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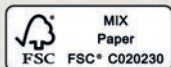
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Cover image: Participants of the African Pastors' Fellowship (APF) Growing Greener project

Welcome from the Editor

Donor fatigue

Donor fatigue is when people stop donating to charities. One of the chief reasons for this is a lack of activity on the part of the charity.

The trustees of Operation Agri continue to portray the very significant work and results of the projects through this magazine and our various social media platforms.

We remain extremely grateful for the support you give to OA in prayer and finance. Moreover, many thousands of people you will never meet give thanks to God for your generosity as their lives improve day by day. Thank you, Nigel.

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Developing Community

in the *slums*

The team at Oasis India highlight a project that is helping children's education, confidence and well-being

In late 2020 Oasis India unveiled a new project – Community Development – Kalwa Hub, Mumbai. The project is based at Kalwa East which is a slum settlement of Mumbai at the foothills known as Bhaskar Nagar. The slum community in Kalwa is located very close to the railway tracks and is one of the fast-growing slums in the Mumbai region.

Since 2011 the population of Kalwa East has more than doubled to around 400,000, which is very high. Most of the new comers are migrants from Uttar Pradesh, in northern India, where there is little work. Increasing migration hampers education and job prospects for young people in the area.

Poor education

Since Oasis began its work in the community 300 families have approached Oasis to get their children enrolled in the After School Programme (ASP). This work is

particularly valued because of the effect of the school closures during Covid 19.

More than the 3 Rs

The Kalwa Community Development Project provided a supplementary education for these children and helped them to read and understand properly, and their writing also got a lot better. Overall, their academic performance improved. In the last three years, 450 children have been provided with quality education and nutrition. Regular life skills sessions have played a vital role, as they help children to understand themselves and their values, and this brings changes in their behaviour and thinking processes.

At the Oasis project children are given opportunities to participate in competitions, stage performances and National and International Days. Now children are more confident, take part in every function organised in schools and

children themselves ask their teachers to organise events, and functions so they can take part. Ten ASP students, (six boys and four girls), have left school with good marks. Children also participated in cricket practice and played in small tournaments.

“ Overall, their academic performance improved.



▲ Meeting with youth

Personal safety education session in school ►

Empowering youth

Another major factor that Oasis has worked on is youth empowerment. Many young people are involved in addiction due to unemployment, others lack guidance and wander the streets. Through the career guidance session, Oasis India enabled them to choose the right career by taking up the right skills training. The Project has links with 15 skills training institutes and as many job placement agencies. Sixty young people were provided with career guidance of which twenty were referred for training in fields such as assistant nursing, air condition technician, basic computer skills, electrical skills and hotel management. Three individuals were provided with jobs. These young people have now become our promoters and ambassadors.



Personal safety matters

Through the prevention programmes in the community more than 1,000 people were made aware of Human Trafficking, its causes and effects and its impact on the community. To make this possible we received vital support from the local auto rickshaw drivers' union group. Personal Safety Education sessions in eight local schools has been successful. Nearly 1,200 students were taught about how they can keep themselves safe in a vulnerable situation, how they can take help from others, and online safety. Children are now



- ◀ A session with adolescent girls
- ▼ Left: Health awareness session
- ▼ Below: Independence celebration



sharing their experiences with us which is giving us an opportunity to talk to their parents about safety issues.

Community-wide participation

Oasis India is well known in Kalwa East. Key people, including the former Deputy Mayor, have been a great help to our work in the community. Recently, in collaboration with a water purifier company, four families were supplied with purifiers.

The project has the potential to strengthen its core functions of education, skilling and sports and to reach out to a nearby location which consists of women who have relocated from the city's red-light area with their children.

