

Welcome to Our New CEO!



Dear WorldShare friends,

When the photo in the top right-hand corner was taken in 2003 I would not have thought in a million years that I would one day be writing to you as the CEO of WorldShare.

My first involvement with WorldShare was back in 2003, some 13 years ago. I was a university student, with a passion for social justice and a deep yearning to see poverty and global injustice with my own eyes and volunteer in whatever way I could. By the grace of God, I was put in touch with the incredible David Cohen, who was the Executive Director of WorldShare (or CNEC as it was known) at that time. With David's help, I was able to spend 3 months in Africa, volunteering and visiting our partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo

My life was utterly transformed by my experience overseas. Spiritually, my life was made alive by a deeper understanding of God - for the first time, I understood clearly not only that God has a heart for the poor and oppressed, but that He is active in inviting His people to partner with Him, to grow His Kingdom and put things right as He intended. Vocationally, I decided to pursue a career in law, appreciating for the first time the value of the legal system in protecting people from the violence of others (thankfully, my then-plans to be an event organiser disappeared swiftly!).

Since then, I've been involved with WorldShare as a volunteer, advocate and since 2010, a board member. I am so grateful that through my involvement with WorldShare, God invited me to align my life with His heart and purposes. This is the invitation He extends to us all and my prayer is that your lives may also be transformed and blessed through WorldShare.

I thank the previous CEO, Stanley, for all His work for WorldShare over the past 5 years. As I take the reins, I'm incredibly honoured (and a little daunted!) to be in this role. You can read about the amazing work of our partners in this magazine - what a privilege to be able to support them as CEO. I look to God to see where He will take WorldShare in this new chapter. Thank you for partnering with us, our overseas ministries, and ultimately God himself in caring for and bringing light to the vulnerable, poor and oppressed around the world.

Grace and peace,

Joanna



*Ephaphtha School for Deaf Children
Democratic Republic of Congo (2003)*



*Learning to cook the local
Congolese cuisine, fufu (2008)*

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Farewell To Stanley Ng Plyler



We wish to farewell Stanley Ng Plyler as CEO of WorldShare. Stanley resigned earlier this year, following five years of service to WorldShare. Stanley has always shown himself to have a heart for WorldShare's ministries and has earnestly worked for the good of our partners in Australia and overseas. We acknowledge Stanley's contribution over the past five years. We wish Stanley and his family all the best in the future.

Gerald Thomas, Chairman,
WorldShare.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW LEGACIES MANAGER: PHIL ARNOLD

Phil has been working with Worldshare since 2005 in areas of Short Term Team support and co-ordination, regional advocacy and is now adding Legacies Manger to his role. Phil will be promoting our legacy program, encouraging long-term support for our overseas partner ministries.

You may have seen a legacy brochure in the mail recently. If it stirs your interest and you would like to consider organising to leave a legacy for the ongoing work of our partners, please contact Phil at phila@worldshare.org.au.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY DREAM TO BECOME A SURGEON POSSIBLE

We were thrilled to recently receive the following letter from Dr John Musubao to WorldShare supporters who have helped John achieve his dream of becoming a surgeon and improving lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo:

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

"My name is John Musubao. I am a recipient of scholarship support for post-graduate studies in Orthopaedic surgery (from 2012 to 2016) through WorldShare and Heal Africa hospital.

As a Medical officer at Heal Africa in the small town of Goma in Eastern Congo I always dreamed of pursuing post-graduate studies and becoming an Orthopaedic surgeon. However, I was unable to fulfil my dream due to lack of financial means.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making my dream possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honour and I was deeply appreciative of your support from 2012 - 2016. The financial assistance you provided covered my academic fees, accommodation and meal expenses for four years at Makerere University in Uganda.

During my third year of studies in 2014 my house in Goma burned down. I lost my property but thanks be to God who kept my family alive. I appreciate from the bottom of my heart the quick and prompt support you provided to my family by building a shelter and giving us somewhere to stay during that sinister period. May the almighty God bless you abundantly.

