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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Marking five  
decades of service

**UGANDA:** Help us  
build classrooms  
for Kiyindi

**EGYPT:** Equipping  
the Church



**International Needs**  
Empowering families

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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of International Needs, we reflect on five decades of service. As we also look ahead, we pray 'More, Lord'

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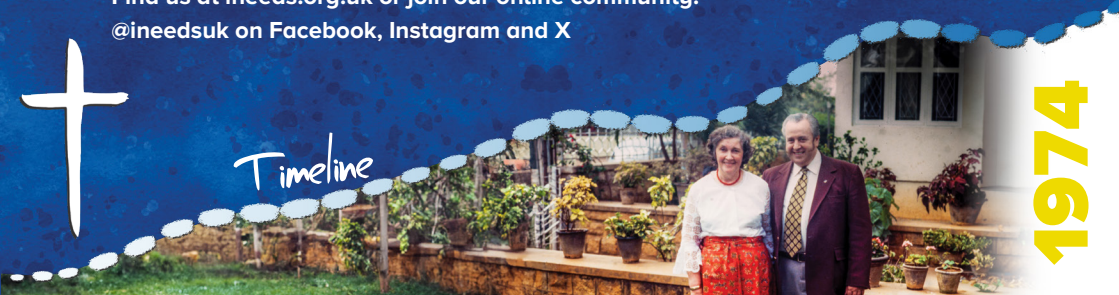
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Timeline

1974



## EDITOR'S NOTE

## MORE, LORD!



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Welcome to this special issue of Invision, marking 50 years of International Needs ministry. In these pages, we take a look back at some of the blessings and highlights that have shaped IN over the years. But we are not resting on our laurels. 'Forget the former things,' God commands in Isaiah 43:18-19. 'Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?'

At the time of writing, delegates from around the IN world are convening in Rotorua on New Zealand's North Island. As well as giving thanks and spending time in prayer and worship, these men and women of God will be carving out time to try to perceive God's 'new thing', his intent for International Needs in the next 50 years.

Future gazing can be problematic, but we trust in an omniscient God. Jesus remarked in Matthew 26:11 that 'the poor you will always have with you'. There will always be a need for us to reach out into communities at home and abroad, to empower families, to build up the church and to improve infrastructure, water supplies, healthcare provision and access to education and vocational training.

The ongoing need for organisations like International Needs is also supported by academic research.

With the 2030 implementation deadline of the UN Sustainable Development Goals fast approaching, researchers predict that more than 600 million people will remain in extreme poverty; that there will be an increase in the number of people living in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa and other low-income countries. And a tenth of the population in developing countries will still lack access to clean drinking water (Arief A. Yusuf, Zuzy Anna, Ahmad Komarulzaman, Andy Sumner, October 2023).

Rather than finding this trajectory depressing, we must grasp it as a galvanising force. There are still millions of lives that we can impact for good. Still many men, women and children who we can come alongside and support in their hour of need. Still countless souls that we can win for Christ. It could be as simple as chipping in for our classrooms in Uganda.

We thank God that we do not go it alone, but that we are blessed with supporters like you. Whether you've been with International Needs for the whole 50 years, or just five minutes – thank you. Please stay with us for the long haul. More, Lord.

**David Giles**

**International Needs was founded by Ray Harrison** (former Director of Youth For Christ) who began International Needs New Zealand to network mission and development initiatives around the world (Left: Ray and his wife Lorna).



The first work of IN was with children in Savar, Bangladesh. **It all started with just six boys and girls** and has since housed, educated and supported thousands of children, many of whom have become leaders in their fields.



# THE WHOLE CHURCH TAKING THE WHOLE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD



Ray Harrison, Founder of International Needs, participated in the 1974 Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization – a significant event in the history of modern evangelicalism. The event, convened by Billy Graham, brought together 2,700 participants from 150 countries. It played a crucial role in shaping IN's vision, and forming the basis of our operations. During the 1970s, Christian missions faced a crisis. Colonialism was rapidly being dismantled, leading to a re-evaluation of missions that were closely associated with the former empires.

Missionaries were criticised for being instruments of imperialism – imposing Western interpretations of the Christian faith without giving due consideration to the culture and perspective of the nations where they ministered. In some cases, they were being urged by local Christian

leaders to return home. Simultaneously, Christianity was experiencing remarkable growth in the global South and East, while declining in the West. Evangelicals worldwide recognised the need to adapt, accepting the necessity of serious contemplation, and, in some cases, the adoption of new approaches.

The themes that shaped IN at its birth could be summarised as follows:

**1. Holistic Mission:** The Lausanne Covenant articulated a holistic understanding of mission that includes evangelism and social action, emphasising that the two are inseparable parts of the Church's biblical mission.

**2. Global Collaboration:** Participants underscored the importance of

1976

IN UK began in 1976, supporting the established partners in Asia, particularly working with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal and the Philippines.



1979

IN India was founded by Dr Ken Gnanakan, seen here with his wife Prema and their children Santosh and Anupa in 1981.



international partnerships and cooperation among churches and mission organisations, recognising the need for unity and collaboration across denominational and cultural lines to undertake evangelisation effectively.

