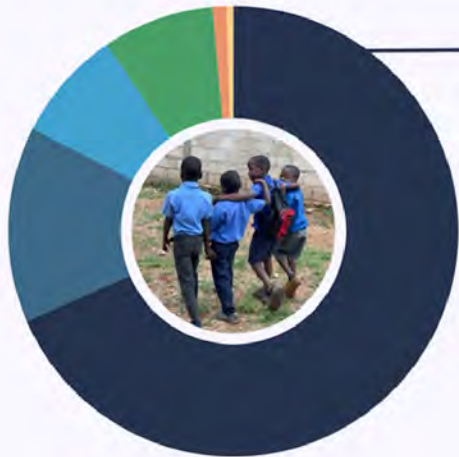
# 2023 impact report

How your support made a difference



In 2023, thanks to faithful supporters like you, we saw **income of £528,468**. Of this, nearly 70% was from individual donors, with a further 8% relating to Gift Aid on those amounts. 14% of income was from trusts and foundations and 8% of income was from our alliance partners. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to **issue grants of £288,935**, being the second highest level of grants issued from WorldShare since 2010.

## Your generosity

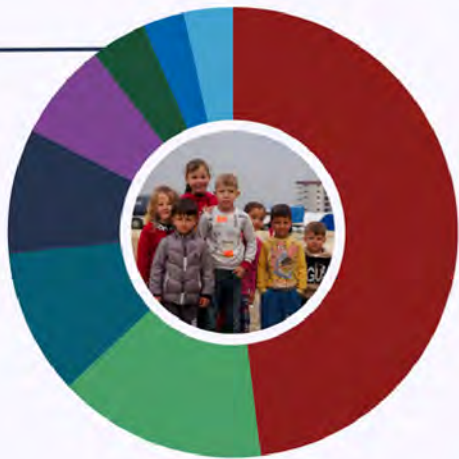


- Individual donations - 68.5%
- Trusts & foundations - 14%
- Alliance income - 8%
- Gift Aid - 8%
- Legacies - 1%
- Other - 0.5%

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

## How it helped

- Emergency relief - 48%
- ChildAid & related - 15%
- Evangelism - 10.5%
- Education - 9%
- Tackling injustice - 7%
- Health - 4%
- Community - 3%
- Other grants - 3.5%



Over and above our regular commitments in supporting a wide variety of Gospel centric work globally, 2023 saw WorldShare focus on the response to the devastation of the earthquake in Turkey.

Through our ministry partner Kanal Hayat, we were able to connect with trusted churches in affected areas who were providing relief to their communities, as well as with First Hope Association, a Christian relief charity that was serving on a city-wide scale in Antakya, one of the worst hit urban centres.

It has been such a blessing to see how the generosity of WorldShare donors has been translated into practical revelations of Jesus' love to those who lost everything in the initial earthquake and subsequent after-shocks.

In the midst of fear, darkness and homelessness, Christians were living out Jesus' instructions in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and heal the sick to 'the least of these'.

Working in partnership with the Christian Church of Antakya we saw a devastated and depleted congregation grow, both numerically and spiritually, as local Muslim neighbours could not deny the Gospel being lived out in front of them.

On a wider scale, First Hope Association's work has created a more open culture for the preaching of the Gospel in Antakya, something that all the individual churches benefit from.

**We can never know how God will use and multiply the offering that we give to Him in humble obedience, but we rejoice in seeing the results.**



# New beginnings in hard times

PiFò Haiti



COMMUNITY



**Wendy Thiessen, Volunteer Director of PiFò Haiti, has recent, firsthand experience of the escalating humanitarian crisis in Haiti.**

She thanks everyone for praying for her safe return to her home in Canada after being stranded on the island of La Gonâve for several weeks during her latest visit. While she is grateful to be back home, she is conscious of the crisis that she leaves behind and the challenges that the PiFò Haiti team continue to face.