Equipped to live

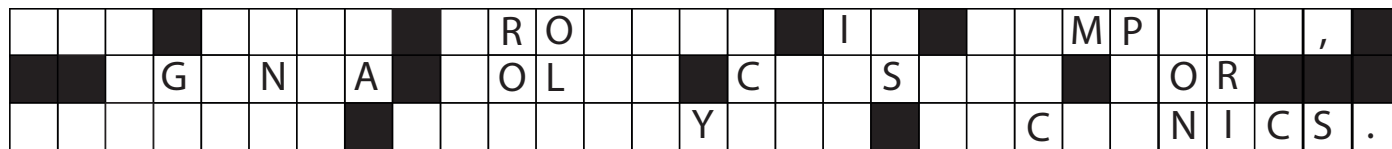
Looking to the future the setting up of a computer training unit will boost the opportunity for young people to gain skills and increase chances of employment.

A special focus will also be on strengthening those who can take ownership for community development and thereby increase impact.

We hope to see the slum community in Kalwa East equipped with the knowledge and skill to promote their own growth in the days to come.

Oasis India Project Team

Try to rebuild the original message below – the letters for each box are below the puzzle but you have to choose the right letter for each box to make each word and reveal the message.

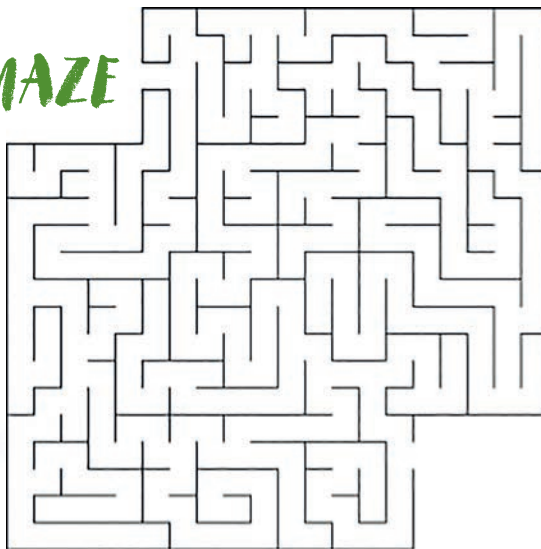


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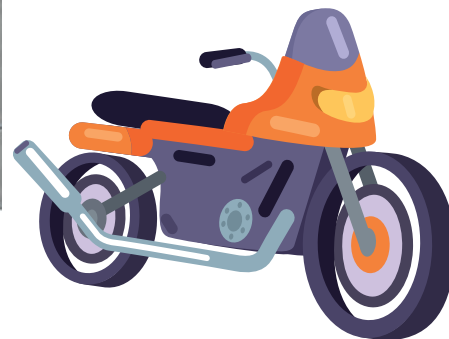
Answer on p 11



MAZE



Can you work out the maze so that the mechanic can reach the motorbike he needs to mend?



Youth page

Sri Lanka

This year we are going to be taking a closer look at some of our projects and discussing their importance, and what we can all do to help!

I wanted to use this magazine to talk about our projects in Sri Lanka. The project aims to increase the household food security of resettled communities, to improve child protection and child participation, and strengthen families by generating agricultural income and improved nutrition.

In particular, in decision-making, enhanced opportunities for children and teachers for improved education in a safe environment. These endeavours support the communities and grow their development.

How can we help?

Well for starters we have a page on our website called **Presents with a Purpose!** This is a page dedicated to providing supplies to our projects while also being gifts for family or friends. There is an electronic version which supports and reduces our carbon footprint.





Compost and Conservation

Rev Lloyd Chizenga reflects on an agricultural revolution in Malawi

Successful partnership

It is a joy to reflect on the work our small team from New Life Christian Church in southern Malawi has done since we started training village communities on conservation agriculture.

As this part of the *Growing Greener* training programme comes to an end, we can say that the past six years have been remarkable both for us and for the beneficiary communities. We want to say thank you to all donors and supporters and encourage you all, your generosity has truly made a big impact in the lives of those who were trained, their families and their neighbours too.