### 3. Contextualisation of the Gospel:

The congress highlighted the need to present the gospel in culturally relevant ways – with a stress on understanding and respecting varying cultural contexts

while communicating clearly Christ's unchanging message.

### 4. Challenges and Opportunities in Evangelism:

With increased awareness of challenge facing evangelism (eg secularism, religious pluralism, political oppression), participants explored new opportunities for mission work.

### 5. Commitment to Evangelism:

The Lausanne Covenant called for a renewed commitment to evangelism, impelling individuals and churches to prioritise the active sharing of the gospel.

### 6. Local Christians know best:

At Lausanne, Ray Harrison met with Christian leaders from around the world, valuing their heart for their communities and commitment to the gospel. He concluded that IN would not send people but would support local leaders in their holistic mission.

As we look forward to another half-century of International Needs, we thank God for Ray's vision and response to the challenge of his day. We must consider again how to faithfully respond. Conflict, religious tensions, natural disasters and poverty continue to plague the people of many nations. There are more people on the move than ever before. There are the challenges of social cohesion, traditional cultures clashing with Western progressive ideals, and – in some areas – increased hostility to the Christian faith. Yet, we are more interconnected than ever, able to respond faster, and can innovate in our work while also harnessing the strengths of traditional ministries.

The world still needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. Are you in?




**Danny Morris, Executive Director  
International Needs UK**

**1981**

Children in the IN school attended an assembly. The schools in the slums have supported **over 1,500 children and their families.**

**1984**

IN Ghana began under the direction of Rev Walter Pimpong. He had vision to **set free women and children still trapped in various forms of slavery.** One of the most successful projects was rescuing women from **Trokosi slavery.** This is a practice of ritual servitude where women are given to priests and fetish shrines as a living sacrifice.



# KENYA UPDATE



Back in November 2023, Pastor Joshua from Kenya visited the UK and shared his vision for a Leadership and Talent Centre. This centre will be a place to continue his work on the streets of Nairobi, allowing younger people to be resident and removed from the dangers of the slums. During his visit, we were able to connect with so many of you and be encouraged by your prayers and generous giving.

*As a result, we were  
able to smash through our  
target and raise a massive  
£44,170*

We're very happy to share that the land purchase was finalised at the beginning of April and development is underway!

Throughout May the land was enclosed and fenced, marking the boundaries, and protecting against encroachment. This will be particularly useful for the latest stage of development — keeping livestock in and Maasai predators out!

As part of the drive towards sustainability, the team will be rearing livestock (chickens, goats, cows and sheep) on the land to generate an ongoing and reliable income. A container has also been purchased which serves as a tuck shop where the produce of the income generation; meat, dairy produce, honey, vegetables and grains are sold.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us on this journey to rescue, rehabilitate and restore young people on the streets of Nairobi!

1987

The vision of IN Bangladesh was to **transform the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children**. Here is a young boy (right) at Savar Children's Village holding a goat he has been learning to look after. The work in Bangladesh has grown to include three children's villages, two schools in Dhaka and another in northern Bangladesh.



1988

**IN Egypt**  
was  
founded.



# HOW TO MAKE A VOLLEYBALL NET OUT OF WATER

## Ingredients

1 International Needs WASH project  
Several tonnes of peanuts  
A pinch of community enthusiasm

## Method

1. Work with a community to provide clean drinking water.
2. Set up a community water committee to oversee the new infrastructure, train them in water hygiene, maintenance and community liaison.
3. Establish small-scale livelihoods programmes by providing an initial supply of peanuts to plant, using the revitalised water supply to help the crops bear fruit.
4. Facilitate conversations between community members expressing frustration with anti-social behaviour of young people after school.
5. Turn over a small portion of peanut sales profits to purchase a new volleyball net, providing a healthier outlet for teenage energy!



This is exactly what has happened in Nochikulam, Sri Lanka, where we are delighted to report that your donations have now repaired and rehabilitated existing wells and created additional capacity by building brand new water supplies. The results have been impressive – with the whole community benefiting, and the ramifications going well beyond clean water. The associated peanut growing endeavours have also gone well, with local farmers achieving good harvests.

On receiving reports of disruptive behaviour from some of the village's youngsters in the evenings, the water committee worked with IN and the peanut entrepreneurs to devise a solution. The result: a new volleyball net was purchased with some of the peanut sales income, in order to provide young people with a meaningful activity to participate in.

With the first phase of the Nochikulam project fully implemented, IN is now supporting the community to dig more wells. This water will be used primarily for agriculture, to enable the extension of the peanut-growing enterprise.

Additionally, IN has plans to install tube wells in Monaragala District, in the south-east of the country. This is another rural area with a struggling economy, where IN has been working for several years. A WASH implementation here has been identified as one of the most crucial needs.



1991

IN Ghana, aided by IN UK, headed an extensive and persistent campaign to the Ghanaian government to make the Trokosi practice illegal. Finally, **in 1996 the campaign was successful**, Trokosi was outlawed and made a punishable crime. IN Ghana continue to work to change mindsets leading to the liberation of over 2,800 women from shrines.



