



NEWSBRIEF

News from Global Care and our partner projects

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CORONAVIRUS: WHAT NEXT?

Your generosity during the coronavirus pandemic has allowed us to save lives, and prevent tragedy, for thousands of vulnerable people in impoverished communities around the world. Thank you! Please read on, for stories of lives you have enabled us to touch at this time of crisis. We hope you can see you are truly making a difference.

At the time of writing, you have donated a magnificent £94,053 to support our coronavirus response. This has equipped us to send or allocate £102,316 to our projects worldwide, to enable them to tackle the huge challenges posed by the initial stages of the coronavirus pandemic.

We are so grateful for this incredible provision. However, as we all know, the pandemic is far from over. We can't predict exactly what will be needed, where, or when, but we believe we must focus on the following needs in the coming months:



Families

Even as lockdowns lift, many jobs have vanished. Even casual work is hard to find in some communities. Many of our families survive on daily wage labour, so hunger is a constant companion. We must act to provide food and / or rent support, to keep families alive and safe while economies and communities recover.



Education

Bringing children back to school, homework clubs and children's centres in a Covid-secure way is challenging. Our partners need support to provide hand sanitisers or hand-washing stations, face masks, and to allow social distancing – providing extra space, desks or even staff.



Delays and changes

Some initiatives have been unavoidably delayed, including new pit latrines at M8 school in Zambia, and new water points at the Ethiopian pre-schools. Some partners are behind with important government paperwork. Sponsorship letters and photos are affected, where schools were closed and movement restricted. Our partners need support to catch up, whilst simultaneously navigating unavoidable changes to ongoing work. For instance, monitoring sponsored children who are no longer in school, will mean more travel costs for project staff.

We recognise that not everyone is able to give financially at this present time. However, please consider making a donation if at all possible, and, whatever your circumstances, please pray.

Never in Global Care's history have we faced such an enormous task, simultaneously affecting almost all of our projects. We very much appreciate your faithful support.



Please give at
www.globalcare.org/Children-At-Risk or via 030 030 21 030

Gordon & Freddy KIBERA, KENYA



Gordon's first wife died of AIDS, leaving him with four children including six month-old *Freddy, who was HIV+.

He supported the family as a conductor on long distance buses from the main bus station in Nairobi, Kenya. Five years ago, he met Lilian, who made a living selling tea and snacks to bus travellers.

They married, and Lilian moved in with her two teenage children. Freddy was just six. His baby brother came along a year later.

They are a large family in a small shack in Kibera, Africa's largest slum. Both parents work hard, but they still only scrape by. Freddy's HIV+ status means he has a place at Spurgeons Academy, a primary school for some of Kibera's most vulnerable children, supported by Global Care.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought disaster: Lockdown means no movement in or out of Nairobi. And that was the end of their source of income.

Gordon told the Spurgeons team: "The year began so well and we were so expectant with good plans, until this virus came in. Yesterday, I still cannot believe that I lacked even money for toilet (Ksh. 10.00 /less than a penny) for me and my children because of Covid-19! I have never been this broke!"

The family have received regular food parcels from Spurgeons throughout lockdown. Gordon wept as he said: "The support through food has really sustained us and may God bless you and your donors."

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ONE LIFE AT A TIME

Patty & Stephen UGANDA

*Patty and *Stephen are both sponsored. It's unusual to have more than one sponsored child in a family, as it's important to spread the support as far as it will go. But in this family, in south-western Uganda, three of the five children are sponsored, because their family situation was so dire.

When this family first came to our attention they had nothing but a tumbledown shack and were surviving on the generosity of neighbours, because of parental mental health problems. Global Care has helped build a simple but secure home, and supports the education and welfare of the children, through child sponsorship.

In lockdown, everyone was struggling so the neighbours couldn't help at all. But you did. Thanks to your generosity, all the families of our sponsored children in Uganda had a substantial delivery of extra food to help them through this toughest of times.



Burhaan GARISSA, KENYA



Burhaan owns a 1½ acre farm near the Tana River, in north eastern Kenya. He grows lemons, bananas and mangoes, but just as his crops were ready to harvest, the Tana River burst its banks.

Severe flooding killed more than 200 people nationwide and displaced over 100,000, damaging crops, properties and livelihoods across a wide area.

Burhaan was already struggling to make ends meet, and worrying about how he could sell his crops in the pandemic, with roads and markets closed in lockdown. Now his farm was fully submerged, some of the trees were damaged, and the fruit beginning to rot.