When we started this training programme, following the severe Malawi drought in 2016, we would never have believed how something so significant could have grown from such a small seed of an idea. It was like a seed planted in hope in the dark that has become a tree laden with fruit. When we started the training, many in the

▲ Lloyd Chizenga with debris left from flooding

villages were suspicious. If the training had not come from the church, we would have been accused of witchcraft. Now, we see farmers who have not been part

of the project copying their neighbours who are involved in the project.

Year of promise

The seeds, distributed last year, have germinated well, and we expect a good harvest this year. The project participants worked together to make dark rich thermal compost, into which they have all planted carefully, using mulch to reduce soil erosion. This time, we also taught them how to make more fuel-efficient stoves that use much less firewood. We are

keen to do as much as we can to reduce deforestation which is a major contributor to flooding in this area.

This phase of the training is complete, but we hope and pray that we will be able to continue in a slightly different format. The

“... as grass thatched houses are upgraded to iron sheet houses, school fees are paid, livestock is bought, and food insecurity becomes food security.”

training on compost making is especially vital. The war in Ukraine has led to a huge increase in the price of nitrogen-based fertiliser so, without training, on how to make organic fertiliser, ordinary people in Malawi will really suffer with low yields.

Many of the farmers who have benefitted from the *Growing Greener* project recognise this and have chosen to invest their profits from successful harvests in livestock. Livestock is an excellent asset for a smallholder farmer. Not only can they be bred, and the young animals sold, but they also produce manure which makes compost making much easier. Animals such as rabbits, poultry, goats, and cattle provide manure for composting the crops, and they then feed on the crop residues. We are really encouraging this closed-loop farming system where possible, as it marks a huge step-up in terms of the livelihoods of the beneficiaries.



Alifa Banda from the Njowe Village, comments, 'We really need to thank you for the past three years you have been

supporting us. As the programme has come to an end in our area, we are hoping for a goat project. This would help the older women especially, because they have the most challenges gathering material to make compost. Goats produce good manure for compost so they will be able to continue with good harvests.'

Hope for the future

Flooding remains a recurring threat for the communities that live alongside the Shire River. Drought is another concern,

but the techniques we teach support the soil and guard against some of these problems.

Zaina Bwanali from the Kalitsio Village, says, 'Even though there were weather challenges and drought, because of the training I received I still managed to harvest enough for my family. I sold some surplus and I was able to buy cattle. From the sale of the calves, I paid school fees for my child. I have also bought a strong front door for my house, so I am safe at night.'

Having seen such positive results from the *Growing Greener* project, we remain very optimistic that the transformation the *Growing Greener* project has generated will continue. The techniques we taught are increasingly embedded into the farming systems used in the communities we worked in. More and more are adopting the practices as they see the difference they have made. We see the results as grass thatched houses are upgraded to iron sheet houses, school fees are paid, livestock is bought, and food insecurity becomes food security.

A recent conference in Nairobi was an eye-opener in terms of how Christians are supporting farmers in other parts of Africa, and it has inspired us to strengthen our own curriculum with teaching on topics like animal care, farm blessings, farm-to-farm mentoring and more. We pray for assistance to bring these teachings to the communities where the *Growing Greener* project has taken place.

Rev Lloyd Chizenga, (General Overseer, New Life Christian Church, Blantyre, Malawi)



Prayer we invite you to pray

The Winter 2023 issue of *Outreach Abroad* contained a *Prayer for Projects* leaflet with prayer requests for all the projects. Here are additional requests to feed your prayers:

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Tanzania – FPI

The two years of Phase 7 have just started. Pray:

- that Agnes is effective in delivering the training to the new group of farmers,
- for Agnes, her recently born child and growing family, and her work / life balance,
- for a receptive attitude among the farmers.



Uganda – SDKF Technical Training

Pray for:

- Dennis Ssettaala, who leads this project, as he increases the number of students being taught,
- the training being provided which lifts more young people out of poverty into gainful employment,

- the good progress being made and that rising prices will not adversely affect the project.