1994

A teacher runs a 'school bus' to collect and deliver children safely to school in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. IN Bangladesh also houses a paying day school and the proceeds subsidise **a free school built in the city's slums.**

# A VOICE FROM THE VOICELESS

Five-year-old Kateryna\* is the youngest of six children. In common with many of the younger Ukrainian children arriving as refugees at the Romanian border, she was also acutely affected by the Russian invasion of her country. This was especially obvious to IN Romania staff who welcomed her to their kindergarten near Sighişoara, specially designed to meet the needs of displaced youngsters. The team observed that Kateryna was traumatised – barely able to speak, or to interact with other children freely. It was clear that she needed specialist support.

IN children's workers referred Kateryna to a speech therapist, and provided an outlet for self-expression through art therapy. With a consistent, compassionate presence, staff are rejoicing that Kateryna has now started to speak again, is playing with other children and is starting to learn the Romanian language to integrate better into her temporary new community.

Meanwhile her five older brothers and sisters also attend the IN-run Joy Kids Centre in Sighişoara. The centre provides activities for refugee children, including art, music, craft, games and additional tutoring in several subjects. Day trips also help the children gain an understanding of Romanian culture.

\*Names changed for privacy



Kateryna's mother Anichka\* has parented alone for several years, but fights to ensure her children do not lack anything. She took the children to Romania, so that they would be safe, would not feel the burden of war and could flourish. The first words she uttered when she arrived in Sighişoara were: 'I want to work! I want to work!' Her worn hands are evidence of her hardworking disposition.

Anichka is very grateful because she now has the peace she was searching for. 'We are so thankful for the kindergarten and for the Joy Kids Centre, for all your help. Thank you for taking care of my children and helping them with their education. Thank you for showing so much love towards us.'

Look out for some correspondence later this year about how you can support families like Anichka's.



1994

IN Uganda began in Kiyindi with a school of **48 sponsored children**. The vision was to provide education, particularly for those orphaned by HIV/ Aids. Soon IN Uganda expanded through the district of Buikwe to include several schools, community development programmes and a medical centre.

1997

IN Nepal set up the Lydia Vocational Centre, a **5-month residential programme** for young women from rural communities to come to Kathmandu. Here women received training in tailoring and other skills.



# WORK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

Egypt is currently affected by conflict in several of its neighbouring countries, exacerbated by instability in the national economy. More than 9 million refugees are officially registered, from countries such as South Sudan, Eritrea, Yemen and Somalia. The ongoing war in the Gaza Strip is also having an effect on the situation in Egypt.

International Needs is seeking to meet urgent needs as far as possible, with financial assistance provided to refugees and other displaced people, along with bags of food and groceries.

A major focus for IN Egypt is in building up the fragile church in a region where following the Christian faith can be discouraged and even dangerous. Our country leader writes: 'Our Bible School ministry is doing very well. We thank God we have more than 18 young pastors that come to our training centre once a month. Most serve the Lord as a full-time pastor in different villages, which are very difficult places with limited resources.

'The needs in these villages are great. We are very passionate about this ministry, as we

believe that these young pastors are the future... we try as much as possible to give them the best teaching, and to help them in changing others' lives.'

The teaching is also offered via YouTube in order to maximise the benefit.

Sunday School materials are also being produced in order to support the church across the region, with a further three books having just been completed. This curriculum covers children aged 4 to 14, with a culturally-relevant syllabus to attract and engage young people interested in finding out more about the faith.

## IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**300+**

micro-loans issued to help Egyptians and refugees begin sustainable businesses


**18**

young pastors participating monthly in IN Bible School

**227**

families helped with daily needs such as food, milk and blankets


**3**

more Egyptian-language Sunday School picture books published, enabling 11-14s to learn Bible stories in an engaging way




IN UK began to support IN Egypt in 1997. The founder Nathan's vision was to support the minority Egyptian Christian community as they faced persecution, as well as change the lives and futures of Egypt's young people.

**2004**

Rev Jean Kone and IN UK partnered to build a school in Bobo Dioulasso. Bobo faced a major shortage of school places for both primary and secondary students due to rapid population growth.



# LET US SPRAY

With jihadist violence in much of the country's rural interior still uncontained by the Burkinabe authorities, the number of internally displaced people has now exceeded 2 million according to official sources (UNHCR, February 2024).

Being a relatively safe haven, tens of thousands of villagers have flocked to Burkina Faso's second largest city, Bobo-Dioulasso. This is also the location for IN Burkina Faso's ministries, including a recently expanded school and healthcare centre. Regular supporters will be aware that the team has undertaken much-needed trauma counselling here over the last year or so.



IN Burkina Faso ran its first formal anti-malarial programme from October to December 2023. This included distribution of mosquito nets, spraying of the medical centre, school and church, and provision of medicine for malaria and dengue fever. Both conditions are recorded in high numbers in Burkina Faso, and a deadly version of the dengue virus has taken many lives.

The team in Bobo plan to implement a new anti-malarial programme from July 2024, coinciding with the country's wet season through to September, after which the majority of mosquito eggs hatch and the disease tends to reach its annual peak.

IN Burkina Faso is preparing to spray key buildings with insecticidal agents in order to kill the mosquitoes before they can become a hazard. The programme also seeks to provide access via our healthcare centre to anti-malarial drugs as well as vitamins and glucose. These simple interventions, along with the distribution of mosquito nets, will quite literally save lives.



