

CARING AND SHARING (EAST SUSSEX) NEWSLETTER 2023

'Live more simply that others may simply live'

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

Adagwor II Kabebe Borehole financed by the Steve Willis Memorial fund in Uganda.



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Once again, our world seems to be teetering on the edge of a precipice: war, poverty, cruelty, and neglect, let alone the daily impact of global warming across the globe. It's tempting to concern ourselves solely with our own lives to shut out the impassioned cries of the needy. The task may seem overwhelming as we try to respond to them all.

Caring and Sharing targets 14 Christian projects with the intention of making a difference. We have regular contact with the project leaders and know how our donations are spent. Our work is undergirded by prayer, which is valued by our friends overseas as much as our monetary contributions. Please read about the projects in the Newsletter and decide where you can help.

I thank our faithful committee members for another year of dedicated service. I thank all who have generously and prayerfully supported Caring and Sharing. We move into the 41st year of our work with hope and love.

Hugh Moseley

Our Annual Eucharist is at St Peter's Church, Bexhill TN40 2HE on Saturday 17th June at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch.

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:

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See inside for recent news from the projects we support

Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda

The community around Adagwor Kabebe borehole received their water point on 18th July 2022. This village of small-scale farmers has 43 households with a population of 248 people including refugee communities. Christine Falal said, "I used to collect water from a borehole in Cluster C in the Refugee settlement. The water from that source had a very bad taste and it would darken food when used for cooking. Besides this, the source was crowded most of the time and I would spend almost two hours at the water point. My parents would punish me for delaying at the water point each time I arrived home late. Having this borehole near our home is a blessing and it saves a lot of time for other tasks because it is not crowded as compared to the borehole at the Refugee settlement."

(See photograph on the front page.)

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

Pensions for Clergy, Rwanda



We were unable to transfer funds to Rwanda in our financial year 2021-2022 due to the winding down of LBMT through whom funds were previously transferred. However we are pleased to report that in November 2022 £4560 was transferred to Shyogwe diocese for distribution to the pensioners in the dioceses of Shyogwe, Cyangugu, Kigeme and Butare. The pensioners often have health problems and extended families to support and they are very grateful for the pensions they receive. In future we plan to make an annual payment.

Pensioners from Kigeme Diocese, December 2022

School for the Deaf, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

In 2022 we visited Buguruni School for the Deaf and were delighted to see that all is in good order. No Covid cases, Buguruni Breakfast Club and Child Sponsorship still running successfully. We were privileged to meet with the Alumni; some are doing well, others struggling; we will be looking into the difficulties they are experiencing.

We would like to thank Caring & Sharing for all their help and support; like many charities, during these hard economic times we have lost supporters, so your support has and continues to be invaluable. Collectively we are making a difference.

Asante Sana!

Judith Roberts, Tanzanear



Bolgatanga, Ghana

Poor rural people continue to have limited access to basic social services, safe water, sanitation, roads, and electricity and telephone services. Poverty is most severe among food crop farmers, who are mainly traditional small-scale producers. It has been for these and other vulnerable groups that the Caring and Sharing support over the years has gone to, in the provision of food relief and other incidentals; mosquito nets; assisting deprived school children with learning materials and fees; healthcare support; amongst many other needs. We continue to assist poor and needy people in very critical situations overcome their economic and social predicaments.

Fr Edwin Abanga

Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



No woman should experience the pain and suffering caused by obstetric fistula, however in Ethiopia, sadly, this debilitating childbirth injury affects around 1,000 women each year. Yet fistula can be repaired with a single life changing surgery. We are dedicated to the treatment and prevention of debilitating childbirth injuries in Ethiopia. It is thanks to supporters like you that this year we are able to change the lives of women like Hirut. After suffering the loss of her baby following an obstructed labour Hirut sadly developed a fistula. At first she thought incontinence was normal after labour, but it didn't stop: "Our way of living deteriorated. I spent two years full of stress and agony." Thankfully a Hamlin Patient Identification Officer visited Hirut's village and she was referred to Hamlin's Yirgalem Regional Fistula Hospital. After successful surgery she said "This is the biggest moment of my life, my heartfelt thanks to you all".

Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital

Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital provides a wide range of ministries with a core theme of "care for the vulnerable" with neonatal, mental health and rehabilitation services often lacking in other centres. Increasing specialisation includes endoscopy and laparoscopic surgical services.



Community services include Ante-natal clinics now including ultrasound screening; and the Kisiizi insurance scheme is the oldest in the country with the motto "affordable access to quality

healthcare". Huge thanks to Caring and Sharing for the prayers and support that has been a great encouragement as Kisiizi has successfully pressed on through a range of challenges. www.kisiizihospital.org.ug

My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil

My Father's House created in Olinda three community-based hubs to support the whole family unit with prevention, directly in their own communities. They also started to encourage wider environmental education through developing practical activities that include plastic waste collection and education on the local beaches. This work continues to grow and develop, and during Covid-19 and the Brazil floods, these centres became critical central points to supporting those communities with health and hygiene as well as food packages and emotional and practical support throughout. Many of the extra donations from our donors has helped to support this critical work over the last two years.