Nicaragua – AMOS Health and Hope

Our partners in this project recently outlined their gratitude for our ongoing support and say thank you, for:

- helping pregnant mums give birth safely,
- letting parents see their children grow healthy,
- helping the wounded get the care they urgently need,
- caring for vulnerable patients who could not

otherwise have access to healthcare.

India – Kalwa

- Pray for the renewal of the Government's permission for our partner, Oasis India, to work in the country for the next five years,
- Pray that Oasis can recruit and retain suitably qualified staff for the project team,
- Praise God for the wonderful networks built with the community in Kalwa,
- Pray for the good health of staff who are working in a stressful environment.
- Sri Lanka – LEADS
- Pray for the resilience of the LEADS project staff as they continue to work in a difficult economic environment.

Bangladesh – CMCY

- Pray for Mary and her project team as they begin another new year supporting the education of 100 girls,
- Pray for the new Director of CMCY, Mr Shyamal Sarker, as he begins his new role which includes the oversight of the DFDP project.

Nepal – MCDS

The project in Rukum, a remote part of western Nepal, ends in July. Please pray that:

- the team from MCDS can phase out smoothly and leave a positive witness,
- the project activities will be completed and, where appropriate, be sustained by committed local people,
- MCDS can consider the location to select for a new project,
- the people of the new area will be open to what MCDS are able to bring to the community.

Malawi – APF Growing Greener

The war in Ukraine impacts on the cost of fuel and has knock on effects

on every commodity that needs to be transported, especially food. The emergency planting of crops last year looks very good. The weather at the moment in Malawi is fine with rains, which is a relief to everyone.

- Give thanks for this good news and pray that the future direction will become clearer,
- Please pray that the first groups of farmers who have finished their training will continue to practise the new methods,
- Pray for wisdom in making decisions about future training.

Tanzania – Imarika
So many people now want to become part of this project. Please pray:

- that the team will have much wisdom in allocating their time,
- for the team as they make decisions so that the highest number of people can be helped.

Uganda – WALP
This year women will travel from greater distances to the centres for their studies.

Please pray:

- they will have the perseverance to continue,

- that plans to provide opportunities for women who live even further away will be fruitful,
- that new centres will be found, so that classes can start in other villages next year.

Uganda – SAFI

- Pray that the training taking place in the new area, Kyegegwa, will continue to help a lot of households.
- Give thanks that the trial using Black Soldier Fly Larvae to replace some protein in animal feed is being so successful,
- Pray that a lot of people will benefit as more and more farmers are taught how to produce the larvae.



ANSWER to quiz on p6:
The SDKF project in Kampala, Uganda holds classes for trainee motorcycle mechanics.



Chanda and her family

Ability to earn breeds respect

Light for the Nations Trust, (LFTN), is a non-profit organisation working for women's empowerment through classes in adult literacy, beauty therapy, sewing skills, business management, and advocacy training. Since 2014 our vision in Pakistan has been to create an environment where everyone lives with dignity and respect. We facilitate and educate the marginalised so that they can become skilful workers.

The generosity of Operation Agri enabled us to conduct six-month courses in sewing and beautician training and a one-year adult literacy course. After completing the course participants received certificates, a sewing machine, beauty parlour kits, and Bibles respectively, to start their business. With these projects we are trying to save them from religious discrimination, sexual harassment, abuse, forced marriages, early age marriages and prostitution.

Break the chains

During the rainy season the brick-kilns stop working and people take loans from

their masters, many times there is also an attempt try to convert them to Islam, or try to sexually harass or assault the women.

Education is the key to open the door to a new life. In the recent flood, when everything was washed away, food and hygiene products, along with tents, were more than a miracle.

