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*For obvious reasons, parts of this Report mirror previous S.T.A.R.s*

*In consideration of the Organisation's international audience, this Report is presented online  
during our 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)*



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In line with established *Solace International* organisational practice,  
this document also doubles as  
the Organisation's Annual General Report for the Year 2022, Anno Domini.





*“But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles...run and not be weary.  
They shall walk and not faint” –Isaiah 40:31.*





## His Steady Hand

The LORD has Brought us this far  
And farther Takes us still  
Raising always the Bar  
In Keeping with His Will.

The road has been so rocky  
And air around us mean  
Yet God has Made us stocky  
With Strength and Power unseen.

And so grateful we stand  
Faithful on we move  
Serving at His Command  
His Solace and Love to prove.

— *Joseph Dos Santos*



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<sup>1</sup> This unique style of laying out a Table of Contents is the brainchild of Joseph E.G.D. Dos Santos (2019, 2020) and therefore duly acknowledged.







## ***Our Mission Statement***

Guided by the Holy Spirit, *Solace International's* Mission is to provide an excellent support service which positively impacts lives and in so doing, contributes to a better world, thus glorifying God.





## ***Foreword***

Welcome to the Solace Trustees Annual Report for 2022 (S.T.A.R. '22). This report outlines by the Grace of God, *Solace International's* progress in achieving its aims and objectives during the preceding year. As with its predecessors, although S.T.A.R. '22 is a standalone document in its own right, the report can be read as continuing on from prior S.T.A.R.s. Thus, to the Glory of the LORD God Almighty – Sole, Everlasting and Omnipotent Solace of all Creation – in His Wisdom and by His Love, S.T.A.R. '22 uses in part or in whole at various points throughout, portions and sections which can also be found in previous reports – including but not only, S.T.A.R. '21. It is our hope in Him, that doing this will remain the convention for future S.T.A.R.s – for as long as it Pleases God that *Solace International* abides. We further pray and hope the LORD is Pleased to Grant that *Solace International* shall long outlive its Founder, abiding through all generations up until the Second Coming.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> See Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 1:9-11, etc.





### ***In His Footsteps***

Like our Unfailing Role Model Jesus, the Only Christ, we aim to be – but positively so, different things to different people. Each of our actions will mainly seek to enhance the holistic advancement of any communities wherein as it Pleases the LORD, *Solace* is engaged – whether directly or otherwise. As was the Wont of our Lord Jesus Christ in Whose Footsteps we follow, *Solace* will always put the service user/client/customer (‘needy’) first; the needy will always be who, as well as what, drives us on and our services will generally be moulded around the needy as Guided by the Holy Spirit, Who alone Understands to Perfection our every need as individuals and as people. As our Unfailing Role Model Christ also Did, *Solace* will always aim for the highest standards with God the Highest Standard, our Guide and Focus. We want to be unique in everything we are engaged in; we want to be well-known for our overall excellent quality of service and marvellous personnel; we want to maintain an unassailable position among the best in our chosen fields of endeavour. Simply put, we just want to be the best.

By the Grace of God, we will be the best.



## ***Resolution***

Following its meeting for Summer 2022, the *Solace International* Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as 'The Solace Board', 'The Board' or 'The Trustees') resolved as follows:

- 1.) The Report covered by this resolution and contained in this document shall form the main body of the Organisation's Annual Report for 2022;
- 2.) The Report shall be designated and known as 'The 2022 *Solace International* Trustees Annual Report' or S.T.A.R. '22;
- 3.) The Report shall be presented online as part of the 2022 *Solace International* Annual General Meeting (AGM);
- 4.) The 2022 AGM shall occur before the halfway point of 2022's last quarter;
- 5.) In keeping with *Solace International* ('Solace') convention established in the Year of our Lord 2017, S.T.A.R. '22 shall be deemed officially complete and therefore closed, after Christmas Day, 2022;
- 6.) Official completion and closure shall include insertion of the accompanying report from *InterSolace Organisation* ('Solace Kenya') and any other Solace branch or affiliate in other countries as the case may be;
- 7.) It shall only be declared complete and closed also, once there is no possibility of updates as requested or mandated by the Governments (or relevant departments) of the countries where *Solace* actively operates.

Signed..... *D.N. Mnyasa* .....

Dephrose N. Mnyasa (for: Board of Trustees, *Solace International*)



## ***SOLACE INTERNATIONAL: The Organisation in brief***

Some information about *Solace International* is provided below in 10 bullet points:

- 1) The word "solace" is nearly identical with words like: aid, assistance, calming, comfort, compassion, motivation, refuge, relief, serenity, soothing, support and tranquil.
- 2) Our name therefore indicates our primary goal of making Life easier for others.
- 3) *Solace International* was created in the UK, but it started off by functioning in Kenya in 2012, after which it was registered in both the United Kingdom (UK) and Kenya.
- 4) Solace's official name in Kenya is 'InterSolace Organisation'.
- 5) Although not part of any denomination, *Solace* is by the Grace of God, run on Holy Bible principles. We nevertheless conduct Christian religious services and activities (in the UK and to a lesser extent, in Kenya).
- 6) We continue to cooperate with others (private citizens, institutions, or communities) because we equally value partnership.
- 7) We want to combat inequality and advance the Christian Faith.
- 8) We also want to have an impact on at least one life in every country and region on Earth.
- 9) The globe is made up of more than two hundred (200+) countries and regions. So far, *Solace International* has only provided assistance to individuals and organisations in forty nations.<sup>3</sup> As such, there is obviously so much to be done.
- 10) But what will *Solace International* do when we God Willing, have eventually managed to help at least one person in all 200+ places? By the Grace of God, once we are sure we have touched at least one life in every nation and territory on Earth, we shall start the process again, seeking to help or support someone in each of the world's 200+ nations and territories.

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<sup>3</sup> [Appendix B has more information.](#)



### ***The Organisation's charitable objects***

The objects of *Solace* are:

- a.) To benefit the public;
- b.) The advancement of the Christian Faith and
- c.) The prevention or relief of poverty.

### ***Its aims and activities***

We seek to honour God the Almighty Creator of All Life and Owner of Everything. We also seek to and testify of His Greatness and Goodness through our actions and activities in that light – and hoping to work in collaboration with other similar-minded groups or individuals, the aims of *Solace International* are chiefly to:

- Be and remain, an international organisation operating across several continents of the world;
- Further the Christian Faith through the use of apostolic and deaconate means;
- Empower people and groups against poverty in all its forms, using a prudent but radical understanding of 'poverty'.