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



This 6-year-old is autistic. He was looking for a place to study but because of his limitations regular schools do not want to have him. He came to our school and loved our nursery, which felt like home. Since he found us, he has developed different skills; one of them is prayer.

Isabel Montoya

Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia

One area of our work that has been especially

successful this last year is our little school for young teenagers from the streets and shantytowns. These boys and girls have had virtually no education and the girls are all either pregnant or have babies or



toddlers. Ways of earning money are very restricted for them unless they have their High School Certificate, so our school offers them a two-year accelerated course, tailored to their needs, which leads to the High School Certificate. Armed with this they have the chance of going on to further training or obtaining a job. In 2022 16 graduated from our school and in 2023 there will be another ten. This is quite remarkable considering that

these young people are regarded as beyond help by everyone else, and without our help would most likely have been sucked into lives of crime, drugs, prostitution and the gangs.

Feeding Programme, Honduras



Donald C. Kaminsky, "Alternatives and Opportunities"

CNI-SSI Nagpur, India

A program was organized by CNISSI in Vinoba Bhave Nagar slum to observe Savitribai Jayanti. "Savitribai Phule was the first women, who stood alone for girls' education, took lots of effort to make women educated and made available the first girls' school in Pune and in the memory of such Honourable women this day is celebrated."

The objective was to encourage women to learn functional literacy and gain confidence. She became a trailblazer and inspiration for many girls and women, as she helped in providing education for girls and destitute women of the society, she advocated values such as humanism, liberty, equality, brotherhood, rationalism and the importance of education among others.

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

Ebenezer Home of Social Outreaches, India

Through the years our Child Day Care Centre (CDCC) has been providing a safe and secure environment for kids whose parents leave for work in the paddy fields, brick kilns,



building sites and market places. Throughout the Covid pandemic EHSO's staff and volunteers worked tirelessly for the children in our care. When families lost jobs and livelihoods EHSO took action and provided food supplies and financial assistance. EHSO's staff worked under immense pressure distributing food supplies like rice bags, sugar, dhals, cereals, cooking oil and other cooking essentials as well as soap, washing powder, sanitizer and masks to all of the families it serves.

Thank you to Caring & Sharing for it's faithful support.

Martin Edwards www.ehso.org

Pinsk Children's Hospice, Belarus

Our team and volunteers are doing many things in order to cope with the challenges that have landed on our shoulders. The hospice families who we look after as well as the Baby Home staff and many other people who care for children with special needs are finding best ways we can help the children given all the hardships we have. Often we are the last hope and resort for these families who rely on our help; we are not always able to provide all that it requested or help everywhere where help is needed. We try and support the siblings in the hospice families as well as the parents, who need constant training on how to care for their children at home.

Fr Sergei

Fundatia New Life, Romania

Revisiting after 5 years, I don't think much has changed. Even the house grew old and needed a bit of TLC but overall life for these young men continues to be such a positive environment. This house in the middle of the Romanian countryside really is as beautiful and warming as the first day it became a family. Originally the fear for these young men was that they would end up on the streets with no one to look out for them. With Fundatia New Life they have become a family: cared and looked after by a team of staff who act as guardians, mentors, parents and friends. My only fear now is that with the tough times ahead it will be even harder for the house, and I have just one prayer that together we can give these young men the safety and security of a future together to live as full a life as possible. The house and Fundatia New Life truly has given these young men a future and a new life.

Peter Newell, friend of Fundatia New Life

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.

Project	2021/22
Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda	£8,975.00
School for the Deaf, Tanzania	£3,135.00
Clergy Pensions, Rwanda	£0.00
Bolgatanga, Ghana	£1,165.00
Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia	£6,161.00
Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda	£3,800.00
My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil	£4,955.00
Children's nurseries, Lima, Peru	£6,080.00
Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia	£9,560.00
Feeding Programme, Honduras	£3,010.00
Social Services Institute, CNI, Nagpur, India	£3,275.00
Ebenezer Day Care Centre, Chennai, India	£3,770.00
Chernobyl Children, Belarus	£4,210.00
Fundatia New Life, Romania	£5,625.00
TOTALS	£63,721.00

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.

 Cheques to "Caring and Sharing East Sussex". Please specify which project you wish to help.

Send to The Treasurer, 130 Cooden Drive, Bexhill, TN39 3AW

- Credit transfers to Barclays, sort code 20-27-91 A/C Number 40638293 (Please specify which project)
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