IN UK began the **Sticks to Bricks** project to build permanent school buildings across the Upper Volta region of Ghana. Lessons were taking place in classrooms made of palm leaves and tarpaulins. Teaching was a challenge as classes were easily disrupted and rain meant schools had to shut.

2007



2012

The official opening of the **IN Burkina Faso medical centre**.



# INTERVIEW WITH CALVINE: ARK QUEST

**Ark Quest** is an established project which IN UK has started a partnership with in 2024. It serves a rural community in western Kenya, providing affordable education and nutritious meals to children

**Ark Quest currently has:**  
**140** students  
(from kindergarten to junior school)  
**13** teachers  
**13** support staff  
(including two cooks)

## Can you tell us how Ark Quest was founded?

I am a middle child in a family of five and when we were growing up we only had two cows. It was very difficult for my parents to see who to take to school and I remember dad selling one of the cows to take me to school. I prayed to the Lord and asked if, for sure, I'll be able to finish my undergraduate degree and get a job, then I'll be able to transform the life of another child.

Exactly what I prayed is what happened. I graduated as the best in my class, I was employed at my University as a teaching assistant and so I began my academic journey in 2007. So in 2008 I took 8,000 Kenyan shillings and told my mum – 'there are eight children who are needy at the village, I want you to start giving them lunch after their school.'

The numbers proceeded to increase and we realised it was overwhelming, so we had to get someone else. We were around 58 in 2010 and so the numbers kept increasing and increasing. What initially never seemed to become a school was now a school and we were training children right at the Village giving them an education and giving them lunch.

## How is God working through Ark Quest?

Through the years, it's clear that Ark Quest is God's project. It is not my project or our project. We have seen the Lord really transform the village and us through this project. I have really grown it by faith especially learning to fully trust and depend on the Lord, because our income here is not anywhere close to running that school but God has overwhelmingly supported us through the years since inception. We have had tough days, we've had tough seasons but the amazing fact that God has provided salaries for all our workers to date – it's a mystery!



Link to full interview on YouTube

2015

Egypt suffered from severe economic decline, and young people struggled to find work. IN UK and USA and an Egyptian businessman teamed up to build a vocational training centre in Cairo for young people. Here they are learning skills to help them to find work and set up their own businesses.



# SQUARING UP: NEW

Our friends at International Needs Uganda have started the construction of a new classroom block at Makonge Primary School in Kiyindi. **This school serves more than 1,000 pupils** in an area of Uganda where schooling can be inaccessible or completely unaffordable. Kiyindi is a small fishing village on the banks of Lake Victoria, with many families living in poverty. IN has worked in this community since 1994, when the school was first built.

However, some of the existing classroom accommodation now needs to be replaced. The rooms are dark, stifling and airless, with **no ventilation** gaps between walls and roof and only small, shuttered windows. The hot, sweaty atmosphere is not conducive to learning. Cracks are appearing in the walls where **the buildings are subsiding** due to the tiered nature of the site, creating safety concerns. Children are currently having to study and even take exams outside under the shade of a tree (while weather conditions permit) or be squashed into space shared with other classes.

**We want to support the dedicated staff at Makonge by providing funds for the new-build educational facilities.**

The new and improved 'Block B' will comprise **seven classrooms** and be **able to accommodate 350 children**.

The solid construction of reinforced concrete will ensure that the building will be resistant to the elements and will last many decades.



Each of the seven classrooms will be 210 m<sup>2</sup> in order to teach up to 50 children at a time. This is a total of 1470 m<sup>2</sup> – built to last, and adhering to all current regulations.



## 2016

The April 2015 earthquake in Nepal destroyed homes and livelihoods. IN Nepal worked to provide emergency aid to hundreds of isolated rural villages.



IN UK and IN Uganda set up the Buikwe water, sanitation and hygiene project in response to the poor state of water and sanitation across the Buikwe District.



# CLASSROOMS IN KIYINDI



Participants of recent GoGlobal visits will have seen the early stages of the ceremonial digging of foundations and, more recently, the completion of the groundworks. But there is still much to do.

The headteacher of the school, Augustine Katwaza, took up his post a couple of years ago having previously been deputy head at the nearby Buikwe Primary School. He has a deep understanding of the local community's needs, and has seen firsthand the difference an enriching education can make. Augustine is a man with a big heart and never turns away children who want to come to the school, despite the financial challenges faced.

In total, we are seeking to raise £225,000, an investment in the education of these students which will trickle down to benefit the whole community.

**A gift of £150 will sponsor one square metre of the new-build 'Block B' classrooms**

Could you buy a 'celebration square', or motivate some friends or family to donate together? What an amazing legacy that would make for this community during our 50th anniversary celebrations! See page 14 for 50 fundraising ideas to inspire you! Fill in the pull-out 'celebration square' donation form or visit our website.

## We need your help.

Can you give **£150** to sponsor a square metre of classroom?  
Or you might prefer to give, say, **£12.50** monthly - that's less than a takeaway pizza!  
For the imperially-minded, could you give **£60** to sponsor four square feet?  
**See the enclosed giving form or visit [ineeds.org.uk](http://ineeds.org.uk)**

2017

The first borehole of the WASH project was in the process of being sunk in Seruti Village, Buikwe. The water source now gives more than 70 families nearby access to safe water.