### ***Activities (What the charity does)***

*Solace* in furtherance of its aims, engages in general charitable purposes as well as the following:

- a.) Education and training;
- b.) Prevention and relief of poverty;
- c.) Religious activities;
- d.) Economic/community development;
- e.) Promotion and support of diversity, equality, human rights, racial harmony, and religious tolerance.

### ***Who the charity helps***

*Solace International* helps the general public and Mankind. In other words, we are not particular or discriminatory about who we help. The help we give is however subject to variables, such as:

- (1.) The availability of relevant human, financial and other resources;
- (2.) Strict criteria as set forth in the Organisation's Constitution, Beneficiaries Policy and/or other governing documents;
- (3.) Any other criteria laid down by the *Solace International* Board of Trustees.



## ***How the charity works***

There are several ways by which we work to achieve the above, the main one being that:

- a.) *Solace International* makes grants to individuals and to organisations;<sup>4</sup>
- b.) We also develop and provide human resources;
- c.) *Solace International* offers governance and capacity-building support;
- d.) We are engaged in community-relevant training delivery, business support, as well as the facilitation of seminars and workshops;
- e.) Finally, *Solace* provides advocacy and advice/information as well as other services relevant to individuals in need and to communities.<sup>5</sup>

In keeping with practice established in the original *Solace* Trustees Annual Report and maintained thereafter, as well as for ease of communication, this report uses the information bulleted under *Activities: What the Charity does* as subheadings in the two sections ('Successes', 'Failures') below. Also, in line with established *Solace* convention, the information under the other subheadings (e.g. 'Who the charity helps', 'How the charity works' and 'The Organisation's charitable objects', etc.) contributes to fleshing out the report in the relevant sections.

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<sup>4</sup> We do not offer loans. We have experimented with doing so (offering interest-free loans in support of small businesses and serious family challenges), but discovered that lending money although potentially of greater value/benefit to those who receive them, only provides brief respite. Worse still, it generates levels of dishonesty and ill-will almost impossible to describe – or even understand. Lending is in our opinion, for a small charity such as this, more trouble than it is worth and so the decision has been made to ditch the idea.

<sup>5</sup> This includes signposting to other entities which are relevant to beneficiaries' needs.







## ***The Solace journey thus far: Pumping our fists***

Sweetly as always, the LORD God Favours *Solace International* with the Honour of Allowing us to enjoy success in myriad areas – even as to His Glory and in His Strength, we improve on strides already made in years of yore. *Solace International* is at best, a Vessel – a Tool – an Instrument in the Hands of the Master of all Creation Who has no shortage of Resources – and so Honours us by Using us, since while He can Do without us (and indeed everyone else), not even one of us can manage without Him. In that light, the list of what for want of a better – and humbler word we would refer to as ‘successes’, are outlined below, keeping in mind the Undying Words of our Lord Jesus Christ, as Recorded in the Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke:

**IT IS THE SAME WITH YOU; WHEN YOU HAVE DONE ALL YOU  
HAVE BEEN TOLD TO DO, SAY: 'WE ARE ORDINARY  
SERVANTS; WE HAVE ONLY DONE OUR DUTY.'**<sup>6</sup>

One important aspect of note as indicated in S.T.A.R.s '20 and '21, is that the enormity of what by the Ever-Bountiful Hand of God, we have so far achieved, is better understood when juxtaposed against *Solace International's* continued lack of corporate funding, regular donations or high publicity. It is simply impossible for us to ever appreciate the LORD Almighty enough regarding His Goodness as Demonstrated through this charity in the following pages. As you read, please keep in mind that the key barometer by which *Solace International* evaluates its achievements, regrets and areas for improvement is the Organisation's plans for each year in furtherance of its aims and objects.

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<sup>6</sup> Lk 17:10 (GNT)



Area 1(a) <sup>7</sup>	
<i>The alleviation of poverty – UK, etc.</i>	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Details</i>
<b><i>Foodbank</i></b>	<p>From the evidence presented by a variety of sources, the end of 2020, witnessed a worsening of already dire UK-wide poverty levels, due among other factors, to the COVID-19 pandemic. Poverty indicators such as begging, dumpster-diving, food bank visits, rough-sleeping and shoplifting, were especially on the rise.</p> <p>One consensus finding shared by researchers as previously noted, is that many UK families struggle to afford decent meals – even where they have one or more gainfully employed breadwinners. In many cases, families are having to make the ‘heat-or-eat’ choice, where they must sometimes sacrifice decent or adequate meals in favour of paying bills.</p> <p>Of course, 2022’s unprecedented inflation rates have made things worse, even hampering the ability of charities like <i>Solace International</i> to attract donations (Civil Society and Legraien, 2022; Joseph Rowntree Foundation [JRF], 2021; Mitchell Charlesworth, 2022; Office For National Statistics [ONS] and Keane, 2022; Poverty and Social Exclusion [PSE], 2022).</p> <p>Due to the steadily weakening power of the usually all-conquering Pound</p>

<sup>7</sup> The ‘Areas’ have been numbered for ease of reading and reference. The numbering does not reflect any specific order or priority list.



<p><b><i>Foodbank</i></b></p>	<p>Sterling, our ability to reach more of the needy through stretching each Pound raised, has shrunken – particularly in those countries outside the UK and Europe where, by the Grace of God and to His Glory, we continue to support many people.<sup>8</sup></p> <p>By the Grace of God, food banks and other food provisions (e.g. soup kitchens and food hubs) abound. Nonetheless, some families are too embarrassed or even afraid to access these free facilities. Such reticence unfortunately and unwittingly generates an added vulnerability by cutting them off from a vital and free/ low-cost source of sorely needed support.</p> <p>Accordingly, <i>Solace International</i> has supported several organisations with food donations – including but not only: the <i>H2G Food Hub</i>, <i>Croydon BME Forum</i> and <i>St. Peter's Church of England Parish</i> (SW16). We are still seeking to establish if not in 2022 – then in 2023, a soup kitchen which could also serve as a one-stop shop for support in other areas.</p> <p>Noting that food poverty is usually an indicator of other serious quality-of-life-affecting issues, we anticipate that the proposed one-stop shop would offer support such as: employability support, benefits advice and signposting. Furthermore, the Organisation continues to operate its flagship <i>Foodbank With A Difference</i>.<sup>9</sup></p>
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<sup>8</sup> Please refer to the Appendices for a full list of the countries in question.

