



CARING AND SHARING (EAST SUSSEX) NEWSLETTER 2021

'Live more simply that others may simply live'



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

**Distributing first aid kits and nose
masks to women-farmer groups,
Bolgatanga, Ghana**

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Let me share with you some good news amidst so much disturbing news at present. At a time when Charities are struggling to survive or at least to maintain their revenue, Caring and Sharing is holding its own. Our income is only marginally down on the previous year for which heartfelt thanks go to, first of all, our faithful supporters, some of whom have been with us since our inception in 1982; secondly, our Gift Aid Officer, Michael Jones, whose diligence and efficiency have realised substantial GA payments for our benefit. Thank you to all who have signed and returned GA forms. Sadly for us, Michael wishes to stand down and we need a volunteer replacement to serve on our committee. The system is set up and if you feel able to respond to this appeal, please contact Michael. Both your kind donations and your prayers are of immense value to each of the projects which we support.

For one year only, this newsletter is in a simpler format, yet it carries details of the projects we support.

We continue to believe in the importance of Caring and Sharing which is based on our motto to "live more simply that others may simply live". Thank you to our supporters and to the committee which works tirelessly to give hope to some of the world's neediest people.

Hugh Moseley

Caring and Sharing Eucharist 2021

Saturday 2nd October, 11am at St Peter's Church, Chailey BN8 4DA when Ann and Malcolm Bates will talk about the Steve Willis Memorial Fund water project.

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

See inside for
recent news from
the projects we support



Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda

Avuta water source is in Teyago Village, Diima Parish, Mutunda Sub County in Kiryandongo District with a total of 70 households with a population of more than 450 people. There were existing water sources before the intervention, but due to climatic changes and geological formation, the water sources were submerged in the swamp with high levels of contamination of e.coli and unsafe for human consumption.

The new water point has been drilled to provide clean water to the people, reduce distance and water borne diseases.

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



Pensions for Clergy, Rwanda

It has surely been a very tough year for the Rwandan Clergy Pensioners due to Covid-19. Many are weakening due to their various illnesses; age restrictions are stopping many attending church and some have grandchildren who cannot yet return to school. We pray that the Dioceses have been able to keep in touch with them, many being in remote areas, and help when they find particular hardship. The Caring & Sharing support will be very welcome at this time when the Dioceses are also struggling financially.

Tony Isaac

School for the Deaf, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

2020 has been difficult for everyone, but I am delighted that all is going well at Buguruni. Despite no visits, we have managed to keep all our projects going; the Breakfast Club, the Child Sponsorship Scheme and general maintenance. We were also able to send money to buy equipment to keep everyone COVID safe. The icing on the cake was all the students passed their Std. VII exams.

On behalf of everyone at Buguruni and all of us at Tanzanear, thank you so much for your support – Asante Sana!

Judith Roberts, Chairman

Bolgatanga, Ghana

Right now, we are doing what we can to protect children and families from the impact of COVID-19 with the help of supporters like you. In the last couple of months, the Needy Scheme has distributed first aid kits, bars of soap and other detergents to communities in need, where it will be used to increase handwashing, stop the spread of COVID-19 and save lives. This will be massively helpful to rural communities as they navigate this challenging time with limited access to healthcare.

(See the photograph on the front page.)

Fr Edwin Abanga

Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Hamlin Fistula UK is dedicated to restoring the health and dignity of women in Ethiopia who have survived the horrendous – and preventable – childbirth injury: obstetric fistula. During 2019-20, thanks to Caring and Sharing's support, 1,561 women received life changing surgery for childbirth injuries at six Hamlin hospitals across Ethiopia.

It was with deep sadness Hamlin Fistula UK shared news of the passing of their founder Dr Catherine Hamlin in March 2020. Catherine passed away peacefully at her home on the grounds of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital where she had lived for 61 years. She was 96 years old. In this time of sorrow, we reflect upon her life and celebrate it for what it was: a gift to some of the world's most vulnerable women.

www.hamlinfistulauk.org

Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital

The old Ahumuza mental health ward had been empty pending the planned development of our new Maternity and Neonatal Unit in future. It was designated by Management as our Isolation Unit for any Covid-19 suspects. We have installed a good number of individual patient cubicles to minimise the risks of cross-infection. The financial impact continues to bite and our staff remain on 25% reduction of normal salaries. We are grateful to friends who have supported the provision of posho (maize flour) to staff, especially the lower paid porters and support teams.



www.kisiizihospital.org.ug

My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil



The photo shows one of our children's groups. When I look at these underprivileged children, I imagine what may have been their future had "My Father's

House" not been able to help them and many others. A daily meal, school help groups (especially for those who are unable to read or write) and a careful watch to keep away the drug dealers form a major part of what we have been able to do. In 2021 we plan to expand similar activities to many more in need as the Covid restrictions are eased. Please know that our "partnership in the gospel" is playing a vital role in many lives in NE Brazil.