Today I am pleased to let you know that I am done with the post-graduate studies and I am now an Orthopaedic surgeon. I will graduate in January 2017.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

*Yours sincerely
John Musubao*



HEAL Africa – Walking Alongside our Partners



In April/May a WorldShare short-term team worked with HEAL Africa in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. HEAL Africa has a 165-bed hospital and community programs which serve the poor with a holistic approach in this war-ravaged part of the world which has seen huge unrest and instability over many years. WorldShare has been in partnership with HEAL Africa since 1999 and short-term teams have walked alongside the ministry since 2007 serving in practical ways such as mentoring doctors, developing clinical programs and allied health, and assisting with projects such as building, English teaching and media as requested by HEAL Africa.

This year's team consolidated on their work of previous years and that of other teams, in a coordinated approach, that adds significant value to the partner. In a geographic location where natural disasters and conflict are always

threatening, the HEAL Africa staff continue to raise the bar in clinical and support areas. Dr Jo Lusi, co-founder of HEAL Africa praised the WorldShare team. He said, "You Australians are always with us. You help us to raise our clinical practice and you encourage us to keep going. You have been with us from the start and you share with us at every level; you eat with us, you work with us, you laugh and cry with us...we appreciate that you come here on a regular basis."

In a visit to another WorldShare partner also located in Goma, Ephaphtha School for the Deaf, the team took part in the official opening of the Medical Centre which was funded through WorldShare support. The Medical Centre will provide audiology services to the students and the community. It is WorldShare's privilege to walk alongside partners such as this.



Sponsor a Child and Transform a Life



WorldShare's Child Sponsorship Program is a tangible expression of God's love. It provides children with quality education and health care as well as relationships of hope and inspiration with their sponsors. Through locally-led programs run by our overseas ministry partners, you can sponsor a child for \$43 a month so that children and their communities can be transformed and experience a better future. Please consider becoming a child sponsor today.

Contact Liliana, our sponsorship coordinator at lilianam@worldshare.org.au, for more information or to be introduced to a child in need of sponsorship.

WORLDSHARE IS RECRUITING!

We are looking for a **Supporter Engagement Director** to inspire new and existing supporters to connect with our overseas ministry partners through prayer, giving, learning and visiting. This is a newly-developed, pivotal leadership role within WorldShare, providing strategic integration of WorldShare marketing, fundraising and communication initiatives.



Come and be part of the WorldShare team and make a tangible impact on the lives of people in need overseas. If this sounds like the right role for you or someone you know, please contact us or check out our website for further details.

Bangalore City Mission Visit



Jonathan Sinclair Paul, Executive Director of Bangalore City Mission along with Satish Kumar, Business Manager with BCM recently visited Australia. Over the course of several weeks, Jonathan and Satish shared the vision of BCM across Queensland, NSW and Victoria, including by speaking at local churches, conducting a radio interview with SBS, and attending a business luncheon at The Mint in Sydney. We are grateful to all who helped organise and host these events and thank you for your prayers and commitment to BCM.

Jonathan's and Satish's passion and commitment to serve God and demonstrate God's love to communities living in poverty was apparent



as they raised awareness of BCM's mission of working in local and poor communities in education, health care, vocational training, clean water projects, children's homes and other community development projects. During the visit, 23 children in need were able to be sponsored through WorldShare, praise God!

BCM continues to face challenges and most pressing is the need to expand Sinclairs High school which has been operating at over capacity. Executive Director Jonathan Paul says, "BCM has championed the cause of making education a right for underprivileged children. We are not just building a building, we are building to enhance a poor child's educational experience and his or her future; we are building so that every child can access the joy and privilege of education, and we are building to instil hope."

The extension to the current building will keep 250 children in school and will help families to escape poverty in the long run.




PLANNING TO TRAVEL?

Planning to book some travel in the next few months? Consider booking with Mission Travel, who invest part of their profits back into mission work.

If you book before 31 October, you can choose to support our Ministry Partner HEAL Africa in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Check out the Mission Travel website at www.missiontravel.com.au

 Funds are still needed for BCM to complete the construction and fitout of their new school building. Visit our website to donate so BCM can continue to educate disadvantaged children, enabling them to break the cycle of poverty.

HARVEST OF HOPE IS COMING!

harvest@hope

In the next few months, our annual gift catalogue, Harvest of Hope, will be sent out to our supporters – in time for Christmas! Harvest of Hope has life-changing gift options from our ministry partners which fight poverty and build God's kingdom. This year we are looking for supporters to help us distribute

these catalogues in churches, workplaces, to family, friends and other networks.