<sup>9</sup> This involves operating a floating foodbank. The way it works is that we go in search of the needy, taking food to them, instead of waiting for them to find us. We identify them through a variety of contacts.



<p><b><i>Foodbank</i></b></p>	<p>Keenly, we are in doing so, walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Christ our Chief Role Model Who did not always Wait for those in need to approach Him. As the Gospels Show, He more often than not, Moved around, Making Himself both Available and Accessible to those in need of His Matchless and Boundless Goodness.</p> <p>Since this year a level of heatwaves that the country had not seen since around 1976,<sup>10</sup> <i>Solace International</i> visited parks and distributed bottles of water which we had cooled overnight to ensure it provided both physical and psychological relief by respectively cooling parched throats and giving a sense of relief to those who seek solace from the heat.</p>
<p><b><i>School support</i></b></p>	<p><i>Solace</i> continues to support schools in Kenya, to educate orphans and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The level of support has however been somewhat scaled down.</p> <p>Coming to this decision was in deference both to the Organisation's lack of resources, as well as the Organisation's decision to reduce its involvement and presence in Kenya, from last year (i.e. 2021).<sup>11</sup></p> <p>However, <i>Solace's</i> schools support varies, depending on the institution – and can include supporting children through school by paying for their</p>

<sup>10</sup> According to the Met Office.

<sup>11</sup> The *Solace International* Board of Trustees later rescinded this decision as a result of which, Kenya continues to be the main focus of our work and resources. This situation is to be however, regularly reviewed between now and 2025 when by the Grace of God, a final decision on the matter would have been made.



<p><b><i>School support</i></b></p>	<p>school fees, school uniforms and other school-related needs.</p> <p>Other support includes availing them and/or their families, money for extra tuition, school meals and boarding. So far,<sup>12</sup> it has Pleased God that in Kenya, we have supported children, schools and teachers.</p> <p>Our support reached Busia, Eldoret, Kakamega, Kilifi, Machakos, Malindi, Nairobi, Nakuru and Waitamu. We have supported over fifty children, two teachers and five schools, with money, books and pastoral care.</p> <p>Less intensely, we have also supported families with their children's schooling and other needs, in Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa and Uganda.</p> <p>Support we have sent to other countries – most notably Congo-Kinshasa and Botswana, has while aimed at children and families, not necessarily been with an eye to schooling or education. Discussions are also ongoing for support of school children in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, although for reasons explained elsewhere, our negotiations to support school children in Vietnam, have stalled.</p>
<p><b><i>Poverty-busting</i></b></p>	<p>Alleviation of poverty is one of our key aims. thus, <i>Solace</i> continues to support parents experiencing poverty to deal with their situation by breaking free from the cycle/bondage of poverty.</p>

<sup>12</sup> That is, as at mid-2022.



<p><b><i>Poverty-busting</i></b></p>	<p>Because of the current global economic and health situations, our priority is to generalise our support in this area, on a case-by-case basis. Consequently, small cash grants have been made in the UK and elsewhere.</p> <p>Coping with what has come to be known as ‘the new normal’ (Maragakis, 2020), the Organisation’s flagship <i>Solace</i> Enterprise Empowerment Programme (S.E.E.P.) which was temporarily shelved, has resumed.</p> <p>Doing this helps us support as many people as we we reasonably can, to reject poverty and instead flourish, by breaking free through enterprise and self-employment wherever possible.</p> <p>Enterprise empowerment is to the Glory of God Whose Will it is that we “prosper and be in good health”<sup>13</sup>. The SEEP will however as noted hitherto, shortly begin to diversify its content.</p> <p>Following this new approach is with the aim of making S.E.E.P. more beneficial to a wider populace. We are also developing an online version which would be cost-effective for us and accessible to even more people.</p>
<p><b><i>Collaboration</i></b></p>	<p>Partnership and other forms of cooperation are an essential resource to any charitable organisation. As such, we are building relationships with</p>

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<sup>13</sup> 3Jn: 2



<p><b><i>Collaboration</i></b></p>	<p>other organisations – including academic, charitable, corporate, religious and unregistered community groups both in Kenya and the UK.<sup>14</sup></p> <p>An advantage here is that it helps reach even more people without having to take on the immense costs of registration and opening offices everywhere. It is also a chance to support other organisations towards achieving their own visions, aims and objectives.</p> <p>Many individuals and groups have shown the efficacy of a collaborative approach to supporting those in need. We are for instance, working with groups and individuals in Uganda, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Nigeria, Nepal, Namibia, Kenya, Ghana, Botswana and elsewhere.</p> <p>Of course, in light of current resource realities which the Organisation is currently having to live with, the collaborations have been largely informal and even indirect – such as some or all of our arrangements in Botswana, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Pakistan, etc.</p> <p>Joining up with entities from other lands with their different cultures, eccentricities, perspectives, prejudices and sensitivities presents unique challenges – some exciting and others dampening, especially with some of the arrangements still at a very basic stage.</p>
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<sup>14</sup> Our letterheads reflect this as we tend to include at the bases of the documents, logos of most organisations we have worked or partnered with. Some groups are yet to be added though. They will be inserted as time goes on, subject to approval by the Trustees acting on the advice of the Chief Administrator.



<b><i>Collaboration</i></b>	All the same, interagency working remains a key aspect of <i>Solace International's</i> modus operandi. In the UK and Kenya, <i>Solace</i> continues to be a part of and/or engaged with a wide variety of organisations both religious and secular. We do not partner with political groups. <sup>15</sup>
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Area 1(b)	
<i>The alleviation of poverty – Kenya and elsewhere</i>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>Street kids</i></b>	<p><i>Chokora</i> or ‘street kids’, as they are known in Kenya, are minors (typically aged between six and fifteen years old) who for a variety of reasons, are forced to live on the streets.</p> <p>Homelessness among Kenya minors is more an urban issue – especially in the capital, Nairobi. Becoming a <i>chokora</i> often results from abuse or crime, being orphaned, running away from home, drug addiction, etc.</p>

<sup>15</sup> Organisations and groups we have worked with however fleetingly, include but do not stop at the following: **UK:** ACTS Church, Croydon BME Forum, Croydon Voluntary Association (CVA), Faiths Together in Croydon (FTIC), Heads2Gether (H2G), Kingston Voluntary Action (KVA), Lambeth Voluntary Action Council (LVAC), Restoration World Revival Church (RWRC); **India:** Jetsons; **Kenya:** Born Again Revival Tabernacle International, Kenya (BARTI-K), Deliverance Church International, Groots-Mathare, Hope Africa Community, SOS Children's Village Buruburu; **Nepal:** Rakesh Women's and Community Empowerment Group; **Pakistan:** Sadia Gill.