Street boys returned to a slum in Nairobi after a meeting and hot food with Pastor Joshua. As many as 60,000 children and young people currently live and work on the streets.



# FIFTY FUNDRAISING IDEAS: how many can you do?



**DON'T UNDERESTIMATE**

# QUIZ NIGHT



# CUSTARD PARTY



# PUDDING-A-THON



# NOVELTY VEGETABLE



# TREASURE HUNT



# TECH COLD TURKEY



# WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT



# CHEESE AND WINE SOIREE



# KNIT AND NATTER



# WINDOW CLEANING



# TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



# 10-PIN BOWLING COMPETITION



# BRING AND SHARE MEAL



# ULTIMATE MARBLES CHALLENGE



# KEEPY-LUPPY CONTEST



# BAKE-OFF



# GIVE AN HOUR (OF PAY)



# SPONSORED



# BOUNCE



# JAIL-BREAK



# DANCE-A-THON



# MOUNTAIN



# CRAFT EVENING



# STREET PARTY



# BINGO



# AROUND THE IN NETWORK



(Above) A woman receives sewing skill training in Surkeht, Nepal.

So much is happening around the IN world that there's simply not space to include everything. Here are a few shorter snippets...

In **Ghana**, a new playground has been constructed at Kpogede Community School, with a vibrant celebration inaugurating the facility in May. Thank God for this new provision which will benefit the whole community.

Pastor Tayo, a national worker supported by IN **Papua New Guinea**, recently travelled with his wife Janeth more than 300 km on a motorbike

to remote Oyana Village to be guest speaker at a four-day Easter service. Consequently, 53 people committed their lives to Jesus, and the couple has been invited back to the community to undertake more evangelistic outreach later in the antipodean winter.

Great news from the IN-supported ZACTS School in **Zambia**! They've just harvested their first batch of 3,497 tilapia from the school's pond, bringing lots of joy and laughter in the process. The fish will not only provide protein for the students' lunches but also contribute to the school finances.



## 2017

IN Burkina Faso opened a **new maternity unit** in Bobo-Dioulassa, the country's second city.



## 2018

**New classrooms** completed at La Bonne Nouvelle School in Burkina Faso.





(Above) Students from La Bonne Nouvelle School in Burkina Faso enjoying the tomato harvest after learning gardening.

Excess fish will be sold at the local market, helping cover some of the costs of operating the not-for-profit facility.

IN **Nepal** continues to run its successful 'Lydia Ladies' programme, seeking to equip Nepali women with vocational skills to enable them to support their families. Training now takes place both in Kathmandu and in more rural areas, with the first 15 women enrolled in the new, advanced, scheme shortly to complete their course.

Nicador, from Dehradun in neighbouring **India** writes: 'What a joy to see eight

young people decide to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in water baptism. The most wonderful thing for us was to see the young people who have grown in our church since their birth. Most of them we dedicated as a child and now as adults willing to follow the Lord. It is a joy to see that increasingly the local leaders are taking more and more responsibilities in this country.'

FOMO? Be sure to follow our social media channels for daily updates, or sign up for our monthly prayer diary which take users on a world tour every 30 days!



2019

An IN Egypt response was launched to meet the needs of a **Syrian refugee influx**. IN Egypt continues to support migrants from neighbouring countries.

# JUSTUS DEPUTATION

Originally trained as a teacher, Revd Justus Miwanda is an Anglican minister co-pastoring St John's Kampala. Justus is married to Deborah, and they have three children. He has also been the Executive Director of International Needs Uganda for over 15 years.

The work of IN Uganda began during the HIV/Aids pandemic in 1994, when International Needs Uganda began a Child Sponsorship programme, providing orphaned children with access to education. IN Uganda now run four schools and provide sponsorship for over 3,000 children.

Since 1994, IN Uganda has also ventured into other ways to combat local poverty through various community development projects, including building Makonge Health Centre, running a five-year HIV/Aids prevention programme, pastor training, a four-year farming project and a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project.

I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour on 27 July 1990 while a young boy. Since then, by God's grace, I have remained on this journey till today.


Revd Justus Miwanda

2020

COVID-19: IN UK resources redirected to emergency aid. **Online fundraising events** were devised, including a virtual relay race.

2021

IN Ghana: **outdoor reading clinics** were introduced to boost learning at this difficult time.



Justus will visit the UK this summer from 8 July and share the latest updates from International Needs Uganda.

We're very excited to be hosting Justus again for the first time since 2022. His deputation will be a perfect chance to celebrate our partnership with Uganda through the years, as well as praying together for the future. We're looking forward to celebrating our wonderful child sponsors and the provision of education through this programme. Particularly, we're excited to share updates from the building of classrooms in Kiyindi, and the achievements of our Disability Inclusion Programme and updates on church planting initiatives in the area.



