



IRISH METHODIST
**WORLD DEVELOPMENT
& RELIEF**

BUILDING FUTURES



ANNUAL REPORT **2021/22**





Photo:

Children playing in the refugee camp in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon where WDR partner Father Andrew Institute for the Deaf runs programmes.

Front cover:

School children in rural Zimbabwe where our partner Dabane Water Workshops helped locals install piped water.

**BE
GENEROUS
AND
WILLING
TO SHARE.**

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

CONVENER'S MESSAGE



As I write my first Convener's Message, I am conscious of the Conveners who have come before me. Each one brought their own gifts and graces as they sought to bring change in the lives of others around the world. I would like to particularly thank my immediate predecessor, Rev. David Nixon, whose wisdom and generosity I

have valued as a friend and as a committee member. I have learnt so much from him and I appreciate the time he invested in me as he prepared to hand over the reins.

This year's theme for WDR is "Building Futures". As you will see from the stories in this report, our partners, although further challenged by COVID-19, continued their work of building futures with those within their communities. Despite a global pandemic, your support and generosity have been incredible and

enabled us to give partners an additional COVID grant to be used as they saw fit.

As we continue to live through COVID-19 and its aftermath, we are aware that although many people on the island of Ireland have been vaccinated, many others across the globe may not get theirs until 2023 at the earliest. It is wonderful to see how many people have joined us at WDR in giving thanks for our vaccine privilege by supporting our Pay it Forward campaign, raising additional funds for work on the ground.

You can be confident as WDR's work is built upon the firm foundations of our Christian values, experienced partners and good long-term development practice. This year will you continue to join with others and help people build futures? You can read about one of the best ways to do this on Pages 14 & 15. Thank you for your support.

Rev Paul Maxwell
WDR Convener



Photo:
EJ - YMCA women's workshop (before pandemic).



MEET YOUR PARTNERS

WDR walks with 12 indigenous partners who impact more than 420,000 people. This year, we were able to give additional Covid grants on top of budgeted allocations for their normal focus. The following pages are snapshots of their work.

EAST JERUSALEM YMCA Palestine

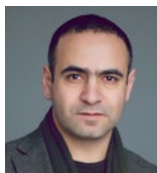
Focus: Psychological and physical disability

Grant: £10,000 (€11,600)

Covid: £10,000 (€11,600)

The YMCA team provide counselling, catch-up schooling, medical aids, rights education and vocational training and placements to 650 young people with disabilities. Covid reshaped what they did and how they did it.

876 needs assessments, 1,338 individual counselling sessions and 96 group sessions were all carried out by phone. Food parcels, hygiene kits and medicines etc were delivered to over 700 people. Covid has further increased isolation and decreased opportunities for many living with disability.



CONTACT

Rami Khader

PHAKAMISA South Africa

Focus: Education & economic empowerment

Grant: £12,000 (€13,900)

Covid: £5,000 (€5,800)



Phakamisa run programmes to help local people find ways out of poverty. At 67-years-old, Dumisile Ngcobo joined Phakamisa's beadwork classes to learn a new skill. She now makes and sells items to support her family. Through Phakamisa, Dumisile also learned to read, having missed the opportunity to go to school when she was a child. She says, "I thank God for Phakamisa".



CONTACT

Zethu Khuzwayo

FATHER ANDEWEG INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

Lebanon

Focus: Life skills, education & rights

Grant: £14,000 (€16,200)

Covid: £10,000 (€11,600)



Mohamad has learning disabilities and is hearing impaired. When FAID began agriculture and cooking programmes, Mohamad was eager to learn and joined both! The classes make him feel independent and help with his communication. His mother commented that Mohamad plays a bigger part in family life now as he feels he has something to contribute.