<p><b><i>Street kids</i></b></p>	<p>On most days no matter the weather, <i>chokoras</i> can be spotted moving around in dishevelled packs of five-to-fifty strong. They are particularly vulnerable to lynch mobs.<sup>16</sup> – as well as paedophiles and violent criminals.</p> <p>Kids in <i>chokora</i> situations are also usually easy targets for human traffickers, organ harvesters. Criminal and terror gangs also find them easy candidates for recruitment into nefarious networks.</p> <p>Only limited supported can be offered;<sup>17</sup> but this is wide-ranging nonetheless as it includes: food and money, as well as companionship which in the absence of formal counselling, has proven quite helpful.<sup>18</sup></p> <p>Relevant to the issue of <i>chokoras</i> still, it is noted in passing that last year,</p>
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<sup>16</sup> This is especially the case when a theft or other petty crime has occurred, but the perpetrators are unknown or unclear. There remains an awareness on our part and on the part of other entities doing what they can to help these unfortunate children, that when accused of crimes, the *chokoras* are not always innocent. In their desperation, they have been known to commit serious crimes such as violent robbery, severe assaults and the occasional rape. However, *Solace* takes the position that nonetheless, street children are as a whole (despite the unfortunate and opprobrious actions of a minority within the group), quite vulnerable, being easy targets for every kind of criminal and violent person (which in part explains why street children tend to move in packs...safety in numbers). Whatever they may rightly or wrongly be accused of, it must also be remembered, that street kids like all other children, are minors.

<sup>17</sup> This is because the problem of *chokoras* is complex, deep and in need of long-term engagement – the type which only governments (in this case, the Kenya Government and devolved governments running the counties) can handle since the issue requires a huge array and amount of resources.

<sup>18</sup> Especially in the cold and lonely hours of the night when most law-abiding adults are home – and law enforcement agents are scarce – leaving the streets bare, dangerous, as well as lonely for any children at all – but particularly for the country's street children.



<p><b><i>Street kids</i></b></p>	<p><i>Solace International</i> appointed an official whose role is to explore ways of supporting children and parents in need.</p> <p>Among the foci for the new role is the provision of more bespoke support for those children and families experiencing levels of need which force them onto the streets to beg or scavenge for sustenance.</p>
<p><b><i>Clothes supply</i></b></p>	<p>Continually from 2014 up to the summer of 2022, <i>Solace International</i> has supplied more than ten thousand free clothes and shoes to those in need. We have targeted various countries with this support.</p> <p>Last year, our manner of distribution changed so we could reach even more individuals in need. Our previous (quite generous) system often allowed some people to receive too many clothes and others too few.</p> <p>Our stock of second-hand clothes in Kenya has not been replenished however, due to the exorbitant cost of shipping. We have focused instead on sharing our stock with groups within the UK.<sup>19</sup></p> <p>The supply of free clothes is a very important aspect of our work in the prevention or relief of poverty in countries outside the United Kingdom. where so many people live below the poverty line.</p> <p>Here it is also noted that a small percentage of our clothes was distributed</p>

<sup>19</sup> We have especially made clothes donations to those concerned with the flood situation in Pakistan and the economic collapse of Sri Lanka.



<p><b><i>Clothes supply</i></b></p>	<p>to people living in the UK, for just the third time in our history. There is a growing trend of people coming to <i>Solace International</i> for clothes.</p> <p>Even though we have been happy to help – to the best of our ability, the only other times when such a demand in the UK for our free clothes occurred were in 2015 and last year.<sup>20</sup></p> <p><i>Solace International</i> continues to monitor the situation, with a view to increasing the percentage of clothes donations we reserve from our stock, even though this might mean fewer clothes for other countries.</p>
<p><b><i>Cash grants</i></b></p>	<p>As already indicated, <i>Solace International</i> continues to make cash grants to those in need. The Organisation does not however, give loans.</p> <p>Beneficiaries and other interested entities can find our reasons for this in S.T.A.R. '20 and S.T.A.R. '21.</p> <p>Cash grants we give are usually small.</p> <p>Duly, all the grants we make are subject to the availability of funds and strict criteria as laid out in our Beneficiaries Policy.</p> <p>Even with the current economic malaise sweeping the globe, monies are</p>

<sup>20</sup> In 2015, we had many people come to us for food needs, but many of them also asked for clothes. The 2022 upsurge is however, attributable to THE COVID-19 pandemic.



<b><i>Cash grants</i></b>	<p>not disbursed without the approval of the <i>Solace</i> Board of Trustees.</p> <p>For this year so far, <i>Solace International</i> has made grants to beneficiaries from and/or in eight countries.</p> <p>God in His Loving Kindness has Let our grants benefit: Congo-Kinshasa, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Area 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Religious activities</i></b></p>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>The ‘Towards’ Reports</i></b>	<p>To God’s Glory, the ‘Towards’ reports are a unique capacity-building tool aimed at supporting churches, pursuant to our aim of furthering the Christian Faith. As stated in previous S.T.A.R.s, every year since 2012, we have contributed to the capacity-building of at least one church.</p> <p>Our support is wide-ranging – from setting up a youth/teens ministry,<sup>21</sup> through observing what could be going wrong in a church and suggesting ways to put it right,<sup>22</sup> to simple church planting<sup>23</sup> - as well as general advice</p>

<sup>21</sup> *Winners Chapel*, Malindi, Kenya.

<sup>22</sup> *Hope Africa* (now *Hope Community*), Syiokimau, Kenya.

<sup>23</sup> *Born Again Revival Tabernacle International* (BARTI), Maziwa, Kenya.