“**... we are trying to save them from religious discrimination, sexual harassment, abuse, forced marriages, early age marriages and prostitution.**

Happiness restored

Chanda (*pictured above*) also learned new sewing skills and now she stitches leather handbags for a factory which is a source of income for her. Her children are going to school and enjoy meals with the family. She proudly says, 'I am sewing cloth, but

Work speaks for itself

Kainat, who took LFTN's classes in sewing, has been unable to speak from birth. She says that she suffered from discrimination and humiliation in her childhood as she was deaf and mute. People considered her a burden. Nobody wanted to talk to her as she suffers from depression.

But, after learning sewing skills, she is more at peace and her new-found skills have changed her entire life. She is now independent, and more confident. She is selling her products such as crochet bags, crochet sweaters, woollen caps, gloves, different frocks stitched from silk, linen and other kinds of clothes. She is also trying to sell her products through online marketing.



mending the happiness of my children.' She is very confident and happy after gaining these skills, which makes her independent.

She says, 'I still remember when I came with swollen eyes and pale face, I was very depressed and didn't sleep for many days because my husband is

drug addicted and doesn't support the family.' She was worried about her three daughters and son. While sharing about her situation her voice was breaking and the stream of salty water didn't stop, but now there is hope in her eyes of a better future for her children.



Resilience

Alka Yousaf is a cancer patient. The treatment for this disease is very expensive. It has been very difficult for her husband to manage the household

expenses along with the medical treatment, and this created so many difficulties for her. Her children were not in school because of unpaid fees.

However, even with her disease she still completed her beautician course and now she has a source of income. She is managing her medical expenses by herself. Her children are going to school and there is a big difference in their financial condition. She says, 'I didn't bend my knee in front of Cancer'. ▶ ▶ ▶

Respect

In our culture males are considered as the pillars who support the family. Anum proved this wrong when she took steps to single handedly support her family. She has four brothers and all of them are drug addicts. The family faced so many crises including hunger, hatred, and humiliation in society.

She completed the beauty training course and now she is supporting her family

alone. Their financial condition is getting better; they all fill their stomachs every day. As their economic condition has changed, the behaviour of people has changed towards her family.

*Nargus Azhar,
Founder and Director,
Light for the Nations*



OA supporters called to 'be bold' and *change a life*

Nigel Jones explains why OA has adopted 'Earth Day' as Operation Agri Day



April 22, also known as Earth Day, originated in 1970 when people began to respond to the need to protect the planet by using bold and innovative solutions to problems such as pollution and deforestation. Operation Agri (OA) adopted April 22 to encourage supporters to do something 'in their own back yard' to prosper the work of the charity. When we adopted the day in 2018, we reminded ourselves of the verses in Proverbs: *'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'* Proverbs 31:8-9.



to CHANGE A LIFE

Have a cup of tea with a neighbour and introduce them to the work of OA.



to CHANGE A FAMILY

Take some magazines to your social group. Chat about the projects and encourage people to get their own free copy of the magazine and look at the website.



to CHANGE A COMMUNITY

Organise an afternoon or evening event with board games or invite a local choir. Have OA publicity available. Show the appeal video.

Be bold

There is no limit to what you could do with some bold and innovative thinking. If April 22 is too close, or gone by, select

another date that's more convenient. What about a summer ramble followed by a tea?

For help with obtaining literature please contact our Administrator Jo:

admin@operationagri.org.uk

Please email us some words and photos from your event:

NigelJones@operationagri.org.uk

AGM and the APM

The Annual General Meeting of Operation Agri BMM will take place in London on May 18, 2023.

The Annual Public Meeting of Operation Agri (CIO) will take place in London on May 18, 2023.

Anyone wishing to attend either or both meetings should contact the Secretary for information regarding the venue and timing. NigelJones@operationagri.org.uk

What about you?