**We, with International Needs Uganda are hoping to see both of these projects grow over the coming years. Could you help us? Why not think about joining us to hear from Justus about these projects and committing to one for the next year?**

*Watch out for photos and videos from Kiyindi showing progress in the months ahead, and consider coming to one of our events across the UK featuring Revd Justus Miwanda who heads up IN Uganda and is passionate about improving access to education in Kiyindi!*

Deputation dates: **8 July — 7 August**

#### **Thursday 11 July**

IN supporter meal, South London

#### **Friday 12 July**

Online forum with Revd Justus

#### **Sunday 14 July**

(AM) Green Street Green Baptist Church  
(PM) Emmanuel, Croydon

#### **Sunday 21 July**

(AM) Jubilee Community Church,  
East Grinstead  
(PM) All Souls, Eastbourne

#### **Sunday 28 July**

St John's, Burscough

**Plus more:**

*check website for details*



**IN India: Distance learning courses** were implemented in Dehradun, in the foothills of the Himalayas.



# AROUND THE UK

## Lap the Lough – 25 August

Cheer on Andrew McCormick, Drew Curren, Robert Poole, and Stephen Todd as they raise money for IN UK's partner in Kenya, Ark Quest, by **cycling around Lough Neagh**. The 89-mile route is scenic but challenging. The team aims to raise £2000 for classroom furniture.

## SurfStage – 5 to 7 July

We are delighted to be returning to SurfStage this year, after such a warm reception in 2023.

The all-age festival in Parbold includes **Christian music, crafts, food stalls, children's activities, fun and games**, and there will be a chance to take part in the IN water carrying challenge. Meet the team in a sunny (?), relaxed setting!

## Keswick Convention – 27 July to 2 August

Join Revd Justus Miwanda and the IN UK team at Week 3 of the renowned **Bible teaching event in the bucolic Lake District**. Find out more about our ministries in Uganda and discover how you can support IN projects in communities worldwide.

## Meet Justus, across the UK – 8 to 26 July

We invite you to join us at engagements across the country: see page 19. There'll also be an interactive online session, where you can hear and about the programmes in Uganda and pose your own questions.

## IN Family Tea Party – Autumn

Look out for news of a **family gathering** like no other, as we seek to support families torn apart by conflict in Ukraine. Keep an eye on our website for more details.

# 2022

Ukraine: Major IN response to Russia's invasion, including **humanitarian convoys of supplies** into the country and initiatives in neighbouring and nearby countries.



One of our trustees visited Ephphata school in the Congo which specialises in providing **quality education for deaf children**.





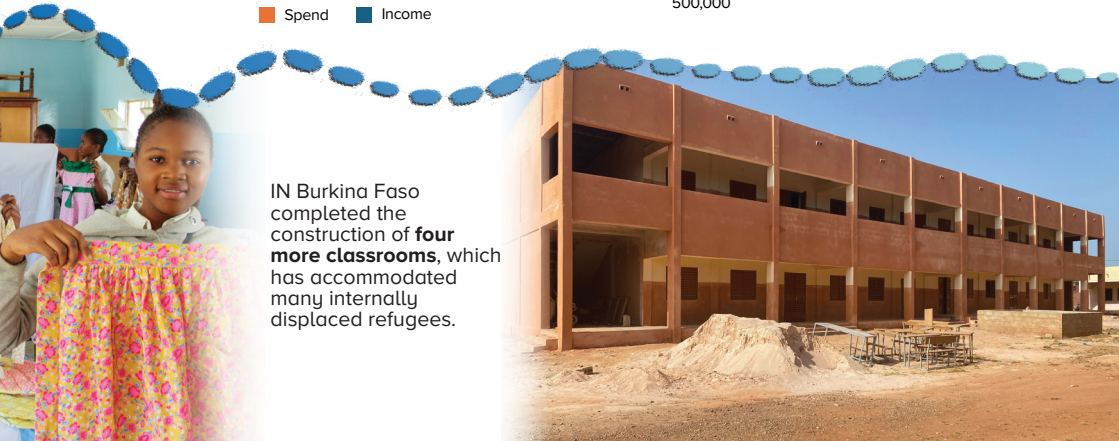
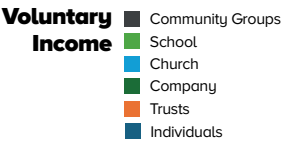
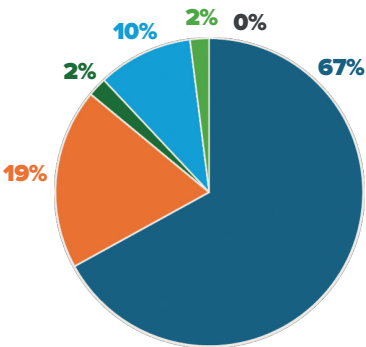
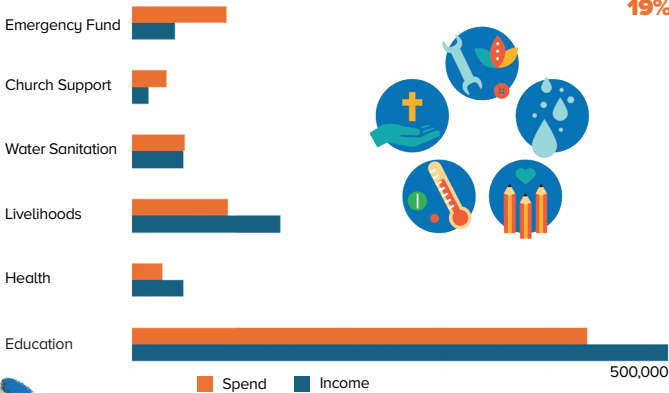
## Marathon Mania

Thanks to supporters at Green Street Green Baptist Church, raising money for our Kiyindi Classrooms project through a 24-hour sponsored psalm reading.