His chances of a decent income to feed his family receded faster than the floodwaters, and as well as the threat of coronavirus, his family faced an increased risk of cholera, malaria and other waterborne diseases.

This is just one story amongst many, and when a whole community is simultaneously affected, it's hard for neighbours to help each other. Global Care's former partners in Garissa asked us for funds to help feed 75 families including Burhaan's, to help them through this difficult season. Your generosity means we were able to say yes.

Heena PATRIPUL, INDIA

Long before the coronavirus pandemic, *Heena and *Viraj's father committed suicide. He was deep in debt to unscrupulous employers, who had loaned him money for an operation Viraj needed as a toddler. He couldn't see a way out, and took his own life.

After he died, his employers insisted the debt still must be paid, and Heena began working for them as a servant. She was abused, desperately unhappy, and ran away... but always had to go back. She was just nine years old.

When our local partners heard her story, they paid the family's debt, and offered Heena and Viraj a place at the GCare centre, which helps Dalit children access education. The family moved to Patripul, near the centre, and at long last enjoyed a life free of exploitation. Two years passed. Heena flourished. And then the coronavirus pandemic began.

Because of lockdown, there was no work. GCare Foundation delivered a food parcel, but when it ran out, Mum decided to move the family to a different slum, thinking it might be better there. She was wrong.

Our partners continued to feed families in Patripul, with five separate deliveries of food parcels



over 20 weeks, but were refused permission to enter any other slum. They were unable to reach this family.

Then, awful news reached them. Seven year-old Viraj is dead, of starvation. His grief-stricken mum spends her days wandering the streets, with her baby daughter. Her mental health is very fragile.

Heena needs us now more than ever. In just 11 years she has suffered more trauma than many of us will ever know. Our partners have arranged for Heena to live with her aunt, and are paying for her keep. The aunt was unable to offer a home to her baby sister. A solution still needs to be found, but it is proving very difficult while a strict lockdown is still in place.

The Long Walk Home PATRIPUL, INDIA

Pray for our families from Patripul, who in April joined the mass migration of slum labourers returning to their villages, due to India's prolonged lockdown.

One family, whose three girls, aged 14, 10 and 7, all attend our GCare Centre, were attempting to walk to Bihar, a distance of 1700km, but met with a terrible accident. Sleeping at the side of the road one night, they were run over by a lorry. The father was left in a critical condition, and the oldest daughter has had her legs amputated.

In another incident, two children aged two and four, from a family connected to our centre, sadly died of hunger and thirst. They were part of a group from Patripul attempting to walk 1300 kilometres to villages near Lucknow.

In the wake of this tragic incident, Global Care paid for 87 families to return home safely to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, at a cost of £5 per person, using our coronavirus response funds.

Please pray for these two families, for other families still en route, and for our Patripul partners, who are heartbroken to hear such awful news about families and children they know and love.



Ndrita ALBANIA

*Ndrita has three daughters, one of whom has learning disabilities and behavioural problems.

As a family they have had to deal with domestic violence, mental health difficulties, alcoholism and trafficking.

Ndrita is the only one with a job, in a factory. It's low paid, and even in normal circumstances it barely feeds the family. In Albania's lockdown the factory closed, and all the workers became unemployed.

So maybe you can guess why Ndrita's smile was so big when the Global Care Albania team arrived with a food parcel. It was most urgently needed.

Immaculate UGANDA



Immaculate says 2020 has been the most difficult year of her life. Lockdown closed the market where she sold second-hand clothes. As the breadwinner responsible for 15 children and four adults, this was nothing short of catastrophic.

Since then she has used all her savings to feed the children and buy medication. She borrowed in every shop and is indebted everywhere.

One of the children in her care attends the Disability Play Scheme supported by Global Care in Abeko, a disadvantaged rural community in eastern Uganda.

Imagine Immaculate's joy when she heard that all the families connected to the local Disability Support Group (DSG), which runs the play scheme, would receive food from Global Care, as part of our coronavirus response.

Food parcels have been delivered to 113 families in the DSG in Abeko, and a further 50 families in the DSG in Atiira.

Precious & Shayla KIBERA, KENYA



*Precious and *Shayla have been fending for themselves since their foster mother was stranded in the countryside by Kenya's rapid lockdown.

Three months ago Josephine left Kibera to visit her village home for a funeral, leaving the girls in the temporary care of their teenage foster brother, who is in his last year of secondary school.

