

# CARING AND SHARING (EAST SUSSEX) NEWSLETTER 2025

### 'Live more simply that others may simply live'

This newsletter is free. Please take it home and read about our projects.

> Patients pausing after successful surgical eye operations. (See Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital, overleaf)



#### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The Rule of John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, exhorts us to, 'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, As long as ever you can.'

All well and good. A wonderful sentiment. But why support Caring and Sharing (East Sussex) in particular? We provide a range of projects to care for.

We have personal and regular contact with the project leaders.

We are a Christian Charity helping Christians in challenging ministries.

All donations are sent directly to the project(s) of your choice without any deductions for costs.

We support our work with prayer.

On behalf of our Patron Bishop Nicholas Reade and the Trustees, I thank all of you who sustain our efforts to help those in need through these projects.

God Bless you in all our endeavours.

Hugh Moseley

#### Our Annual Eucharist is at St Wilfred's Pevensey Bay BN24 6EZ on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 11.00am. Celebrant: Bishop Nicholas Reade.

With a speaker from one of the projects we support. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

See details of our supported projects and previous annual newsletters at our website: www.caringandsharingeastsussex.org.uk For the latest information on our groups & projects, phone: Julia Maling 01424 844960



#### Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda

In 2023, The Water Trust started the construction of its first solarpowered motorized piped water scheme, which now serves 5,237 children and adults with safe drinking water, comprised in 6 villages and two primary schools. In addition to the water collection and handwashing stations in both schools, the system has so far connected 8 public tapstands, 31 private household connections, and 4 institutional connections. A water treatment system was also added to enrich the quality of water. The Steve Willis Memorial Fund has funded the costs of digging the well and the pipes to distribute the water from the reservoir tanks to the schools and three community access points.



redchillihideaway.com/steve-willis-memorial-fund/

#### Pensions for Clergy, Rwanda

The four Rwandan Anglican Dioceses, Shyogwe, Butare, Kigeme & Cyangugu, send their deepest appreciation and prayerful thanks for the continued financial support. Pensioners were invited to meet up in their dioceses again, shared current stories of their lives and testimonies, then caught up with each other and the clergy over a lunch provided by the Dioceses. Several were too sick to make the meetings. Examples of how they have used the support have been treatment for chronic diseases and physical ailments, cultivation of land, buying food, repairs to homes, collecting water, feeding animals and children's weddings.

Tony Isaac

#### School for the Deaf, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Buguruni School for the Deaf is located in Buguruni; it enrolls about 240 students from all over Tanzania with hearing disabilities. It is under the ownership of the Tanzania Deaf Society, an NGO under the leadership of Mr Mwakawago Daudi. A charity registered in the UK supports the school, (its charity number in the UK is 1063647/0, and it was formerly known as "Friends of the Deaf in Tanzania"). Their efforts towards the school have set up support from the Rotary Clubs in Dar es Salaam and other well-wishers. The school aims to be an excellence centre for assisting Tanzania's deaf people.

#### Bolgatanga, Ghana

Due to climate change, the rainy season can now start as late as July, for the harvest season in September or October. A shorter rainy season means overall less rain, leading to failed, or smaller, harvests. This can mean higher food insecurity, and result in lower household incomes coupled with high inflation rates on food items such as vegetables and grains.

In northern Ghana, where the Needy Scheme primarily works, and where over 80% of households own or operate a farm, these crops feed their families or earn a livelihood. Many are earning less and are struggling to feed their families; children go to school hungry, or drop out completely.

Fr Edwin Abanga

#### Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Jittu and Kedida both live in rural villages. Their lives have been very similar and they shared a dream of motherhood. But when the time came to give birth, there was one crucial difference between the two mothers-to-be. Kedida and her beautiful baby daughter returned home happy and healthy after receiving skilled midwifery care from Hamlin midwife Gadissie. Jittu delivered a stillborn baby and sustained a devastating obstetric fistula injury and incontinence. She returned home in grief, shame and pain.

This is the difference one Hamlin midwife makes. Every year, they save the lives of thousands of mothers and babies and prevent countless obstetric fistulas.

www.hamlinfistulauk.org

#### Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital

#### Eye surgical camp

In July we held a successful eye surgical camp in conjunction with Ruharo Mission Hospital where over 200 patients received services and 24 eyes were operated on. Surgeries done included: Cataract surgery, Excisions and Trabeculectomy, and many patients had their sight restored. Excitement of patients whose sight has been restored has always been the highlight of these camps as the patients can't hide their thrill.

It's a breathtaking moment to witness the frenzied reaction of the patients and their families, and we bless the Lord for touching His people through our works.

(See photograph on the front page.)

Dr. Henry Lukabwe, Medical Superintendent

#### My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil

The project continues to receive children both morning and afternoon, according to each child's time at school. We concentrate on helping those with learning difficulties and supporting in health and nutrition. When the children are at home, health problems are usually caused by poor sanitation in the home, while poor nutrition is usually a result of family economic conditions. Knowing that families can't afford the luxuries of day trips out or even a simple trip out for food or to the cinema, we work hard to give the children celebrations on special days such as birthday celebrations and trips to the beach and farm to compensate and encourage their development through these very simple social activities. *Rev. Ian Meldrum* 

#### Nurseries of Christ the Redeemer and Holy Trinity, Lima, Peru



On a visit, the dedication of the teaching staff at Holy Trinity Nurseries was evident in their interactions with the students. They not only provide academic instruction

but are also nurturing the personal and spiritual growth of the children. The students themselves were enthusiastic and engaged, demonstrating the effectiveness of the teaching methods employed.