OA is looking for new Trustees, including a new Chairperson. OA, now in its 62nd year, was established to support the agricultural missionaries of the Baptist Missionary Society, (now BMS World Mission), and still maintains close links with BMS World Mission. Support is now given to a range of long-term overseas development projects in ten countries run by several Christian organisations. Much of OA's work is carried out by its Trustees, who have experience of overseas development and/or raising support, while sharing a common calling to help some of the world's neediest people, 'Showing the love of Jesus in action'.

The Trustees continue to be excited and encouraged by the many testimonies to the effective work done by our partners, and by the support of many UK churches, (especially at harvest), as well as committed donors. Retired missionaries have often served as OA Trustees. Other

Trustees have business, education, charity, or other related technical experience.

Russell Ashley-Smith, with almost a lifetime of service to OA, has served as Chairperson for twenty years and is shortly to stand-down from that position.

For more information on becoming an OA Trustee, or to have a chat without commitment, please contact Nigel Jones, Secretary, by email:

NigelJones@operationagri.org.uk

Bequests

A faithful supporter of OA has remembered us in her will. The wonderful gift of £56,000 has been received and, we have been told, there is more to come.

This gift will make such a difference to many who live below the poverty line in Africa, Asia, and Central America. It is our desire to thank the family through this magazine for the life of their loved one and her goodness.

Bequests are, by nature, unpredictable so we cannot budget for them. When they arrive, we put them to good use by funding projects which help some of the world's most disadvantaged people to improve their lives and achieve their God-given potential.

Psalm 65:11–13 ***'You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance ... The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.'***

Miracles, like this, happen when God's people respond to His grace.

Malcolm

At a recent Trustee's meeting we gave a gift to our previous administrator, Malcolm, in recognition of his service to OA.

Thank you, Malcolm.

Rays of hope for defeating pov

Shadrach Manoj, shares LEADS' vision for a better future for young people

Sri Lanka was a rich country filled with natural resources and strong social values. We had a rich economic history, but the impact of natural disasters, the pandemic and political instability led the country to an economic crisis.

The economic crisis has had a huge impact on the lives of the vulnerable in rural areas of the Kilinochchi District. People struggled to fulfil their day-to-day needs. Parents were not able to send their children to school. In the last 18 months domestic violence against children, child abuse, irregular attendance and dropping out of school has increased.

Enhancing economies

LEADS, an agency dedicated to creating safer spaces and brighter futures for the children of Sri Lanka, joined forces with Operation Agri to help vulnerable families access resilient home gardening

practices to provide food and income. LEADS also provided livelihood support for ten beneficiaries. This also helped their extended family and gave an opportunity for the beneficiaries to increase their income.

A well was also renovated for use by farmers. LEADS provided the needful organic agricultural training on ploughing and preparing the ground, fertiliser (compost), pesticides, seeds and gardening tools for four beneficiaries to start organic home gardens as a model farm. Four 'Self Help Groups' were created among sixty farmers. They would be meeting once a week to discuss farming techniques, support, and advice. Farmers from their weekly earnings started to save an amount of money for their future. Training was

Project Coordinator Edwin conducting a meeting with the Self Help Group. ▼



erty and *protecting children*

in Sri Lanka Child Protection Assistant Madurangani leads a meeting with the Self-Help Group ▶

given about how to maintain the records of the 'Self Help Group'.

Protection of children

With the assistance of a 'Child Protection Assistant' LEADS organised, with the support of Operation Agri, an awareness programme for children about using mobile phones and social media. Twenty members were selected among the villagers by the Village Child Development Committee and were informed about the



importance of child rights and protection. Initiatives were taken to reform and strengthen childrens' clubs, to give young people a voice and let them spend quality time with their friends.