Both girls are pupils at Spurgeons Academy, which is supported by Global Care, where they receive breakfast and lunch every day. So the girls would be safe in the day, and she wouldn't be gone long...

No-one anticipated lockdown.

Three months later, Josephine is still stranded, and struggling to feed herself in a community

where she has no source of income. The girls are receiving weekly food parcels from our partners at Spurgeons – here they are collecting the food with a friend.

“We are thankful to God for the food, and money for buying other food,” says 11 year-old Precious. “We miss Mum and coming to school at Spurgeons. In the slums there is nowhere to play.”

The girls are two of 35 Spurgeons pupils left in newly-child-headed households by Kenya's rapid, strict and lengthy lockdown, as a number of guardians were left stranded outside Kibera in similar circumstances.

Our partners are doing all they can to monitor the children's wellbeing and keep them fed, until the families can be reunited.



CENTRAL ASIA

Life might look idyllic in this mountain community, but underneath the surface, it's tough.

Cut off for large parts of the year, dependent on subsistence agriculture and remittances from migrant workers in Russia, food insecurity was already a problem, and the coronavirus pandemic has made it worse.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Global Care has been able to extend its support for vulnerable communities to a new partner in a Central Asian country.

We funded food parcels for 20 families in an even more remote valley than this one – some of whom can only be reached by donkey. Our partners are supporting a total of 73 families.



Thea & Sarina SRI LANKA



*Thea and *Sarina live with their grandmother in a rented room near the beach. Gran works part-time as a housemaid, and in February 2020, both the girls joined Global Care's sponsorship scheme.

Just a few weeks later, lockdown was announced. It was the day their mother, who has a history of substance abuse, dropped by for a visit. Caught out by the curfew, Gran permitted Mum to stay the night, assuming the curfew would be lifted in the morning. It wasn't.

The curfew dragged on, and mum became desperate for drugs. She begged other drug users to bring drugs on credit. Thea (13) and Sarina (9) hated it. It was scary and unsafe, and there were many family rows.

As sponsored children, the family received their first food parcel from our partners, Community Concern, at the beginning of lockdown. Then, in mid-April, the government announced a payment for daily-wage earners, like Gran. She was so relieved. She locked the money in her cupboard and slept with the key under her pillow.

But the next day it was gone. Enraged, she went to the police. When she returned her daughter was sitting on the doorstep, smoking drugs with another man. Police took her daughter into custody, but it was too late, the money was spent.

Two weeks later, the grandmother suffered chest pains. Scared, she called the Field Officer at MSCC. Who would

look after the girls if she died? Now, at least, she has somewhere to turn.

Thea and Sarina are two of 60 children in 48 families who received food deliveries, three times, over the course of the lockdown. Global Care funded one delivery, and the rest came from other donors.

However our partners remind us that vulnerable children need more than food.

"This story gives you an insight into life in the times of COVID-19 in our community," they write. "The emotional trauma and the humiliation that children have to go through when a parent falls into addiction. They don't need only food, they long for stability, peace and a good atmosphere in which to grow, which is their right as children."

The Field Officer and those at Community Concern will always stand by the children, whatever their need."



In an act of solidarity with the suffering families of Patripul, can you take on our Slum Supper Challenge, to raise funds for our coronavirus response?

Participants have agreed to live on the contents of one of the food parcels we have delivered in Patripul, for five days, and raise sponsorship funds with their efforts.

A big thanks to everyone who is taking part. The challenge launches on Monday 24th August and participants have until 12 September to complete it, over five consecutive days of their choice.

If you'd like to join in, there is still time!



Find out more at www.globalcare.org/slum-supper-challenge or contact events@globalcare.org or 030 030 21 030.

Frank UGANDA

Eight year-old *Frank fell out of a mango tree, causing a complete break of his arm just below his shoulder, and a fractured wrist.

Our Ugandan staff say many children are scavenging for wild mangoes, due to hunger in the coronavirus pandemic.

Frank needed surgery, but as the youngest of seven siblings living with a guardian who has her own children to look after too, medical costs were out of reach.



However, Frank is a sponsored child, so they knew where to turn.

Our Soroti team were able to use sponsorship welfare funds, topped up by our emergency Medical Response Fund, to make sure Frank had his operation immediately, at a cost of £87.

Here he is, post-op, with every expectation of a healthy recovery.

LEGACIES OF HOPE AND CHANGE

Would you like your legacy to reinforce the values and commitments which have shaped your life?