<p><b><i>The ‘Towards’ Reports</i></b></p>	<p>for Christian groups focusing on women<sup>24</sup> and/or children.<sup>25</sup></p> <p>With God’s Matchless Help, we have so far provided such support for around fifteen churches and Christian groups or ministries. Where appropriate, the support would include a report the title of which begins<sup>26</sup> with the word: ‘Towards’.</p> <p>Among other benefits, the reports give deep insight from a neutral point to church leaders, on how they may improve their usually already great services. For <i>Solace</i>, the reports allow us to build, maintain and present a colourful portfolio of our work in this unique area of Christian ministry.</p> <p>Research conducted by the relevant churches and Christian groups in the future, may also find that our ‘Towards’ reports are a very good place to start, or that the reports can at least furnish the researcher with some new insights regarding the church-related issue(s) under study.</p> <p>During germination and development, a Christian organisations may find the unique tool of a neutral outsider’s keen eye inimitably valuable as the organisation seeks to glorify God and meet people’s expectations through the work they do in His Name, by His Grace and to His Glory.</p> <p>Strong though their bias is for Christian organisations, the ‘Towards’</p>
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<sup>24</sup> Rakesh Ministries, Nepal.

<sup>25</sup> Jetsons Ministry for Children, Tamil Nadu, India.

<sup>26</sup> e.g. ‘Towards A Better Youth Ministry’, ‘Towards Clearer Communication’, ‘Towards A Stronger Church’, etc.



<p><b><i>The ‘Towards’ Reports</i></b></p>	<p>reports are however not restricted to supporting only Christian entities. In 2016 for instance, we prepared one for <i>Ashleys Hair and Beauty Academy</i> (Kenya), doing the same in 2020, for <i>Heads2gether</i> aka ‘H2G’ (UK).</p>
<p><b><i>Preaching engagements</i></b></p>	<p>Although we are an intrinsic an inextricable part of the Church – the Bride of Jesus Christ, <i>Solace International</i> does not refer to itself as a church and is not affiliated to any church/denomination.</p> <p>Be that as it may, our work is centred on furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This has brought us to the attention of several Christian leaders who have responded largely positively.</p> <p>Consequently, some churches have honoured our Founder and by extension, <i>Solace International</i>, with the privilege of speaking God’s Word from their pulpits, altars, sanctuaries and other exclusive platforms.</p> <p>During 2021 alone, there were over ten such engagements – and since 2012, there have been more than one hundred. We appreciate this greatly – especially since some church leaderships have also been hostile to us.</p> <p>Even so, to share the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, <i>Solace International</i> does not rely on any church’s goodwill; we have our own Christian fora e.g. <i>WhatsApp</i>-based daily preaching and prayer platforms.</p>



<p><b><i>Evangelisation</i></b></p>	<p>For this aspect of our work in furthering the Christian Faith, <i>Solace</i> continues to work with other entities in reaching out to God's People on the streets of not only Kenya and the United Kingdom, but Botswana, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Nigeria, Nepal, Pakistan, Portugal, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Uganda.</p> <p>Going forward, we are acting on our conviction that aside from preaching, there are numerous other ways of spreading the Gospel. In that light, our training programmes generally contain Bible-based material, although wherever and whenever possible, we are keen to explore and develop non-Bible-based alternatives.</p>
<p><b><i>Bible distribution</i></b></p>	<p>Here and there, <i>Solace</i> continues to acquire through a variety of means including purchases and donations, copies and versions of the Holy Bible which are then distributed free of charge, to those who need but cannot afford to buy them.</p> <p>In 2019, <i>Solace International</i> received from <i>St Francis (Church of England) Parish</i>, Monks Hill (Selsdon, Surrey), the generous donation of ten bibles – wonderful gifts which were duly passed on, to those who needed them. We are finding that the need for bibles has never been so dire.<sup>27</sup></p> <p>Joining up with various evangelistic groups<sup>28</sup> in informal arrangements, allows us to also make grants towards the purchase and distribution of</p>

<sup>27</sup> Especially in these truly tough times.

<sup>28</sup> When we say 'evangelistic' we do not refer to a formal or semi-formal group such as Evangelicals, the *Evangelical Alliance* or churches and groups with words such as 'evangel', 'evangelise', 'evangelism', 'evangelist', 'evangelistic', etc., in their names. Instead, we are referring to any groups – whatever their names, which are actively engaged in bringing the Gospel and the Love of God through Jesus Christ, to people in



<p><b><i>Bible distribution</i></b></p>	<p>bibles, as well as the printing of tracts which usually contain copious extracts from Sacred Scriptures.</p> <p>Keeping in mind that the LORD can – and mostly Does, Further the Gospel (as well as Do whatever else He Pleases) without our input, we are as always, quite glad as well as humbled and honoured, to serve the LORD and His People in whatever way it Please Him that we can.</p>
<p><b><i>Other support for the wider Church</i></b></p>	<p>Like we have been at pains to explain through this report and in its forbears, although we are not always party to any formal agreement or arrangement, <i>Solace International</i> continues to support directly and indirectly, with cash and other resources, a variety of Christian groups. We especially do what we can for other Christian charities.</p> <p>Much of our effort in this area, goes into sensitising Christians to the fact that giving to other Christian charities is part of the duty contingent on all Christians, of giving to the Work of God. Between 2019 and this year for instance, <i>Solace</i> personnel made five hundred calls to different people – especially (though not only) our friends.</p> <p>Noting their kindness towards us and their love for the Gospel, we encouraged them to consider also supporting other Christian charities. While endeavouring not to favour any, we have specifically mentioned <i>Open Doors</i> which supports the persecuted Church around the world – and for which <i>Solace International</i> organised an awareness night in 2017.</p>

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different parts of the world – whether close to where *Solace International* is based or further afield. *Mill Hill Missionaries* is a good example of this. Another is *Deliverance Church Hinterland Mission Outreach*.