CONTACT

Gladys Shawish

WENCHI METHODIST HOSPITAL

Ghana

Focus: Healthcare

Grant: £7,500 (€8,700)

Covid: £10,000 (€11,600)



Thanks to your support, Dr. Emmanuel Agyeman is training to be an orthopaedic surgeon at Wenchi. Having specialist doctors is vital as the hospital continues to grow and serve a community of over 170,000 people. Dr. Agyeman says, *"I am sincerely grateful for the support granted me during my studies. It would not have been possible without it."*



CONTACT

Alexander Kwaku Kyei

CHURCH LAND PROGRAMME

South Africa

Focus: Land and housing rights

Grant: £30,000 (€34,800)

Covid: £5,000 (€5,800)



Women's solidarity group, Sekwanele (Zulu for 'enough'), grew from concern over their treatment during incidents of murder and abuse of their children. Activities include their community garden. One member says, *"The soil has given us good cabbages, spinach and tomatoes. We use the money for our kids' school transport. Our gratitude goes to CLP and to God who touched your heart"*.



CONTACT

Graham Philpott

OPEN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE

Southern Africa

Focus: Literacy and numeracy

Covid: £5,000 (€5,800)



Despite the challenges of the pandemic, OSWW is reaching more children than ever. They adapted their teacher training courses to be delivered online to allow volunteer teachers to start their classes without delay. Teachers often name their classes; in Mabopane, South Africa, a class began in 2021 called 'Champions of Hope'. Education can be a first step out of poverty.



CONTACT

Angie Pape



Photo:
Peslin's garden blooms
but she has no market

DABANE WATER WORKSHOPS

Zimbabwe

Focus: Water and food security

Grant: £20,000 (€23,200)

Covid: £10,000 (€11,600)

“My name is Peslin Ndlovu and I am 65 years old with seven children. I also look after five grandchildren. Before Covid restrictions, I earned R500 [£25 /€30] per month from selling the chomolia, spinach, carrots and onions from my vegetable garden. Now it is less than R100. I could not travel to do important garden tasks or take my vegetables to customers. My business has suffered. Everything has been changed by the virus. I have crops but can no longer sell them. It is the same for many others along the river.”

Peslin is now, once again, dependent upon purchasing food. Over 300 other farmers in the area are facing the same challenge. Programmes often face challenges but Peslin and Dabane will keep going. They have no choice.



CONTACT

Stephen Hussey

KOPILA-NEPAL

Nepal

Focus: Psychosocial support & economic empowerment

Grant: £20,000 (€23,200)

Covid: £15,000 (€17,400)



Following the death of her husband, Sapana's mother struggled to support her family in a society that is not kind to widows. It was difficult to get food & to get her children into school. Kopila helped them find a way out. Sapana has now graduated from high school and her mother has learned new skills for income-generation.



CONTACT

Bina Silwal

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Global

Focus: Ending slavery in our lifetime

Grant: £6,000 (€7,000)



Grecia and Marco, Bolivian lawyers, were recently trained by IJM to provide pro bono legal support to victims of sexual violence and their families. Already, they've supported multiple cases, including one which resulted in a 21-year conviction for a perpetrator of violence. Today, more than 40 million people live in slavery globally, more than ever before in human history.



CONTACT

Hannah Elliott

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF SERVICES

Ghana

Focus: Water, food security and livelihoods

Grant: £14,000 (€16,200)

Covid: £5,000 (€5,800)

300 miles from the capital, on a mountain and with the last 30 miles on dirt road, is the village of Abotereye with 1,000 residents. In the rainy season, the road is impassable, cutting people off from other villages, markets for their crops and water deliveries by tanker. They ration water from a pool "milky with mud". It is a community long neglected. MDRS is co-ordinating the people in building four concrete storage tanks fed with rainwater by guttering from rooves, including that of the Methodist church. Training will enable villagers to maintain the system. Women and children will no longer need to walk long distances for water and school attendance will increase. MDRS will also build a bridge across the worst gorge on the road, reconnecting the village to the rest of the world.



CONTACT

Joseph Donkoh



Photo:
Current water
source for
the village of
Abotereye

SISTER AGENCIES

With CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND

Undesignated: £40,000 (€46,400)

Co-funding of
CORAMBIENTE Colombia

Focus: Food security

Grant: £20,000 (€23,200)



From an original cohort of 25 farmers like Miriam (pictured), a further 485 people are now engaged in sustainable agriculture. Learned marketing skills have been a huge benefit during travel restrictions when people wanted to buy locally. Corambiente carried out training in remote areas via Zoom and worked with other NGOs and public officials where possible.



CONTACT

Clara Esther Martinez

WDR collaborates with sister agencies. We co-fund partners and provide undesignated funds to leverage matched funding from the UK and ROI governments.