If you are passionately committed to children, to challenging injustice and to tackling poverty, then a legacy gift to Global Care will help your values live on.

By writing us into your will, you can help us rewrite the futures of vulnerable children for years to come.

What could you do? The following stories will give you a good idea of the kind of achievements we have been able to deliver

with legacy funding, in the last couple of years alone.

Alternatively, a gift of £5,000 would sponsor a vulnerable child throughout their education – and if you wished, your family could send and receive letters from this child, a living reminder of all you meant to them, for up to 15 years.

This is an option we have also made available to those who wish to give gifts in memory of a loved one. See www.globalcare.org/gift-in-memory for more details.

There are many other ways your legacy giving can have a transformational impact on young lives! We promise to steward your gift wisely.



**'Only a Dream...
YOU MADE IT A REALITY'**

Children at the Morning Star Care Centre, in Sri Lanka, have a new safe space to play and learn, thanks to a grant from our legacy funds.

When MSCC moved to a new building, the only space the children had to play was a basement garage, which was neither private nor secure.

They had access to a roof area, but it was inappropriate for play, and often unusable due to weather conditions – too hot in the sunshine and without shelter from the rain.

Thanks to a grant of just £7,778 from our legacy funds, Global Care has transformed this empty rooftop into a multi-purpose hall, with grilled sides and a tiled roof. It's

secure enough even for ball games, and is protected from both sun and rain.

Construction began in May 2018, but there were many delays, including gale force winds, monsoons and torrential rain, and restrictions imposed following Sri Lanka's Easter bombings in 2019. The opening finally took place on 31st October 2019.

Our partners don't only use it as a play space, but for presentations and parent events, and a private area for breakout learning and counselling. CEO John White saw it for the first time during his visit in January 2020. "It has made such a difference," he says. "They all just love it."

Our partners say: "It was only a dream, but God saw our need and a roof top turned into an all-purpose hall. You partnered with us and it became a reality. We are so joyful and grateful."



TO INFORM AND ENCOURAGE

Please find enclosed a booklet encouraging people to consider leaving a legacy to Global Care. Please read and pass on!

We had planned to launch this new-look legacy leaflet in March, but postponed the launch due to the coronavirus pandemic. It seemed insensitive to release information about legacies at a time when many people were worried about the impact of Covid-19 and the lives which might be lost. Although the pandemic is not yet over, we hope you will receive the booklet in the spirit in which it is sent: To inform and to encourage you to think about this difficult subject in a positive way.

A significant grant of £30,266 from legacy funding is being made to Global Care Albania, to develop greater self sufficiency, through growing organically certified medicinal and aromatic plants.

For more than 20 years the Global Care Albania team has delivered excellent work in an extremely vulnerable

community, especially amongst women and children, and in recent years, children with disabilities. They are still working amongst very vulnerable groups, including disadvantaged Roma communities, children with disabilities and vulnerable women and girls, in a culture where domestic violence is common and the risk of trafficking is high.

However, as Albania develops and seeks membership of the European Union, partner charities, including Global Care, are increasingly focusing efforts on countries which are more fragile, with an even greater degree of poverty. Our

Albanian partners need to make their work more sustainable.

The 'Learn How to Fish' initiative will develop over three years. The project aims to provide an annual income for Global Care Albania, as well as directly helping 30 unemployed women with young families, and 20 young people. Working in partnership with a company called Bioalb, which links rural small scale growers with national and international markets, the team aim to cultivate a production unit of two hectares, and set up a 'small growers group' amongst poor women with access to small plots of land.



Organic SOLUTIONS



Two thousand pupils at a school in South Sudan who share just six working latrines, will have two new toilet blocks later this year, thanks to a grant from legacy funds.

The number of available latrines at Agok Primary, in the disputed territory of Abyei on the Sudan / South Sudan border, will be doubled. One block will be just for girls, and the new toilets will also be accessible for children with disabilities. An old toilet block, previously destroyed by flooding, will be demolished, to make the latrine area safe.



Girls, in particular, are struggling with unsegregated toilets, often asking to go mid-lesson, when they feel more secure, disrupting their education. Hygiene and sanitation at school

is a significant issue for girls in many developing countries, particularly as they get older, and is a factor contributing to higher dropout rates amongst girls.

Sanitation is also a particular concern locally as access to medical care is very limited, and poor sanitation can ultimately prove fatal, especially to children.

Our partners hope the new toilets will improve the health, well-being and safety of all the pupils at Agok Primary School. The project costs just under £5,000.