Decades of instability, disasters and economic woes have left Haiti one of the poorest and most violent countries in the world. Gang violence has soared since the assassination of President Moïse in 2021 and turf wars have since driven a surge in refugees, severe food shortages, murders, kidnappings and sexual violence. Criminal gangs control not only the main port in the capital, Port-au-Prince, but also many of the city's access roads, making it difficult to transport supplies.

**Water Appeal update**

**PRAISE GOD!**

**Thanks to your support for our recent appeal, we have raised the £16,000 needed to meet the current water-related needs of PiFò Haiti, JKPS, ECNM and ChrisFon.**



As a result, the island of La Gonâve, where PiFò Haiti serves, is cut off from the mainland. While this detachment from the gang violence is a blessing, it is also a huge challenge in terms of access to food and other supplies.

During her visit, Wendy spent time visiting the Community Garden Project up in the mountains, which we featured in our Water Appeal in the lead up to Easter. To tackle the issue of access to water, a well has been hand dug, 120ft deep, which is now producing an abundance of fresh water. And through the generosity of you, our supporters, the PiFò Haiti team can now purchase the two water tanks and PVC pipes to irrigate the garden, allowing a greater volume of food to be grown.

**Please pray for a miracle so that they can acquire the water tanks and pipework despite current supply issues.**



## Fleur's story

Fleur\* is a young woman who was found sleeping in the town square at 8 months pregnant by Emerson (the programme manager of PiFò Haiti) and his wife Farah. Her husband had recently passed away and the people from whom they rented a room told her to leave because they would only rent to married women. Fleur shared later she was on the brink of taking her own life when Emerson and Farah found her. They took her to their home to give her some food, clothes and a safe place to sleep.

Fleur had her baby girl by c-section and both mother and daughter are healthy, praise God! PiFò Haiti were able to pay for her medical bills - she would not have been able to leave hospital without their help. They also found her a new place to live. Give thanks to God for bringing Fleur to PiFò Haiti in her time of need. Wendy summarised it like this:

**"Another beautiful story of lives changed through prayers and relational partnerships."**



\*name changed for security purposes



## A tailored life

Wakisa Ministries, Uganda



TACKLING  
INJUSTICE

**In the heart of Uganda, Wakisa Ministries runs a pregnancy crisis centre, reflecting God's loving care and providing a safe space for young mothers to heal. The women our ministry partner serves have often suffered sexual abuse from a family member or neighbour, resulting in rejection by their community and therefore at risk of poor health, both for themselves and their child.**

From provision of temporary shelter, counselling and pregnancy care, to Gospel teaching and vocational skills training, young mothers are given the tools they need to support themselves after they leave the centre, enabling them to build a better, more hope-filled future.

One young woman whose life was transformed thanks to support from Wakisa Ministries is Caroline\*.



\*name changed for security purposes

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## Caroline's story

Growing up in a large family, Caroline's life was completely turned upside down following the untimely passing of her father whilst she was still young. She was able to continue in school thanks to help from her aunt and a child sponsorship programme, yet her life took another unexpected turn.

Caroline found herself grappling with an unplanned pregnancy due to defilement by a boy in the neighbourhood, leading to an abrupt halt in her education. In this challenging moment, she was guided to the doors of Wakisa Ministries.

Upon arrival at Wakisa, Caroline was a picture of timidity and low self-esteem. However, within the loving embrace of this community, a transformation began to unfold. Slowly but surely, she found her voice, forged friendships and discovered a love for learning that radiated in every classroom she entered.

Among the various skills offered at Wakisa Ministries, it was tailoring that ignited a passion in Caroline and she quickly became a proficient tailor, creating garments that mirrored her newfound confidence. Her creations included maternity dresses and skirts, but it was the exquisite bags - cross body bags, laptop bags and handbags - that truly showcased her artistic flair.

