



CARING AND SHARING (EAST SUSSEX) NEWSLETTER 2022

'Live more simply that others may simply live'

Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

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read about our projects.

Children from the Ebenezer
Home of Social Outreaches
Child Day Care Centre (CDCC),
Chennai (Madras), South India



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

40 years! What a remarkable story for Caring and Sharing to have flourished for four decades.

Thanks are entirely due to the faithful groups and individuals in East Sussex and beyond who have consistently and sacrificially made donations to the many projects across the world in which we have been privileged to share. Regular news about the activities of these projects has made us more determined than ever to maintain our support for some of those in greatest need. Underpinning our monetary gifts are our prayers to encourage and sustain that work.

Bishop Nicholas Reade was present in Eastbourne 40 years ago when our Charity was launched, so it is appropriate that he will preach at a celebratory **Eucharist on Saturday 25th June 2022 at 11am at Holy Cross Church, Uckfield** (TN22 1BP). We are also delighted to have the Right Reverend Will Hazlewood, the Bishop of Lewes, as the celebrant. Please bring a packed lunch as we will share fellowship after the service in the Belmont Centre. We thank our Lord for his providence in helping us to raise £3.5 million. To Him be the glory and the praise.

Hugh Moseley

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 Steve Willis Memorial Fund is planning to construct one or two boreholes in a refugee settlement of 287 households in the north of Uganda in February 2022.

Community Health Worker, Ayoo Grace said, "The water scarcity here is making us face a lot of problems in the family; the tap stand here sometimes runs out of water for over 6 hours in a day, making us delay in preparing food for the children. The only borehole in the area frequently breaks down, forcing people to fetch water from neighbouring clusters where they charge us highly."

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

Pensions for Clergy, Rwanda

Bishop Jered of Shyogwe Diocese and his Director of Finance & Administration, Eugenie, had kindly offered to manage the distribution of the pension. A transfer was made in June 2021 and distributed to the other Dioceses and pensioners. The financial support will have been extremely valuable to the pensioners as 2021 has been another very hard year for them, with a number passing away. Many churches are still closed and pastors unpaid. Sadly, the pensioners have not been able to attend meetings in their Dioceses due to pandemic restrictions.

Tony Isaac

School for the Deaf, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

2021 is a year which has certainly brought challenges. Despite all, we have continued to run the Breakfast Club, Child Sponsorship Scheme, continued maintenance, tracked the Alumni and most importantly supplied materials to prevent the spread of COVID in the school, and I am delighted to say no-one has had COVID.

Like most charities, we have also suffered the effects of COVID so we remain indebted to organisations such as Caring and Sharing, who enable us to continue our work. So once again from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for all your support – collectively we are making a difference.

Judith Roberts, Tanzanear

Bolgatanga, Ghana

We want to thank you for the support you've shown to our needy groups and individuals who have received emergency food, soap and PPE throughout the pandemic.

Your support makes us hopeful, but help is still needed in northern Ghana as the virus continues to spread into its most marginalised communities. As this pandemic grows (now in its third wave in most countries in Africa), so does our responsibility to care for one another. Together, we can make a difference.

Fr Edwin Abanga

Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, in 2021 our surgical teams at six hospitals delivered 1,508 operations for women with childbirth injuries including obstetric fistula, prolapsed uterus and other obstetric and gynaecological conditions.

Practising Hamlin midwives provided vital antenatal, delivery and postnatal care services to women in rural communities during the pandemic. Hamlin supported 56 health centres where midwives are based with provision of essential drugs and equipment. Hamlin's surgical work also took a big step forward this year with the recruitment of a specialist diversion surgeon, Dr Wondwossen. Diversion surgery can offer a lifeline for women with severe fistula injuries, providing them with a urostomy (stoma) bag – which can enable them to begin the journey to getting their lives back. And Desta Mender, our rehabilitation centre, has given 282 women with more complex fistula injuries a place to heal with physiotherapy and counselling, and to grow with education and training.



www.hamlinfistulauk.org

Church of Uganda Kisiizi Hospital



Sr Sayunni Eunice is in charge of our Special Care Baby Unit, including sorting out knitted clothes received from supporters. We give them to the premature babies and young children on the ward and they are hugely appreciated by the families. The mother pictured here with her baby carried in the local traditional way on her back has been helped by the Good Samaritan Fund which gives crucial help to the vulnerable.

Kisiizi sends a very big thanks to all who send these items and support us financially and with prayers. Churches and groups have been helping in this way for decades.



www.kisiizihospital.org.ug

My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil



Graduation party

At My Fathers House, we aim to give to children what they would otherwise not have—a chance to grow up as normal people! To become young adults with a strong future based on the Christian Gospel of love and hope.