The classrooms were clean and well-organized, and the outdoor play areas were also in excellent condition.

The young children responded warmly to their visitors, greeting them with smiles and enthusiasm. The children's joy and eagerness to learn were evident, reinforcing the importance of the work being done at the nurseries. A vibrant and positive Christian learning environment, where children are encouraged to grow both academically and spiritually.

Rev Stephen McElhinney, SAMS Ireland

#### Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia

An important part of our work is feeding the children. In a recent year, more than 11,750 lunches were served at Casa Walsingham, and a further 11,210 lunches were served at Casa Bannatyne, the house where the members of our choir are accommodated during the week, and where other groups of children stay at weekends. For many of these children, the meals we provide are their main source of nourishment. As a result of the alarming rise in food prices since the pandemic, the children have become even more reliant on the food provided. These meals cost the equivalent of  $\pounds3.40$  per child per day.

We fear that some of the children who can no longer come to Casa Walsingham are now going hungry, and that they are in danger of falling into the hands of the hundreds of criminal gangs that operate in Medellin.

www.letthechildrenlive.org

Pauline Allan

#### **Feeding Programme, Honduras**



As their mothers work in the markets in Tegucigalpa., once a week 250 children attend health and education workshops, and receive a snack provided entirely by Caring and Sharing.

Donald C. Kaminsky, "Alternatives and Opportunities"

#### **CNI-SSI Nagpur, India**

The Church of North India Social Service Institute organises skill development workshops to provide women with sustainable economic livelihood opportunities.



Women are motivated so that they can build up small groups for self-employment and micro-enterprises. For example, 4 workshops of two days were each organized in 2 slums and 2 villages of Nagpur District, and benefited 132 women directly for the sustainability of their livelihoods. The training workshops consisted of making phenol, the liquid used as washing detergent, toilet cleaner and hand wash. The women are divided into groups and the manufacturing process is demonstrated to them. The practical also deals with packing and labelling the products. The session on entrepreneurial skills covers cost calculation of the product, communication skills and marketing.

*Mrs. Aradhana Upadhyay* www.facebook.com/cnissinagpur/

#### Ebenezer Home of Social Outreaches, India



partnership In with Caring and Sharing. EHSO provides a safe & secure place for children between 3 and 5, where they receive а 'pre-school' education, learn alphabets,

numbers, sing rhymes and hear stories, along with snacks and refreshments. EHSO also gives monthly provisions and financial assistance to their families.

Over the years Caring & Sharing has provided a happy environment for the children who are pleased to be part of the centre. The parents are thankful to God that their child is secure and offer their special thanks and gratefully acknowledge your love and generosity.

#### Fundatia New Life, Romania



As we do every year, as soon as the spring comes, we start working on the garden and around the house. There is always something to do! The main job is to keep the garden clean as it is quite large and cutting the grass is a difficult task. We are trying to involve the boys as much as possible. Out of all the boys, Gabi is always very happy to help. He is the most active one and he just loves to help the staff.

Marius Istrate, Project manager

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION Totals sent to projects

Our financial year is 1 June – 31 May each year and these figures are those examined and duly submitted to the Charity Commission for each accounting period.

Proiect	2023/24
Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda	£6,110
School for the Deaf, Tanzania	£3,210
Clergy Pensions, Rwanda	£2,150
Bolgatanga, Ghana	£3,170
Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia	£1,900
Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda	£1,670
My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil	£1,990
Children's nurseries, Lima, Peru	£3,745
Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia	£7,120
Feeding Programme, Honduras	£2,415
Social Services Institute, CNI, Nagpur, India	£1,625
Ebenezer Day Care Centre, Chennai, India	£1,635
Fundatia New Life, Romania	£4,265
TOTALS	£41,005

**Angela Hawksley** has retired from the Trustees to be replaced by Stephen White from Bexhill. Angela has been our secretary, Eastern groups coordinator and legal advisor for more than a decade and we are immensely grateful to her.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The original idea of Caring and Sharing was to "live more simply that others may simply live" by helping some of the poorest of the poor in our world. Various projects were carefully chosen and managed, to be funded in part by modest but regular donations by Church members in East Sussex.

- You can donate by credit or debit Card through Just Giving (from our website www.caringandsharingeastsussex.org.uk).
- By **bank transfer** to Barclays, sort code 20 27 91, A/C Number 40638293. Please specify which project you wish to help in the reference.
- By cheques made payable to Caring and Sharing East Sussex – please specify which project you wish to help – and send to The Treasurer, Flat 6, The Normans, Normandale, Bexhill, TN39 3NU
- We also accept CAF cheques.

**Online payments** to sales sites benefit us via Give As You Live – www.giveasyoulive.com.

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