Beyond the technical skills, Caroline's journey of personal growth was guided by the dedicated efforts of her counsellor, enabling her to embrace life skills that elevated her confidence and paved the way for forgiveness and a renewed sense of hope.



**75 girls**

were provided with shelter, medical care and well-balanced meals at Wakisa Ministries in the last year

**9 girls**

in just 6 months started their own small businesses after receiving vocational training at Wakisa Ministries

**5 girls**

have returned to school recently after having babies, thanks to encouragement from Wakisa Ministries

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# Mini Window Sports edition

At WorldShare, we have a ministry partner in India called JKPS.

On February 8th, JKPS had a sports day for 40 children they support.

They did a marble and spoon race and a relay race, as well as lots of others.

The winners were given certificates and medals, and they had a yummy lunch after.

**What is your favourite race in your sports day at school?**

**Do you think the children in India tried that race?**



## Find 4 words

INDIA SPORT RACE FRIENDS

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O	N	G	R	B	P	Z	L	F
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G	U	L	R	A	C	E	Z	N
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N	G	T	O	P	G	Y	G	S

## Make an Olympic torch

This summer it's the Olympics in Paris! Great Britain and India will be competing. To make your own Olympic torch,

### You will need:

A piece of A4 white card; a pen; red, orange and yellow tissue paper; scissors; glue or sellotape.

### How to make it:

Decorate your paper with drawings of different sports and sport equipment. Roll it up into a tube and stick it closed. Cut up the tissue paper into fire shapes and stick your 'fire' into the paper tube using the glue or tape.



The children in India, supported by WorldShare, are not only helped with their education but they are also taught about Jesus. They are encouraged to read their Bibles every day and they enjoy going to a summer Bible camp each year.

**Who first taught you about Jesus? How do you enjoy learning more about Him?**

## Did you know?

Singh is the most common surname for Indian hockey players. Once during a match, a commentator said:  
*"Singh started the move. After dodging past a defender, Singh passed the ball to Singh, who centered it to Singh and Singh scored the goal with a reverse flick."*

There are lots of children in India who do not go to school for many reasons, some because they have to work already! **How would you feel if you had to go to work like your mum and dad instead of learning at school with your friends?**

JKPS helps some of the poorest children in their area to be able to go to school by giving tutoring and homework help. JKPS' sports day helped the children learn to be confident, have patience, work as a team and be a good leader. These skills will help them to do well at school and get a good job when they are old enough.

## Pray:

- Thank God that the children in India enjoyed their sports day
- Ask God to help more children through WorldShare's partnership with JKPS





# Healing in a war zone

HEAL Africa, DR Congo



HEALTH

The Democratic Republic of Congo, where HEAL Africa is based, has been subject to civil war since 1996. The resurgence of attacks since December 2022 by the armed movement known as M23 has caused a deterioration in both security and humanitarian terms. In recent months, the use of heavy weapons in populated areas and the increase in civilian casualties have been very alarming.

**For the HEAL Africa hospital, located in the city of Goma, the increase in the number of patients has been overwhelming.**

The HEAL Africa hospital aims to care for the poorest and most vulnerable patients through its Mercy Fund, which covers the medical costs of those who cannot afford their treatment. However, at a time when most of the population is becoming increasingly vulnerable and cannot afford to pay their medical bills, the hospital's resources are at breaking point.

Thanks to the generosity of a UK charitable trust, WorldShare has been able to send funds to help HEAL Africa provide medical care and additional medicines at this critical time.

**Please join us in praying for further grants and donations to follow so that the HEAL Africa hospital will be able to continue to respond.**



One of the other areas that HEAL Africa is continuing to press forward with is the training and follow up of local chaplains, pastors & church leaders, and community & local authority leaders (pictured left). This training, which has been made possible for many years by the support of a UK charitable foundation, teaches active listening, reconciliation mediation and conflict resolution.