Interested? Helping us out in this way will greatly expand support for our partners - please call or email us at worldshare@worldshare.org.au to find out more or receive a Harvest of Hope kit.

Honouring our Faithful Representatives



In April, WorldShare honoured Peter and Lindy Lawry for their many years of ministry as the South Australian WorldShare representatives. The warmth and strong commitment to Jesus is so evident in the lives of Peter and Lindy, affecting all who stay at their lovely home in Fullarton.

Former WorldShare CEO, David Cohen, writes: “Peter Lawry had CNEC in his DNA, with his father’s involvement on the Board going back many years. When planning visits from leaders of our partner ministries, Peter was always the ‘go to’ person, with Lindy graciously and patiently supporting him and those involved in the planning of such visits. He has been a committed and effective ambassador for many years.”

We on the board and the staff of WorldShare wish to acknowledge the decades of commitment and service of Peter and Lindy Lawry that have furthered the cause of the Kingdom and of WorldShare in South Australia and beyond.

Our heartfelt thanks to you both and our prayers for continued health and joy in serving the Lord!



Senator Grant Chapman presents Peter and Lindy with a message and gifts of appreciation.

THE GREAT WARBY BIKE RIDE

On 28 May the Great Warby Bike Ride took place in the lovely area of Warburton in the Yarra Valley, Victoria. God’s hand was over the event: it was forecast to rain, which it did before and after, but not during the event! 16 people rode 530 kms and together we saw over \$7,000 raised for the work of our ministry partners. Many thanks to those who participated through riding, sponsoring, and especially the marshals, Paul Cogger and Ho-Yuin.

We’d love you to get involved next year – put it in your diary for Saturday 27 May 2017!



A&A MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT

In April, WorldShare partners Alfred and Alsie Ng visited Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Brisbane, before visiting Canada and the USA. Each year they seem to go from strength to strength, praise the Lord!

Alfred and Alsie were able to share many times about their passion for the training and sending of pastors among the Yao and Zhuang peoples of Duan.

Their message this year hinged on Romans 10:

“For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



The vision of the DuAn pastors is to continue growing and strengthening the 44 churches/ preaching points of the DuAn pastors is towhich they have established. This is achieved by training and equipping the outreach workforce.

Hohidiai Short Term Team



In March, an enthusiastic team from Australia trekked to the jungles of north-east Indonesia. They came with varied talents and experience which were put to good use, including music teaching, puppet-making and even electric fence fixing. One of the team members did great things at the hospital with the staff and patients, including re-dressing severe burns for Nelsi, the 17 year-old patient for whom WorldShare helped raise funds to fly and be

operated on when she was critically unwell. Nelsi was prayed for – and her right arm, burned and locked stiff, was miraculously freed and healed!

The team performed the “Choices” drama seven times, giving a mimed depiction of the full gospel story to hundreds of people. Ministry highlights included testimonies from Winda (survivor of the jihad in her own village of Duma in 2000) and Hendrick (former leper now pastor of the leprosy ward at Hohidiai hospital); devotions times; and testimonies of healings of many patients following prayer.

The regularity of healings and conversions seen by Hohidiai Director Peter Scarborough and staff has been incredible. Peter has led a stirring of devotion and re-dedication to Jesus, and Hohidiai is currently witnessing a time of revival.

Will you join us next year?!



UKRIM Short Term Team



In June a small team of 8 conscientious, fun-loving Victorians travelled to Yogyakarta to lead the 3rd Annual Camp (known as ‘LAMP’) at UKRIM Christian University.

UKRIM University has around 800 students from most of the 34 provinces in Indonesia. 120 students attended LAMP Camp for the first week of their summer break for conversational English classes, games, singing, role plays and reading tasks.

Assemblies in the morning and evening focused on sharing the 8 beatitudes of Jesus as well as dramas, songs and presentations from the different classes.

We were encouraged by these words from the LAMP Camp co-ordinator, Febe Handali:

“I want to thank you and the team once more for such an incredible week of learning,

sharing, growth in understanding each other and God, and lots and lots of love! It’s the love you shared that our students were responding to...”

We will be returning to Indonesia 10-18 June 2017. Come and be part of this life-changing experience at LAMP Camp next year!



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"I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel ..." Phil 1:4

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