With ALL WE CAN

Undesignated: £10,000 (€11,600)

Co-funding of
MeDRA Zimbabwe

Focus: Food security

Grant: £20,000 (€23,200)



Methodist Development and Relief Agency trains communities in planning for emergencies (Disaster Risk Management). The Tabayena community developed its own DRM plan, focusing upon drought. They identified a 2-hectare field and grew drought-resistant crops. Two tonnes of maize were harvested and will be given to vulnerable households during peak hunger periods.



CONTACT

Junior Vutoyi

FOR US, IT'S ABOUT
PEOPLE
NOT
PROJECTS



“
**I FEEL WDR IS
CLOSER TO THE
PEOPLE THEY ARE
TRYING TO HELP -
THEY HAVE FACES
AND NAMES.**”

Colin

We're driven by our vision to see every person's God-given potential fulfilled. Connecting with people and seeing their lives transformed is at the very heart of what we do. Your support is personal; it enables people like Robert, Sandy and Zola (L-R) to build better futures for

their communities and to be all they can be.

Visit our website to hear their stories and meet some of the people you're connected to through WDR. Together with our partners, we're changing lives.



SCAN ME

BUILD FUTURES WITH US

Dear Friend,

As you turn these pages, you can see what some amazing people are achieving with your support. Your partners, with their expertise and experience, and local people contributing knowledge and labour, are changing communities.

The Covid pandemic has provided a shared but unwelcome global experience. Some societies are equipped to recover more quickly than others. Covid has highlighted that people may be on the same planet but can live in very different worlds.

We wish to ask if you would take this opportunity to set up regular giving to WDR through a Standing Order. Your giving means that people just like us, can have water, food, education, training, rights and good healthcare; enabling them to build a better future for themselves and generations to come.

Methodists are asked to give 1% of income (post-tax) to WDR. Whether a Methodist or not, by giving regularly, we can spread our giving and WDR and partners can plan with confidence.

WDR can share many positive stories but there is so much more to do. Imagine what you, your partners and beneficiaries can build together. We hope you might join others who have taken this step.

With thanks,



Laura & Tim

WDR staff

HOW MUCH IS 1%?



For someone on an average wage in the United Kingdom, 1% (post-tax) would mean paying approximately £20 per month. In the Republic of Ireland, it would be €25 per month. Some of us might be paying less and some could pay more.

WHY SUPPORTERS CHOOSE TO GIVE BY STANDING ORDER

If you'd like to join us in building futures, use the forms on Page 17 or 18 or contact the office.

EXAMPLES OF ONE YEAR OF GIVING

£15/€17
PER MONTH

Mobility aids for a person with a disability in Palestine, increasing independence and opportunities.

£25/€29
PER MONTH

A young buffalo for a low caste Nepalese woman for income generation.

£50/€58
PER MONTH

Pipes and guttering for a village in Ghana to collect and store valuable rainwater.

"Once I signed the form, I didn't miss it. It means WDR can budget with more confidence."

👤 HG

"The Bible clearly calls us to love one another and that extends to those throughout the world and to give what we can with willing hearts."

👤 CF

"I have confidence in WDR to use my monthly standing order where the need is greatest."

👤 Anon

"It's convenient!"

👤 K McK

PLAY YOUR PART

Changing the world is possible when we all contribute what we can.

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers.

Here is how some have been playing their part.



JANET TINSLEY

walked 10 half marathons over 10 days, to raise money for WDR partners.

"I read a post on the WDR Facebook page about our partners dealing with Covid. I knew I had to do something, anything, to reach out to our partners who were going through the same pandemic as us, but with very limited resources. It was a time to share."



LYNNE PASLEY

sold Gifts for Life in her local area.

"I wanted to try selling Gifts for Life locally as I thought it might increase the sales! The quality of the gift card is excellent, and I was able to show people the card they were buying."



TIM WEST

volunteers his time and photography skills.

"WDR is run by brilliant people, helping other brilliant people across the world who are engaged in deeply meaningful and challenging work. Having the privilege to contribute some of my time and skills to help this process is something I find very rewarding."



DAVID NIXON

has given 8 years as Convener of the WDR Committee.