**£230**  
is the average  
medical bill  
covered by HEAL  
Africa's Mercy  
Fund

**5**  
patients a day are  
admitted to the  
HEAL Africa hospital  
with gunshot  
wounds

**215**  
leaders were  
trained by HEAL  
Africa in conflict  
resolution in  
2023

## Kijani's story

Kijani\* is a homeless man living in Goma. When he left his family in South Kivu province full of hope and plans to pursue a better life for himself, he didn't know he would meet so many challenges.

Initially he started fishing for 'sambaza' in Lake Kivu with his friends. But one night, they were attacked by a bandit who stole their fishing equipment and killed some of his friends. Having lost his small fishing business, Kijani started washing cars in Goma to earn a little money. In his vulnerability, he became addicted to alcohol and drugs, and while under the influence, found himself involved in a fight in gang territory.

Kijani was beaten and left for dead, only saved by the intervention of a 'Good Samaritan' who called the police. His right eye was badly damaged in the fight but **he had no means of paying for hospital treatment**. After several days, Kijani started to suffer from headaches and his eye developed an infection.

**Thanks to HEAL Africa's Mercy Fund, which supports vulnerable patients, Kijani was brought to the eye specialist at the HEAL Africa hospital.**

To prevent the infection from spreading to his brain, there was no option but to surgically remove the damaged eye, which had burst during the fight.

**Praise God that because of the Mercy Fund, Kijani received his treatment and was discharged without having to pay.**





# A day in the life of Elizabeth

Living Word of Faith, Ghana



We recently celebrated one year of partnership with Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries (LWOF). Ministry leader Pastor Sam shared this: *“Our partnership with WorldShare has been marked by dedication, perseverance and a shared vision for the future.”* LWOF runs the High Priest Academy in Dome, Ghana, providing a safe space for children to be educated. We are delighted to share with you a day in the life of one of the teachers, Elizabeth Osei:



As dawn breaks over Dome, I wake up and begin to prepare for another day of shaping the minds of High Priest Academy.

**5:30 AM:** I rise up early to prepare for the day ahead. I have a quick breakfast and gather my materials before heading to school.

**6:00 AM:** I walk to school.

**6:30 AM:** I arrive at High Priest Academy together with other teachers and begin preparing the classrooms for the day.

**7:00 AM:** We have a staff prayer meeting to commit the new day into God’s hands.

**7:15 AM:** The school day officially begins with general assembly where the pupils pray in unison, sing the national anthem, recite the national pledge, listen to any notices and then march to their classrooms.

**7:30 AM:** Classes start with teaching the pupils memory verses from the Bible and then we have discussions about what they have learnt.

**8:00 AM:** The first subject begins. Following government guidelines, we engage students in various subjects such as Mathematics, English Language, Integrated Science, Social Studies and more.

**10:00 AM:** Mid-morning break - snack time!

**10:30 AM:** Classes resume. I normally incorporate group activities, discussions, hands-on experiments and other interactive methods to keep students engaged, catering to different learning styles and abilities.

**12:30 PM:** Lunchtime - pupils are given free hot meals.

**1:30 PM:** Afternoon classes begin.

**3:30 PM:** School ends for the day. We have a closing assembly to pray and thank God for the day, dismiss the pupils and ensure everyone leaves safely.

**4:00 PM:** The school day is over but for me the work doesn't stop there. I sometimes stay behind to prepare for the next day, mark assignments, attend meetings, communicate with parents or participate in professional development activities.

**4:30 PM:** As evening draws near, I finish my work and head home.

**5:30 PM:** I spend some time relaxing, being with family, or engaging in hobbies before preparing to do it all over again the next day.