And a shoutout to our wonderful marathon runners: Tim, Freddie, Joss, Katherine, and Luke! Tim Allen (pictured) raised an incredible £9,128 for the Leadership and Talent Centre in Kenya.

## DOWNLOAD OUR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FROM OUR WEBSITE

	Income	Spend	Beneficiaries
Emergency Fund	414,583	91,153	8,000
Church Support	16,518	33,824	3,120
Water Sanitation	49,707	51,310	16,926
Livelihoods	142,273	92,749	1,000
Health	49,722	29,917	3,160
Education	512,859	435,909	38,221



# SPONSORSHIP: MEET TEDDY

My name is Teddy and right now I'm in Senior 5. I've just finished my Senior 4 and I got 15 aggregate [a top band Uganda Certificate of Education result, like a GCSE].

I'm so grateful to be sponsored, because sponsorship has helped me to get the morale to study. I'm no longer sent home for fees. IN has really helped me.

*I would like to thank you -  
all those who sponsor children.*

We are so grateful for all the love and care. That we always receive gifts from you. I receive Christmas gifts, I receive food, and everyone enjoys Christmas right now, from receiving gifts like I have received this bag, and there are some books here.

I'm so grateful for that – the books are here – and right now I'm going to do biology, chemistry and mathematics. Because of sponsorship I will be able to achieve my dream and I want to become a surgeon. So, because of you, I will manage to achieve this.

May God bless you. May he bless you abundantly. May he help you in whatever you do. Thank you.



2023

**IN Romania continued to provide sanctuary for Ukrainian refugees** with the provision of meals, accommodation, aid convoys, access to education and much more.



**Trauma counselling continues to be provided to young refugees affected by the violence in Burkina Faso.**



Moses is such a pillar of faith, that it almost seems impossible that he nearly didn't survive his first few months. Threatened with infanticide on a colossal scale, his mother defied Pharaoh's horrific plan. First, she hid her newborn child for three months. Then, she made the difficult decision to send baby Moses floating down the River Nile in a basket, leaving his destiny wholly in the hands of the God she trusted in. Such was her desperation and motherly desire to see her son survive in the face of such horrendous adversity.

What she could never have known as she set her precious cargo down at the water's edge was that Moses would soon be found by none other than Pharaoh's daughter. Mercy prevailed. Moses flourished.

Fast forward a few thousand years, and conflict, deep-rooted stigma and economic hardship continue to threaten children's lives in many countries. Parents in Burkina Faso unsure how to protect their little ones from the violence of jihadist terrorism. Families in Uganda hiding their babies away in their homes, because they've been born with disabilities regarded in animistic belief systems as a 'curse'. Mums having fled war in Ukraine, finding refuge in a neighbouring country but lacking the language skills or ability to negotiate a new country's red tape in order to secure work.

The reasons are as individual as the children themselves. Children, like Teddy (left) who have hopes, dreams and abilities.

What can we do? Sponsorship is a simple but effective way of stepping up and making a stand. Sponsorship is not adoption - it does not replace parents, rather supports and encourages them too!

**£25 each month** is enough to see a child through their all-important education. That includes text books, stationery items, uniform, essential medication and often nutritious meals at least once a day. It assures them they are of value. It empowers parents as they continue to provide for their family. Sponsors can expect to receive updates from their sponsored child, as well as school reports charting progress through their education. Many enjoy exchanging letters and sending small gifts for birthdays and Christmas.


You can also sponsor a small group rather than an individual young person, or a community initiative such as a village water project or livelihoods training scheme.

How about clubbing together to support the next Moses (or Teddy!) with members of your church, midweek group or community group, or even your place of work? We would love to hear from you.

Please contact Kim Wright at:  
**membership@ineeds.org.uk** or  
call the IN UK office at **01883 331332**



**The vocational training centre run by IN Egypt is in popular demand** with waiting lists - courses include IT repair, barber skills and hairdressing, English language courses and more.



**Türkiye: earthquake response.** The small IN team were able to provide emergency food, shelter and blankets following the 7.8-magnitude quake.



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# IN FAMILY CONGRESS CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS

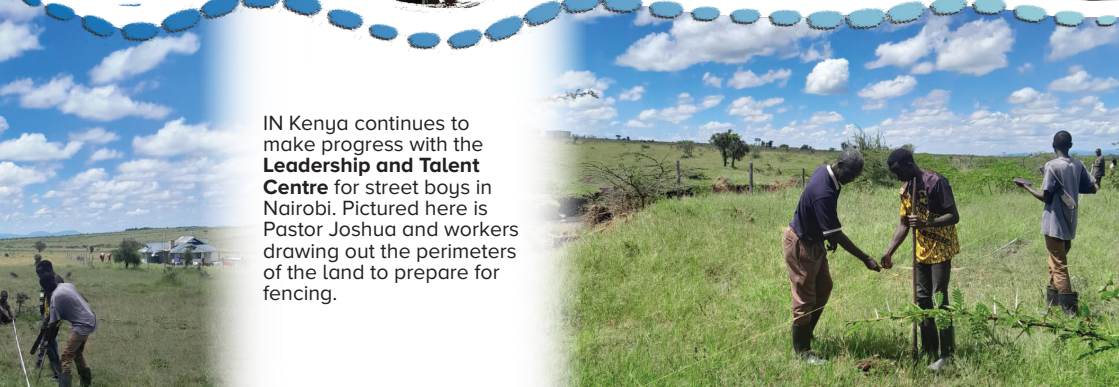


2024

IN Kenya  
partners with  
Ark Quest  
school.