Kirushnaweny

Kirushnaweny lost her husband 16 years ago. Now she lives with her youngest daughter, who was severely injured during the civil war, and two granddaughters who are twelve and fourteen years old. The granddaughters are her eldest daughter's children. Her eldest daughter lost her husband too

“ **She was given training to prepare fertiliser of organic origin at home and techniques for organic farming.** ”

and has to work far from their village. Kirushnaweny has struggled to provide for the needs of her family. She too had to find work, which meant leaving the children alone. LEADS selected her as a beneficiary of the project funded by Operation Agri. She was given training to prepare fertiliser of organic origin at home and techniques for organic farming. As she had chickens, LEADS also supported her with a chicken coop. Now the children have their grandmother at home again to look after them, while their mother works out of the village. Kirushnaweny's earns around LKR 7,500 (about £16.50) per month by selling eggs and LKR 5,000 (£11) through her home garden, cassava produce and banana plantation. Now she's able to manage her family's needs and has a practice of saving weekly in the 'Self Help Group'. Her grandchildren too feel safe and protected.

Subramaniam

Subramaniam is a farmer who practices organic techniques in his cultivation. There are five members in his family and a year ago it was hard to fulfil their daily needs. The prices of chemical fertiliser and pesticides were high, so it was hard for Subramaniam to continue his farming. His youngest daughter is 18 years old and preparing for her advanced level exams. LEADS helped him to prepare organic fertilisers and pesticides to grow healthy vegetables. Subramaniam now grows crops such as eggplant, ladies' fingers, chilli, pumpkin, green grams, cowpea,



ground nuts and cassava. He prepares his own organic fertilisers and pesticides. LEADS provided him with seeds and wires for fencing. 'I am happy that I am able to produce non-toxic vegetables through organic farming and earn an income around LKR 35,000 (about £77) per month' says Subramaniam.



*Shadrach Manoj, Child Sponsorship Coordinator,
LEADS*

What is Operation Agri?

Nigel Jones, Trustee and magazine Editor, unpacks the origins of OA and looks forward to 2083

'Operation Agri supports some of the poorest people in the world by providing grants to locally run and managed projects'

Whenever I am asked about the work of Operation Agri my answer usually includes the statement, 'Operation Agri supports some of the poorest people in the world by providing grants to locally run and managed projects'. If the questioner then asks about the type of projects, it would be quite natural for me to talk about the agricultural projects training subsistence farmers in methods which are both kind to the land and increase yields; often the increases are quite dramatic! Those

who adopt the practices long term typically become surplus farmers enabling their children to go to school to get an education, and the family to eat more nutritionally because of what they grow for themselves and the produce they can sell at market.

In a nutshell that was the purpose for which Operation Agri came into being in 1961 and an objective it has maintained ever since. During the last six decades the opportunities to lift people out of deep poverty have changed to include hydroelectric installations, literacy and numeracy training, life skills tutoring,

women's empowerment and work with children and young people to educate and protect them.

Project Partnerships

When I began to take on the role as Editor of the magazine, ten years ago, I submitted an article on a bridge in Nepal. I recall the project very well and have revisited some of the text of the article: *Remote, mountainous terrain in the Rukum District of Nepal, makes travel difficult and time-consuming: it can take 30 hours to walk to the district centre. The lack of easy access means fresh food and medicines are in short supply for villagers, hampering local economies and impacting on peoples' health.* The article went on to talk about the partnership between local churches and the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) who, with a grant from Operation Agri, enabled a bridge to be constructed, providing a safe crossing all year round. Partnerships like this are fundamental to the way Operation Agri works.

Support Partnerships

I sometimes wonder if those who use the bridge ever consider where the initiative and the finance came from. Likewise, the thoughts of the countless people in scores of communities across Central America, Asia and Africa who are currently beneficiaries of Operation Agri supported projects may not stretch beyond considerations of their health, security, and access to food.

When the opportunity permits, I prefer to move the conversation away from, 'This is what Operation Agri is doing' to focus on the real source of the project grants. The Trustees of Operation Agri frequently

remind themselves that the primary source of the substantial amount of funds we disburse to projects month by month is its supporter base. Humanly speaking we can only continue as Trustees of Operation Agri, and the charity can only exist, because you and many others like you pray and give so very generously to right some of the many injustices in this world. By your giving you become a partner with Operation Agri and, by extension, the project leaders, project workers and the people who benefit from the projects.