**Praise God for the servant heart and Gospel witness of Elizabeth Osei!**

Become a **10:10** today  
**PARTNER**



Would you like to support a teacher like Elizabeth as she guides precious young people in Ghana? By giving **£15 a month**, you could become a 10:10 partner and empower WorldShare’s ministry partners around the world, like Living Word of Faith Evangelistic Ministries, to **bring life in its fullness in Jesus' name**. Your donations will help High Priest Academy to pay its teachers’ salaries, alongside many other vital costs such as funding hot meals. For more information, scan the QR code above or visit: [worldshare.org.uk/1010](http://worldshare.org.uk/1010)

*“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* John 10:10







## WorldShare's 'Tea with the Team'

On **Saturday 29th June**, WorldShare will be hosting a meet-up at **St Michael's Paulsgrove in Portsmouth** from **3-5pm**.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for supporters, or anyone who may want to know more about us, to not only join our team for afternoon tea, but also to hear the latest news, share a time of worship and pray together.

To book your ticket for **£5 per person**, please call the office or visit: [worldshare.org.uk/portsmouth](http://worldshare.org.uk/portsmouth)

## Become a trustee

WorldShare is currently seeking to recruit two new trustees. We especially need someone with **financial/bookkeeping 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](http://worldshare.org.uk/trustee)



## Cup of Hope coffee mornings

This June we are launching a set of free resources for you to download to help run your own WorldShare coffee morning, at church or in your own home. For more information and to register your interest, scan the QR code or visit: [worldshare.org.uk/cohcm](http://worldshare.org.uk/cohcm)



# Reaching the next generation

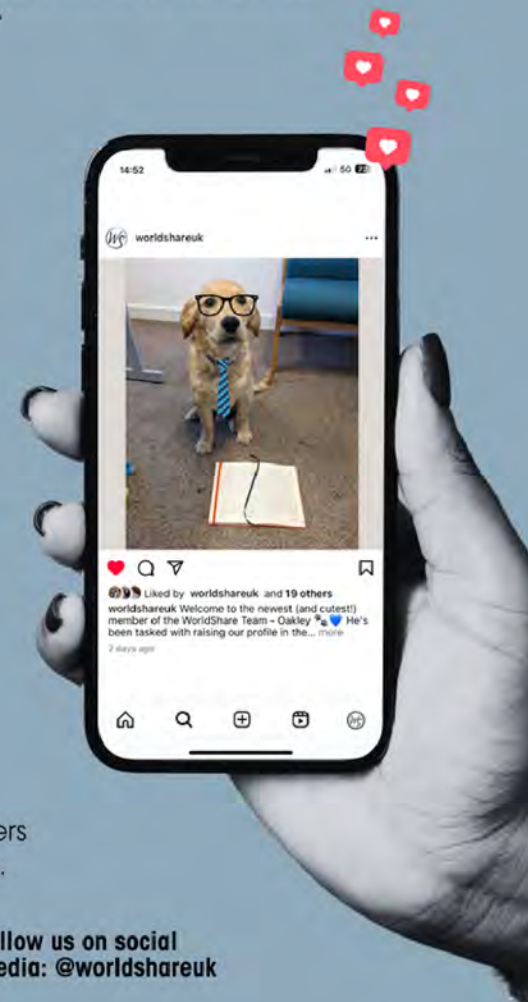
with staff member Katie Wilson



Hi! My name is Katie and I joined WorldShare in January as the new Assistant Communications Officer. At 24, I am the youngest team member and am therefore bringing a new perspective to WorldShare. This year, we are looking to invest in the younger generation, both spiritually and with our time, so I have been working hard to explore ways to reach more young adults. As a team, we understand how important my generation is in building God's Kingdom and we recognise that they are the future of WorldShare.


One avenue I have been exploring is Christian Unions in universities. I have contacted some already, with the aim of sharing the work of WorldShare and trying to gain some new supporters. Please pray for wisdom for me, that I will know how best to engage with them and pray that God will provide many new contacts through the connections I make.

I have also been working hard on improving our social media presence, understanding that young people spend a lot of time on there and it provides a great way to advertise WorldShare. Please pray for creativity for me and for Burçin, our Digital Communications Officer, as we create the posts and videos. Pray for an abundance of new followers who will support and pray for our work.



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