It's official! IN  
Uganda: forms a  
new partnership with  
Starfish, a charity in  
Mukono, Uganda.



IN Kenya continues to make progress with the **Leadership and Talent Centre** for street boys in Nairobi. Pictured here is Pastor Joshua and workers drawing out the perimeters of the land to prepare for fencing.

The eighth International Needs Congress, marking **50 years of IN ministry**, took place in the network's birthplace, New Zealand in May 2024. Themed '**Celebrate God's Faithfulness and Press On**', the event – held in Rotorua on North Island – brought delegates together from around the world. As well as enjoying Spirit-filled times of prayer and worship together, participants wrestled with a number of key issues affecting the IN network. Sessions ranged from structured dialogue on succession planning, and identifying leadership potential, to discussions on sustainability, technology and accountability. Each participating country shared examples of effective ministry being undertaken presently, and time was set aside for the Holy Spirit to guide future plans and aspirations.

# IN UK: LOOKING AHEAD...

We are truly privileged to have witnessed the growth of International Needs UK, alongside our dedicated and hardworking partners across the globe. In the last decade, our income has grown to more than £1 million per year; our supporter base has doubled. We are deeply grateful for the many new individuals, churches, trusts and major donors who have chosen to partner with us, enabling us to positively impact the lives of thousands of families worldwide.

We also want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the ongoing support of our long-time supporters, whose dedication has been instrumental in our journey. We genuinely couldn't do what we do without you.

Where do we see ourselves in three years? Our goal is to achieve an income that allows us to **send more than £1.2 million** every year to communities in desperate need of support, and to **reach half a million families each year** with the good news of Jesus.

Here's how we plan to do this:

**1. Increase our fundraising capabilities** by communicating our work and its impact to more people.

**2. Develop our marketing and communications** creatively, adopting new methods of digital outreach, and expanding our capability and reach in digital comms.

**3. Shape our board of trustees** and take on new members who are excited about our work and able to bring new, diverse skills to support the team.

**4. Take on new staff team members** who have a calling to work on a mission, can develop their skills, and contribute effectively to a worldwide movement that is shaping a better life for hundreds of thousands of people while also introducing them to Jesus Christ.

We have ambitious targets for meeting more and more needs around the world – for instance, we have 350 children we would love to match up with new sponsors. Regular giving like this helps children through their school life, providing everything from uniform to text books and often a nutritious school lunch too. Could you help us find new sponsors? Word of mouth recommendation is by far the most effective marketing tool we have!

**Thank you for journeying with us. Every pound, every prayer, every fundraising activity makes a real difference.**



## YOUR WILL BE DONE

We hope you remain with us for many years to come, but you can still make an enormous difference by leaving a gift to International Needs in your will.

*Would you consider nominating IN as a beneficiary?* It's a tax-efficient way of giving, and it helps our long-term financial planning as well. If you would like to support us in this way, drop us a line to discuss your wishes and also arrange to speak to your solicitor, many of whom can offer free consultations about wills.

## RECRUIT ANOTHER SUPPORTER

Tell someone you know about IN and advocate for us. We have a three-year goal of recruiting another 350 regular givers, and the best marketing we have is you! As an existing supporter, you know that we are a trustworthy, effective, no-nonsense organisation. Would you share our 50-year story of transforming lives with somebody else – asking them to join the IN Family and support what we do with a monthly gift?



## JOIN THE IN UK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Become a 'critical friend' by joining the IN UK board of trustees**

Our trustees oversee IN UK's activities and offer advice, support and governance. We are currently seeking to add new trustees to the board, bringing additional expertise in communications and fundraising, for example. If you'd like more information about serving International Needs in this capacity, we've just launched a new video ([ineeds.org.uk/trusteerecruitment](https://ineeds.org.uk/trusteerecruitment)) with trustee Jane Howard explaining what is required. Interested?

Contact [danny@ineeds.org.uk](mailto:danny@ineeds.org.uk) for an informal conversation.





## We love hearing from you,

so please email us ([inuk@ineeds.org.uk](mailto:inuk@ineeds.org.uk)),  
pick up the phone (01883 331332)  
or write to us at **50 Biddulph Road, South Croydon, CR2 6QB.**

## One small plea to avoid us incurring unnecessary charges –

if you are using the post, **please use our Freepost envelope** or make  
sure that you are using the **new style postage stamps** that include  
a barcode.

If you still have old stamps, **you can swap old for new**  
through the Royal Mail's Stamp Swap Out service –  
forms are available at your local Post Office branch.

## 2024 Highlights

Snapshots from our  
annual Golf Day



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