<b><i>Other support for the wider Church</i></b>	One other thing we do to support other Christian charities is including profiles of Christian charities at the backs of our publications – a practice established in 2019. In addition, <i>Solace</i> continues to support even more Christian ministries, with a monthly tithe on income generated. <sup>29</sup>
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<b>Area 3</b>	
<b><i>Economic/community support</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>More Relationships</i></b>	<p>Put simply: <i>Solace International</i> supports economic growth as one way of addressing poverty issues. Thus, we have in Kenya mainly – but also to a lesser extent in other countries such as India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, supported since 2012, over two hundred and fifty small-scale businesses.</p> <p>Quietly but firmly, we have consistently backed them with money, training and other resources. In addition, we are supporting several groups to register formally as charities, nongovernmental organisations or charitable organisations in the UK, Pakistan, Nigeria, India and Kenya.</p>

<sup>29</sup> Although in light of 2Cor 9:7, *Solace International's* Founder does not believe in tithing as a New Testament obligation, the Organisation's original Secretary (Teresa Kaberere) made a strong and compelling argument for its inclusion in our ways of serving and honouring the LORD. As such, in 2013, the Organisation's Board of Trustees approved tithing as a means of both generating funds and distributing them. The issue is therefore now mandated in – and governed by, the *Solace Tithe and Tithing Policy*.



	Rendering such support makes apparent how seriously we take our aim of alleviating poverty. We have made massive contributions to the socioeconomic empowerment of hundreds and maybe thousands <sup>30</sup> of people <sup>31</sup> – a feat for an organisation with minuscule resources.
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Area 4	
<i>Education and training</i>	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Details</i>
<b><i>Seminars and workshops</i></b>	We believe that it is the Will of God, for people to be well educated, better informed and more empowered. “My People perish” He Says, “from lack of knowledge”. <sup>32</sup> Thus, it is the position of <i>Solace International</i> that the more educated one is, the better able they would be to serve God optimally by among other things, contributing to the community and doing their best for their loved ones. <i>Solace</i> also holds, that the most effective antidote to the maladies of corruption, poverty and wanton violence (be it domestic, political, religious, ethnic or other) is through education. For this reason, <i>Solace</i> regularly puts on free training programmes. Depending on the topic and space, the programmes last from half a day (e.g. ‘Helping children settle in their new surroundings’) to

<sup>30</sup> The true figure will never be known. This is not a situation unique to *Solace International*, though: most helpers – be they individual, groups or organisations would find that each time you support one person, you could be supporting many others who depend on them – such as family members and those who might be employed by them – not to mention people whose businesses provide services to the person or entity receiving the charity’s help. Therefore, no matter how you calculate, the numbers of those benefiting directly and indirectly from our work, would be stupendous, to say the least.

<sup>31</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Hos 4:6



<p><b><i>Seminars and workshops</i></b></p>	<p>twelve weeks (e.g. ‘<i>Solace</i> Enterprise Empowerment Programme’).</p> <p>As part of the training programmes we deliver (usually completely free of charge<sup>33</sup>) <i>Solace</i> uses the Christian Sacred Scriptures (commonly known as ‘the Holy Bible’), together with a creative mix of written and non-written sources. The training we offer especially in business support and set-up will from next year, focus less on Christian principles and more on generally applicable ones. We aim in doing so, to make the training more attractive and accessible to a wider clientele. A full list of what programmes we offer accompanies this report (see: ‘Appendices under: <i>Solace’s</i> Training Programme’).</p>
<p><b><i>Books</i></b></p>	<p><i>Solace</i> has collected and distributed since 2014, more than seven thousand books. These have come from a myriad of sources including Joseph Dos Santos (the Organisation’s Founder), members of the public, abandoned publications, donated misprints, <i>Solace International</i> purchases, etc. The books tend to be mainly educational with a heavy bias for primary school-age readers. However, we have also distributed a good number of entertainment books such as novels, novellas and periodicals. We believe that reading enhances education, but reading would not be easy if it had to be without entertainment. For this reason, we have not restricted our work in this area to only academic textbooks or Christian religious publications. <i>Solace</i> continues to negotiate with schools and bookshops, both Christian and non-Christian, for more donations. In line with our aim of furthering the Christian Faith, the Organisation has also distributed so far, more than one hundred copies of the Holy Bible.</p>

<sup>33</sup> Where fees are applied, these are usually nominal and generally waived or reduced if the debtor so requests.



<b><i>Books</i></b>	<p>Last year (2021), <i>Solace International</i> also engaged in storytelling and story-writing for children. Plans to add to this achievement by working this year with selected parents on supporting children to tell and even write their own stories have not quite worked out, but we are hoping – Deo Volente. to have achieved that goal by the end of 2022 – or at furthest, by the time of publishing S.T.A.R. '23. Some of these stories will with their permission, be printed and published under the 'Solace International Publications' banner, but with the authors retaining unconditionally, the complete rights of full copyright.</p>
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<b>Area 5</b> <b><i>Human rights, religious/racial harmony, equality/diversity</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>Domestic violence</i></b>	<p>As most people would probably agree, what happens in people's homes can have a serious impact on a person's socioeconomic outcomes. Domestic abuse and domestic violence are therefore important – although they are very complex issues replete with academic, cultural, legal, moral, racial, religious and social connotations which mean that each is viewed and treated differently in different regions of the world.</p> <p>But to simplify things, <i>Solace International</i> takes the position that domestic violence is reprehensible and unacceptable. The fact that violence is visible, easy to prove and almost always traumatising, makes it distinctly less onerous to oppose than domestic abuse since 'abuse' is a word and concept open to varied interpretations – as well it must also be said, as wide misinterpretations and even justifications.</p>



<p><b><i>Domestic violence</i></b></p>	<p>Consequently, while almost everyone can agree on what ‘violence’ is, it is harder to find consensus over what amounts to ‘abuse’. Still, we do whatever we can as Jesus Did, to support the marginalised of society wherever we find them. The appointment of an official whose role and remit involves the support of women and families, will go a long way in ensuring we can do more for people having to deal with domestic violence and its fallout.<sup>34</sup></p>
<p><b><i>Employee abuse</i></b></p>	<p>Abuse or maltreatment of employees is a socioeconomic problem which transcends all races and cultures throughout the world.</p> <p>But at <i>Solace International</i>, we are actively engaged in supporting victims wherever and whenever we can.</p> <p>Confidentiality and sensitivity requirements however mean that we will not give any details in this document.</p> <p>Despite threats against <i>Solace</i> staff, we will continue to firmly challenge all forms of abuse – including workplace oppression.</p> <p>Employees ought always to be treated fairly and kindly as to His Matchless Glory and in His Infinite Wisdom, God Requires.<sup>35</sup></p>

<sup>34</sup> As stated in our last S.T.A.R., much of our work in this area will focus on Asia and sub-Saharan Africa (as we have done up to this moment). This is anticipated that to soon change – expanding over the coming years, to include Europe and the Americas.