He has guided it through a time, not just of change, but of revolution in how we do things. His skills and compassion have been clear for all to see. As David steps down, we all say, *"Thank you, David"*.

Complete all boxes marked *

HOW TO GIVE (UK)

MONTHLY DONATION: **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

To:	* Your bank name:	Branch Address:	* Your bank address:
Please pay:	Bank: AIB Bank	Branch: University Road, Belfast	SC: 93-80-92
For the credit of:	Beneficiary: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund		Acc no: 51930030
The sum of:	* Amount in figures	* Amount in words	
Commencing:	*	Frequency: Monthly	Date of last payment: *
Church:			

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.

Name of account to be debited: * Acc no: *

BOOST YOUR DONATION BY 25P FOR EVERY £1 AT NO COST TO YOURSELF *giftaid it*

For Gift Aid and Standing Orders, all the below details MUST be completed:

Title:	<input type="text"/>	Name(s):	<input type="text"/>
Signature(s):	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>

Please tick this box if you would like to receive our bimonthly newsletter via email

I want to gift aid my donation of £ and any donations I have made in the past four years.

Name of Charity: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund (of the Methodist Church in Ireland)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature(s): Date:



WHEN COMPLETED, RETURN TO: World Development & Relief, Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY. For Standing orders, a copy will be kept and the original forwarded to your bank.

Queries: +4428 90767969 or worlddevelopment@irishmethodist.org

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:

Swift/BIC: FTBKGB2B

IBAN: GB71 FTBK 9380 9251 9300 30

Charity Tax Reference: XN69890

HOW TO GIVE (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

Complete all boxes marked *

MONTHLY DONATION: STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To:	* Your bank name:	Branch Address:	* Your bank address:
Please pay:	Bank: AIB Bank	IBAN: IE98 AIBK 9300 0802 5360 19	SC: 93-00-08
For the credit of:	Beneficiary: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund		Acc no: 02536019
The sum of:	* Amount in figures	* Amount in words	
Commencing:	*	Frequency: Monthly	Date of last payment: *
Church:			

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.

Name of account to be debited:	*		
Acc no:	*	Sort code:	*
IBAN:	*		

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick this box if you would like to receive our bimonthly newsletter via email.	Email:
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If you pay income tax in the Republic of Ireland and donate more than €250 in a tax year to the Methodist Church in Ireland and its departments, then the Methodist Church in Ireland (Methodist World Development & Relief Fund) could claim tax relief on your donation and boost the value of your gift without it costing you a cent.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I WISH TAX TO BE RECLAIMED ON MY REGULAR GIVING OF € _____ PER MONTH (STANDING ORDER)
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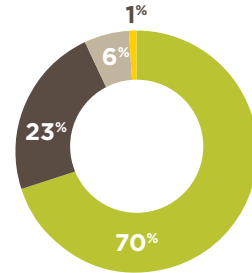
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Income for 2020 was £383,712 (€445,106).

Generous giving by some churches and individuals, in response to the pandemic, meant that emergency Covid grants could be provided in addition to annual budgeted support (sent in May 2021). **93% of your giving supports work on the ground** and some running costs were retained.

EXPENDITURE

Long-term development:	● £223,500 (€259,000)
Emergencies:	● £75,000 (€87,000)
Fundraising and education:	● £18,500 (€21,500)
Governance:	● £4,000 (€4,600)



LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

By leaving a gift to WDR in your will, you can help people build their futures. Legacies this year, have made new things possible. Some can be spent over multiple years. For more information, contact the office.

REMEMBER

Claiming Gift Aid (UK) or reclaiming tax (ROI) boosts your giving hugely at no cost to yourself.

“ I KNOW OUR FUNDS WILL GO DIRECTLY WITH MUCH MORE PERSONAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY; AND LESS % SPENT ON ADMINISTRATION. ”

Harold



PRAY

Loving God,

Help us to love well, to use our voices and pursue your heart for a just world.

Creator God,

Thank you for the beauty and provision of your world.

May we protect it so that all generations can enjoy your creation.

Faithful God,

Thank you for our WDR partners, committee, volunteers and supporters.

Inspire us to build brighter futures so that all may live lives of opportunity, hope and freedom.

Amen.



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