Blessings, *Rev. Ian Meldrum*

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



The Nursery is still teaching within restrictions under the Emergency Situation. We visited the children's houses to see how they were doing during the lockdown and to see how we could help them. We found different kinds of needs. Most of the families lost their jobs so we provided food bags, health kits & medicines. We also spent time with those who were suffering by praying with

them and sharing hope, especially with those who have lost a member of the family because of Covid-19. Our social worker volunteer takes them to counselling sessions, health clinics etc.

Isabel Montoya

Street Educators, Medellín, Colombia

Although we lost 15 of our 16 appeals this year through lockdown, we have still managed to keep 1,200 people alive with food parcels and have kept our little school running for 20 of the most vulnerable young people, three of whom gained their High School Certificate during lockdown. Our staff have kept in touch with our children by various means, often using mobile phones to organise activities. We have just received permission to start bringing children back into our two houses, so long as we follow all necessary protocols.

Pauline Allan

www.letthechildrenlive.org



Fancy dress competition via mobile phones

Feeding Programme, Honduras

This has been a very difficult year for all families because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March we have had to go to digital communications and periodic small group meetings.

Periodic food packages have been distributed since hunger is widespread due to severe lockdown for most of the year and family incomes are very limited.

The staff of "Alternatives and Opportunities"

CNI-SSI Nagpur, India



During the COVID -19 Pandemic CNISSI has reached out to the poor and needy people. Rations in bulk were handed over to the local police, monitoring a community kitchen was run with the help of Nagpur Municipal Corporation. Similarly rations were provided to the Nomadic families residing on the roadside selling decorative items. Masks and sanitizer have been given to the migrant workers, daily wage earners and to the slum dwellers. We also shared with them about the importance of social distancing, hand washing, and use of masks and sanitizer.

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

Ebenezer Home of Social Outreaches, India

Since the onset of Covid and the subsequent lockdown our Child Day Care Centre has been closed. However in this time we continued to support our children and their families with financial help and monthly provisions including food where there was no other means of support for them. During the lockdown the parents could not earn money and were struggling for even one meal a day. These families live in unhygienic conditions in some of the poorest slums in Chennai, South India.

When the government eased the lockdown rules our staff met the children's families and were able to give them further monthly provisions and other medical help.

This support has been a great help, and all are thankful to God and their sponsors helping them during this lockdown.

Martin Edwards

<http://www.ehso.org/>



Pinsk Children's Hospice, Belarus

All of the children we look after are in the highest risk group, so we have had to change the way for supporting these families by switching communication to video chats, where the mothers are using their mobile phones to demonstrate areas of concern that require special attention and our doctors are trying to advise the parents on the best way of dealing with the issues. We have used our stethoscopes so that parents can listen to specific sounds and alert our nurses in case of need. If and where required our support team members are visiting the children to provide professional care and assistance.

Fr Sergie

Fundatia New Life, Romania

When the virus hit Romania in the spring, we had to take some drastic measures, in order to protect the boys. One of these measures was to put the staff on 14 day shifts. This was not easy for them but it was the right thing to do at the time.

Another problem was getting the medical treatment for the boys. It became more and more difficult to get to a doctor for their regular medical problems, as access to the hospital services was limited to a minimum due to the Covid-19 situation.

Marius Istrate

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	2019/20
Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda	£5,790.00
School for the Deaf, Tanzania	£2,020.00
Clergy Pensions, Rwanda	£2,470.00
Bolgatanga, Ghana	£2,005.00
Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia	£6,250.00
Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda	£5,105.00
My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil	£4,031.00
Children's nurseries, Lima, Peru	£5,230.00
Street Educators, Medellín, Colombia	£8,750.00
Feeding Programme, Honduras	£3,377.00
Little Flower Leprosy Centre, Raxaul, India	£1,302.89
Social Services Institute, CNI, Nagpur, India	£3,452.00
Ebenezer Day Care Centre, Chennai, India	£2,305.00
Chernobyl Children, Belarus	£2,900.00
Fundatia New Life, Romania	£4,580.00
TOTALS	£59,567.89

GIVING TO OUR SUPPORTED PROJECTS

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.

We, the committee, also encourage giving by **cheques** (made out to Caring and Sharing, East Sussex), with an indication of which project(s) you wish this donation to be for, and sent directly to the Treasurer % 130 Cooden Drive, Bexhill TN39 3AW.

Please also contact the Treasurer for details of how you can give by:

- ◆ Gift Aid (if you pay Income Tax)
- ◆ Legacies

We can also accept CAF cheques, and donated percentages of online payments to many popular sales sites through Give As You Live www.giveasyoulive.com

As a small charity staffed entirely by volunteers, we unfortunately do not have the resources to accept donations by direct debit, credit/debit cards or charity donation cards.

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