<sup>35</sup> The Holy Bible’s Gospel According to Saint Luke (Lk) 10:7 and Saint Paul’s First Letter (possibly) to Timothy col 4:1; 1Tim 5:18; Jas 5:4, etc.



<p><b><i>Letters and advocacy</i></b></p>	<p><i>Solace International</i> is in the position that one aspect of poverty not often viewed as being connected to the problem, is advocacy.</p> <p>Our interactions and engagements consistently show that many people are in poverty because of what we call ‘the voice issue’.</p> <p>Lacking the ability or skills to project a strong voice in their situation – and/or not having someone to speak out/up for them is serious.</p> <p>At <i>Solace</i>, we have continued however, to provide understated but quite effective support in this area for members of the public.</p> <p>Country and culture differences mean as we have found (at times at some cost) though, that the need for this service tends to vary.</p> <p>Employability support on offer, <i>Solace</i> also helps prospective job seekers in the production of CVs, cover letters and personal statements.<sup>36</sup></p>
	<p><i>Solace International</i> believes in peace. It is God’s Word and Way, that we “seek peace and pursue it”, ensuring that “if it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all”.</p>

<sup>36</sup> Between the end of last year and the middle of this year, *Solace International* has provided such support to two hundred and four individuals, as well as eleven groups – a marked enhancement of the 2021 figure when we gave written/writing support to a total of ninety-eight people and groups – most of them from the UK – unlike in 2022, where most of the support went to Africa – particularly, Ivory Coast, Kenya and Ghana. With these figures, the Organisation managed to cross the one-thousand threshold – just as we had hoped to, as expressed in S.T.A.R. ‘21.



***Seeking peace  
during Kenya's  
2020 general  
elections***

Each person is also Admonished by the LORD, to keep in mind the Divine and Eternal Truth that, “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be Called (Children) of God”.<sup>37</sup>

Elections to Kenya’s highest political offices take place every five years. 2022 was general election year for the country. The elections were as usual, fraught with exaggeration and tension.

Kenya’s elections in other words, are often a challenge to peace. It would be recalled that in 2007, the country experienced violence of such severity that some of its senior politicians ended up before the ICC at the Hague.

In that light, we worked very hard,<sup>38</sup> to ensure the violence which normally bedevils the country’s general elections, were kept on this occasion, to a minimum – if not eliminated altogether.

Numerous Peace Initiative Messages or ‘PIMs’ were prepared in English and translated into four major Kenyan languages: Kikuyu, Luo, Kiswahili and Taita.

Generally, the PIMs were widely distributed. We also held forty days of daily prayers for Kenya. This was an online one-hour programme, held from 02 July to 10 August 2022.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Respectively: Ps 34:14, Rom 12:18 and Matt 5:9.

<sup>38</sup> Alongside other groups and individuals within and outside Kenya



<i>Miscellaneous</i>	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Details</i>
<i>Family</i>	<p><i>Solace International</i> provides a completely free-of-charge service in which we try to reunite estranged family members.</p> <p>One of our greatest successes as noted in last year's annual report was the reconciliation in 2017, of a father and daughter after nearly fifteen years.</p> <p>Lines of enquiry we applied included social media, word of mouth and discussions with known friends or associates of those involved.</p> <p>Another part of our work here involves working with men who deny paternity of children it is reasonable to believe they have sired.</p> <p>Children suffer unimaginable physical and mental difficulties as a result of the rancour which may have overshadowed their parents' parting.</p> <p>Each case sees us work to resolve things so that children caught in the middle may receive the support they are Entitled to from their fathers.<sup>40</sup></p>

<sup>39</sup> Every evening, at 1830hrs, East African Time.

<sup>40</sup> Our position on the matter is rooted not in human rights and safeguarding rules, legislation or guidance, but in God's Will as Expressed in Sacred Scriptures such as the Holy Spirit's Words Delivered to us through His Servant Paul when in 1Timothy 5:8 we are Admonished that: "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (New King James Version – NKJV).





<b><i>Targeting</i></b>	<p>While it is conventional among charitable groups to focus on specific groups, projects and interests or causes, it is still the case, that <i>Solace</i> works with individuals as well as communities in support of those who though in need, fail to meet specific criteria and so are unable to receive the required help. We endeavour where possible, to identify such individuals – then provide relevant support within reason and according to our means.</p>
<b><i>Policies</i></b>	<p><i>Solace International</i> continually enhances its capacity-building through the compilation and application of relevant policies. Currently, the Organisation has a total of twenty-five policies – a list which includes policies to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer</li> <li>• Tithe and Tithing</li> <li>• Office Share</li> <li>• Invoice</li> <li>• Holiday</li> <li>• Health and Safety</li> <li>• Food Hygiene and Safety</li> <li>• Equal Opportunities</li> <li>• Enterprise Empowerment</li> <li>• Data Protection</li> <li>• Conflict of Interest</li> <li>• Complaints</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Protection and Safeguarding</li> <li>• Beneficiaries</li> <li>• Accounts</li> </ul>
<b><i>Integrity</i></b>	<p>Despite the almost indescribable financial pressures we are under, <i>Solace</i> has refused to cut corners such as engaging in bribery. Bribery has remained an almost immovable issue in Kenya. In the UK, <i>Solace</i> invariably returns or rejects (i.e. refuses to collect or accept) all donations where doubts exist or persist, as to the source and/or motive of the donations in question.</p>
<b><i>Expanded reach</i></b>	<p>A third straight year has seen <i>Solace International</i> successfully generate revenue from outside the UK. Other than pledged support from <i>WoW Sanctuary</i>,<sup>41</sup> which petered out without explanation, we have had support from individuals in Kenya and Nigeria.</p> <p>Bangladesh has this year, become the newest – but sole addition to our list of countries where at least one person has benefited from <i>Solace</i>. We have however been unable to offer support for anyone in Lebanon, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines or Venezuela, despite our eagerness to do so.</p>

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<sup>41</sup> A church based in Juja, Kenya.