Activities despite Covid restrictions include first aid courses, simple economic cooking, self-esteem and self-control through martial arts training for children, and of course bible knowledge and faith expression.

Rev. Ian Meldrum

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

Luz Marina, 3 years old, with her grandmother, who takes care of her and her three brothers 24/7 as her mother is working at home during the week. As Luz Marina has severe anaemia, we have brought food and treatment for the girl. Glory to God who has improved her. Photo at Christ the Redeemer Church on Christmas Sunday.



Isabel Montoya

Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia

Six of the youngsters from our school project graduated from High School in July 2021. This is the latest group graduation that we have had, and all of them have done the whole of their accelerated secondary education with us. One is a young mum; another is a lad who was living in the street when he started, but is now back at home with his mum; and another is a boy who was bullied mercilessly at every school he had ever been to and had reacted against this. In Funvini—an organisation of last resort—he was not bullied or judged, so he has managed to stay the course with us.

Fr Peter

Feeding Programme, Honduras



Many health education activities have been carried out on the internet. But we also conducted in-person health education activities and repeated them multiple times for small groups, always taking prevention cautions.

At these activities there was also the provision of the Caring and Sharing healthy snack. Also celebrations of the Day of the Child and Christmas were organized with hundreds of children divided into small groups and with food purchased from the Caring and Sharing donation.

Donald C. Kaminsky, "Alternatives and Opportunities"

CNI-SSI Nagpur, India

On 15 August, Nagpur Police sealed the roads leading to 'Ganga Jamuna' — the city's 200-year-old Red Light area. The workers affected shared that they don't have money to pay fees for their children. How do they eat? They have been sitting hungry, and have even fallen sick. We are hopeful that many NGOs including CNISSI will come forward to give them skills to earn a livelihood.

We would like to thank all of the people who support our various projects that make it possible for underprivileged women to have the care and empowerment they desperately need.

We are very proud to have shared a strategic alliance with Caring and Sharing during many of these years.

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

Ebenezer Home of Social Outreaches, India

The Covid pandemic brought with it an economic crisis for many of the families. Business came to a standstill, zero-hour contracts were cancelled, Child Day Care Centres were closed and some families starving—people felt all hope was lost. Added to which many of the parents were hospitalised with Covid. However with the support from Caring and Sharing, EHSO provided CDCC families with food, cash, masks and provisions.

EHSO, and the Children and Families we provide for are very grateful for the wonderful support we receive from Caring & Sharing which helped to sustain these children and families through the Covid Pandemic and Economic Crisis. Thank you.

Martin Edwards

(See photograph on the front page.)

www.ehso.org

Pinsk Children's Hospice, Belarus

Our prime difficulty is the lack of even most basic supplies of care products and medication, not to mention proper quality items of equipment. We have to find where and how to get the items we need, then find a way of getting them into Belarus and then find a way to pay for them. Our options are very limited as we can only get items in Russia or Kazakhstan. Most of the supplies which used to come from Poland, Germany, Lithuania or Ukraine are not available to us as the borders are still closed.

Fr Sergey (July 2021)

cclink.wixsite.com/cclashford/pinsk-children-s-hospice





We opened the house in 2003. I have always trusted that God will provide for all our needs at the house! And in the most amazing ways, He did! I have witnessed so many miracles and the new roof is the latest one. I was talking about the need for a new roof at the house and as the amount was significant, my hope was to raise it in 2-3 years. But once again, God had a different plan! Just one month after we sent out the summer newsletter, the funds came in and we had a new roof on the house! I can't even believe it myself. I can't even remember how I found this amazing building team. In just one week the job was done! In the name of each one of the boys at the house, thank you for all your support!

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	2020/21
Steve Willis Memorial Fund, Uganda	£4,620.00
School for the Deaf, Tanzania	£1,125.00
Clergy Pensions, Rwanda	£2,295.00
Bolgatanga, Ghana	£1,000.00
Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia	£2,430.00
Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda	£2,122.00
My Father's House, Olinda, Brazil	£2,355.00
Children's nurseries, Lima, Peru	£5,071.00
Let the Children Live, Medellín, Colombia	£4,905.00
Feeding Programme, Honduras	£1,735.00
Social Services Institute, CNI, Nagpur, India	£2,320.00
Ebenezer Day Care Centre, Chennai, India	£2,836.00
Chernobyl Children, Belarus	£3,326.00
Fundatia New Life, Romania	£2,845.00
TOTALS	£38,985.00

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.

Credit transfers may also be made to our bank account at Barclays, Sort Code: 20-27-91, Account Number: 40638293. In the payment reference field please indicate your preferred project(s); otherwise we will allocate as most appropriate at the time.

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

- ◆ Standing Orders,
- ◆ 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

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations by direct debit, credit/debit cards or charity donation cards.

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