They write: "Abyei's populations live under constant fear of attack, in the midst of a political crisis with no end in sight. Many are traumatised and displaced, whilst education in the area has suffered badly. Many have already missed the chance for an education and a lack of schools, teachers and facilities means many more are set to miss out in the future.

"International aid is not forthcoming because of the difficult political situation. Governments and large organisations do not wish to involve themselves in such a tense, unstable area."



INTENSIVE English

Legacy funds also paid for a three-month intensive English course for trainee teachers.

English is the language of instruction in South Sudan, but most educated people were schooled in the Arabic-speaking north. Education has been in such disarray, for so long, in the war-torn south, it is hard to find prospective teachers with good standards of both education and English.

Since 2017, Global Care has funded a cohort of 50 trainee teachers at St John's College, in the Diocese of Wau, South Sudan. However in order to pass their diploma, more than half needed extra English lessons in order to achieve a good enough standard.

An intensive English course was delivered between October 2019 and March 2020, at a cost of £2,438. 74% of students passed.



SHACK SCHOOL: A BEAM OF LIGHT,

At the end of June our partnership with the Shack Schools in Lebanon came to an end. Due to the increased amount of support available to the slowly diminishing number of Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley, where we have been working, we decided to focus resources on our work within Syria.

“Dear Global Care community. As the Shack School project you have faithfully supported comes to an end, I would like to express my thankfulness to you.

Your generosity has allowed us to reach out to more than 600 children and their families. Those children have benefitted from basic but good

quality education. All the children had so much input into their lives through the love and care of the staff. A good seed has been planted into all of them, and surely many of their lives have been touched and changed forever.

For most of these children, they wouldn't have any opportunity for education or care but through this project they were able to learn, and learn a lot. In addition to education, our staff were keen to reach out to their families with a message of hope and peace, and several families and children responded positively to it.

In spite of all the inconveniences, the hardship and the persecution

that we went through on so many occasions, we are happy to serve these Syrian refugee families. The Shack School was a beam of light in the area where we worked.

It was a great joy to lead this project and to work with Global Care. Thank you so much for your willingness to help and a big thank you for your generous and faithful support. On behalf of Out of the Wilderness, and the entire staff who worked at the school, and on behalf of the children and their families, thank you.

Georges, Director of Out of the Wilderness, Global Care's partners in Lebanon, who is also responsible for overseeing the work in Syria.”

This final year of Global Care's support has been additionally challenging because of three major events affecting life in Lebanon.

Civil protests and political crisis engulfed Lebanon, beginning in October 2019, where roads and schools were closed. The coronavirus pandemic brought an even stricter lockdown, and more fear and anxiety. The team attempted to

deliver online learning where possible, using video and audio recordings, and to stay in touch with families, as they have been concerned about their welfare. A major explosion destroying the port at Beirut brought further chaos and misery.

A GOOD SEED, A Great Joy

Bouchra, one of the founders of the work in Lebanon, recalls the early days of this initiative, and describes its ongoing impact:

“In the beginning, as I started to visit refugee camps and tents, I was able to witness to people and I noticed an openness to the message of the Gospel. But during my visits, I saw so many children without care, spending their days in vain, without having the privilege of going to school, and lacking a basic education.

In 2015, I took time to pray concerning the work among Syrian refugees in Lebanon. A few weeks later, a door opened for me to build a tent in an area close to several refugee camps. Therefore, we opened a school and began accepting students from autumn 2016.

The refugees we deal with are mostly illiterate and are widely ignored and neglected by society. They have no proper knowledge of rights, hygiene or raising kids. Their only focus is on work, making money and having food.

They even send their children to work from a young age, ignoring circumstances that may prove dangerous, such as bad weather. The parents' priority is not their children's education, but rather the work the children can do which will be a source of income.

Because of this, opening a Shack School close to the camps, and attempting to attract children to give them a basic learning experience, was a real challenge.

We faced opposition from parents and from the community because of our Christian identity. Children were disorganized, misbehaved, undisciplined, often fighting with each other and screaming.

But with the grace of God and the commitment of the staff, things started to change and are still changing. Great progress has been made. Because of their lack of education and ignorance, children had been victims of abuse, brain-washing and terrorism. We wanted to change this. By God's grace, we were able to impact many.

We did this in different ways: Children learned the alphabet, to read, to write, and to count, both in Arabic and in English. They also have been taught subjects such as general knowledge, geography, science and history.