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Deeper Support Partnerships

What will Operation Agri look like after another sixty years? None of the existing Trustees are likely to experience that, but another two or three generations of Trustees will be responsible for the shape of Operation Agri and, therefore, parts of the world in 2083. Will you be part of that journey? Deeper Support Partnership includes being a Trustee, someone who organises local promotional activities, or a champion of a particular aspect of Operation Agri's work. For what aspects of Operation Agri's work would you hear these words personally? 'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in.' Matthew 25:35.



- Organic cultivation
- Healthy livestock
- Better harvests

Operation Agri: helping farming families

2023 OA Appeal Resource Pack

with video, poster, handouts and ideas for family worship

Resources can also be downloaded from the OA website:

operationagri.org.uk/current-appeal/

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2023

Transforming Farms in Tanzania – pack to order by post

Full Pack: USB stick with video, A2 poster, Resource Book, 25 bookmarks, 25 envelopes <i>(delete items not needed)</i>	Quantity
	packs
Extra handout bookmarks (25 per set)	sets
Extra Gift Envelopes (25 per set)	sets
Extra Poster	
Extra Resource Book	
Contribution to production costs and postage	£5.00
Donation to Operation Agri	£
(Cheques to 'Operation Agri') TOTAL	£

Post this to:

Operation Agri, 361 Firs Lane,
Palmers Green, London N13 5LX.

Or order online:

operationagri.org.uk

Email: admin@operationagri.org.uk

Tel: 0800 915 3201

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speaker for
your church*

Name

Address

Tel

Email

Church

Please include me in email news updates Yes ☐ No ☐



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AGRI
Christian love in action

I'd like to make a regular gift
to support the work of Operation Agri
by standing order

Malawi:
Zaina Bwanali
with her cattle.



Standing Order

Please complete the details below, in BLOCK CAPITALS
Name and full postal address of your Bank

To the Manager:

Bank name

Bank address

Postcode

Sort Code - - Account No

Account name

Please pay to Operation Agri at: Bank of Scotland PLC, Edinburgh, PO Box 1000, BX2 1LB

Sort Code: 80-22-60 Account No: 20935768

The sum of £

Starting date

and every Month / Quarter / Year until further notice from me in writing (Please delete those not applicable)

This order is in addition to / replaces my previous instructions to the charity

(Please cross out words that do not apply)

Signature

Date

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The Administrator, Operation Agri, 361 Firs Lane, Palmers Green, London N13 5LX

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- Please fill in your name, address and email overleaf, and whether you would like our magazine.
- Please tick if you would like to:

☐

Leave a gift to OA in your Will, or would like guidance to set this up.

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Would like to volunteer

Other ways to give

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www.operationagri.org.uk/product/make-a-donation



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Please remember Operation Agri in your will. Many projects have been funded from legacies.
For guidance please ask the Administrator.

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Yes, I want to support the work of Operation Agri

- ☐ I enclose a personal gift towards the work of Operation Agri £
- ☐ I enclose a cheque / postal order / CAF charity voucher to the value above made payable to Operation Agri **(Please cross out words that do not apply)**
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- ☐ **Please send me the free 'Outreach Abroad' magazine by post every 3 months**
- ☐ **Please send me the Operation Agri email newsletter**

Please complete the details below, in BLOCK CAPITALS

Full Name: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Rev / Dr

Church or Organisation and Position (If applicable)

Address

Town/City

County

Post Code

Email address

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Gift Aid can be reclaimed by Operation Agri from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

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In order to Gift Aid your donation you must complete the information below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity: **Operation Agri**

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.

Title First name or initial(s) Surname

Full Home address:

Postcode

Signature:

Date

Please notify Operation Agri if you:

- ☐ want to cancel this declaration,
- ☐ change your name or home address,
- ☐ no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

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