Physical punishment is never used in our school, and considering what the children have gone through (fear, insecurity and instability), the staff is committed to showing them as much love as possible. They help and advise them whenever they open up.

In addition we read and explained Bible stories, we taught Christian ethics and morals, and tried to make God real in their lives.

Many students have been positively influenced by their time in school. Through our visits to their families, we heard good reports from many parents. They expressed a real change in their children's behaviors. Others were amazed to get presents on Mother's day or Father's day - their children had understood what it meant to honour them.

BIG Dreams



Twelve year-old *Akilah only joined the Shack School this year. She is one of six siblings, living in poverty with their housewife mum and unemployed father. Our partners say: “She comes from an environment inappropriate for children due to war.” When she first started at the Shack School, her self-confidence was so low, and her anxiety so high, that she should shiver when asked a question or set a task, as she was

so scared that she wouldn't be able to answer. Our partners say: “Step by step, we encouraged her to be active in class. Gradually we noticed a change in her performance and an improvement in her self-esteem. She became a distinguished student who actively participated in class and helped her classmates to open books at the right page. Her dream is to be a teacher one day, to help kids from her camp and provide them with love from an early age. Teaching students is not giving them lessons only. It is providing them with knowledge and education in order to achieve their dream.”



*Nabil is eleven years old, one of seven siblings originally from Deir Al Zour. The family lives in a small tent in one of the refugee camps, after fleeing the civil war. Before arriving in Lebanon, Nabil's leg was injured in a car bomb explosion. He is unable to walk correctly, run or play with his friends but he loves to study. His father works in Beirut to ensure a proper life for his family because they are very poor. Nabil loves his teacher, his friends and the Shack School.

When he finishes studying in our school he would like to continue his education, because with his own words “I don't want to work in the fields like everybody else, I want to become a lawyer.”

PRAYER DAY

We are excited to announce our second Day of Prayer for Global Care, on Friday 18 September.

As we continue to reach out to vulnerable children through a global crisis like no other, we have so much for which to thank God, and much to bring to Him in prayer.

It's important that as a Christian organisation we root everything we do in prayer, and this annual event is a great opportunity for our supporters, staff and

partners to come together to do so.

Our 2020 Prayer Day will necessarily be more virtual in nature than in 2019, and we hope to use platforms like Zoom and YouTube to facilitate prayer on the day, as well as printed resources with prayer requests from our partners around the world.

Please get in touch if you would like to take part, and we'll send you resources and details of our virtual prayer events.

Phone us on 030 030 21 030 or sign up at www.globalcare.org/Prayer-Day-2020

KEEP PUTTING OUT THE POTS

Our CEO describes his experience of Prayer Day 2019

“ During the day only a few gathered at the Prayer House, but it was a great encouragement to hear of others who used the prayer booklet to pray for our work. All our overseas partners knew people in the UK were praying for them, and felt that support and care.

We didn't know that within five months of the Prayer Day we would be into the coronavirus emergency. I believe it was in some way a preparation for this time of challenge.

Two people, who had been praying at the Prayer House, but at different times, both shared with me a Scripture they felt would be relevant in the coming months: 2 Kings 4 – Elisha and the Widow's Oil. When this Scripture was given to me I mulled it over but wasn't quite sure how it applied and then ... Covid struck.

We had so little, we needed a lot more, so we fetched a lot of pots. For the widow in the Bible story, the oil only stopped flowing when all the pots she fetched were full. 'Keep putting out the pots' has been something of a mantra ever since.

Over the last few months God has been filling our pots so we can support the vulnerable communities in which our overseas partners work. We're going to keep on collecting pots and supporting vulnerable children.

When people gather to pray, just as we are commanded to, we see God answering prayer in ways we never imagined. So as we approach this year's Prayer Day, we do so with a tremendous sense of anticipation of what God will do. Please join us.

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*Names have been changed to protect the identity of children

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PRAYER MATE

Prayer Mate is a free app which helps us organise our prayer lives, to pray for family, friends, and organisations we support, including Global Care.

Via Prayer Mate, you can subscribe to our prayer feed, which can be found in the 'World Mission' section. This gives you daily prayers drawn from our existing monthly Prayer Focus publication, but also allows us to add urgent prayer requests as they arise, reaching supporters promptly.

We hope the addition of Prayer Mate to our prayer resources will help our supporters pray more consistently for the needs of our partners and projects.

You can use the QR code on this page to download it, or search in your apps store. Thank you!