### Points to ponder...

These reasons to smile, are only a selection taken from a beautiful range of many more. *Solace International* remains firm, focused and fired up as we seek by the Grace of God and to His Glory, to keep labouring in the Divine Vineyard, while receiving in all humility, such Victories as it Pleases Him to Grant us. We know that there are – and will always be, many other organisations which as the LORD would Have it – although better-resourced than *Solace International*, have been unable to achieve this much. That realisation is however balanced against the equal Truth, that there are – and will always be, other organisations with even far less resources than God has Granted this Organisation, which have performed far better than *Solace International*. That said, successes are always worth celebrating – no matter what size, shade or shape they come in, since all good things Flow to us on Earth from Heaven Above, to the Glory of God the Father of Lights, with Whom there is no shadow of turning.<sup>42</sup> He Guides us to aim for more and for higher, even when we find ourselves looking at some of the mountains before us – and scratching our heads...

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<sup>42</sup> Jas 1:17





## ***The Solace journey thus far: Scratching our heads***

In His Infinite Wisdom, it has Pleased the LORD that we are humbled by several areas for improvement, some of which are outlined below. In last year's annual report, the same format as in the case of 'Reasons to smile', was used to outline our drawbacks and setbacks. In this year's report however, a different format has been adopted. This is because most of our challenges as reported last year, have remained largely the same, so that we consider it unnecessary to essentially repeat verbatim, the relevant sections of S.T.A.R. '21. This in effect means that readers wishing to know about our challenges should read alongside this report (S.T.A.R. '22), the report for last year (S.T.A.R. '21).

<b>Area 1<sup>43</sup></b>  <b><i>The alleviation of poverty</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity/Project</i></b>	<b>Details</b>
	<p>The alleviation and ultimate defeat of poverty remain a huge part of our work; it is a job the Organisation takes quite seriously. Thus, as hitherto noted, <i>Solace International</i> provides to those in need, material reliefs such as clothes and financial support in the form of small grants. This it may be argued, is a laudable approach (Blattman, Fiala, and Martinez, 2014; Mora, 2017). Going by expert opinion in some quarters however, this approach</p>

<sup>43</sup> Again, the 'Areas' have been numbered for ease of reading and reference. In other words, the numbering does not reflect any specific order or priority list.



<b><i>Material and cash reliefs</i></b>	<p>is nonetheless, dubitable (Aizenman, 2017). It has in fact been noted, that: “(Although) giving money directly to poor people works surprisingly well...it cannot deal with the deeper causes of poverty” (Orton, 2013). <i>Give Directly</i> is an organisation which simply gives money to the poor (Give Directly, 2020). It has however been suggested that while the <i>Give Directly</i> approach is unique, direct and at least a provider of short-term relief, raw cash gifts cannot on their own solve the problem of poverty. (Starr and Hattendorf, 2014). As noted last year, <i>Solace International</i> is still struggling to formulate an effective poverty alleviation approach – one that would not weigh the Organisation down as we endeavour to support those in need.</p>
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<b>Area 2</b>	
<b><i>Religious activities</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>Dealing with</i></b>	<p>Notwithstanding our own needs and the paucity of resources available to us, this year, we have continued to support the work in other countries.</p> <p>Our support has especially spanned Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, India, Nepal, Nigeria and Pakistan. It has been given to UK-based entities.<sup>44</sup></p> <p>The support has mainly been in terms of advice and good offices in</p>

<sup>44</sup> For reasons of confidentiality and in line with applicable Organisation policies, all names and identifying features of such entities – human or corporate, have been kept out of this Report.



<p><i>corruption</i></p>	<p>setting up faith groups, charitable organisations and businesses.<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Our long engagement spanning ten years or so, with several countries places us in a truly unique position to offer such support.<sup>46</sup></p> <p>But we recently realised, that some have become less cooperative – mainly due to our insistence on good governance.</p> <p>Repeatedly, <i>Solace</i> has made clear its strong opposition to jumping of queues and cutting corners.</p> <p>In the Spring of 2022 for instance, there was a particularly uncomfortable dialogue between <i>Solace International</i> and a UK-registered charity over the giving of bribes in one or more of the countries that charity was seeking to expand into as they sought to facilitate speedy registration.</p> <p>By ‘facilitation’, the charity usually agrees to circumvent laid-down procedures of the countries’ Governments, by giving financial inducements to low-level and/or middle-ranking Government officials – usually off the record – with no receipts or legal proof of payment.</p>
<p><i>Dealing with corruption</i></p>	

<sup>45</sup> According to the Collins Online Dictionary (COD): 'Someone's good offices are the help that they give to other people who are trying to achieve something' (COD, 2022), while Dictionary.com describes it as: 'influence, especially with a person in a position of power – or, services rendered by a mediator in a dispute' (Dictionary.com, 2022).

<sup>46</sup> This is also reflected in the kaleidoscopic set of nations and cultures from which our Trustees, officials and volunteers are drawn: Uganda, The UK, St. Lucia, Kenya, Jamaica, India and Ghana.



	<p>Espousing a stance which we have adopted since inception, based on Holy Bible Principles and longstanding British good practice, <i>Solace International</i> stood firmly against this decision. This of course, led to a cooling off. of what had hitherto been a great collaborative experience.</p> <p>Reflecting upon this experience, it is possible that we could have handled things better or differently – although it is difficult to see what more we could have done, given that any compromise could be in effect, a negation of our principles and a tacit approval of bribery.</p> <p>Yet, <i>Solace</i> will be reviewing the situation early next year – although it is highly unlikely that we would ever contemplate a change in our anti-bribery position.</p>
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<p><b>Area 3</b></p> <p><b><i>Economic/community support</i></b></p>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
	<p>There has been a longstanding recognition at <i>Solace</i>, that working together is a crucial aspect of effective charitable work and it holds immense benefits for all stakeholders, for which reason itought to be encouraged as well as promoted, with gusto.</p> <p>Of course, there can be no doubt that working together is also an essential</p>



<b><i>Collaborations</i></b>	<p>aspect of Christianity as a result of which the Body of Christ which places great emphasis on unity and working as one – “for there has God Commanded the Blessing”.<sup>47</sup></p> <p>God’s Ever-Present Mercy has Allowed <i>Solace</i> to continually see the benefits of collaboration. However, we are yet to reach our full potential regarding such engagements, with like-minded organisations in the UK, Kenya and elsewhere.<sup>48</sup></p> <p>Even so, we are still finding that negotiations for working together appear to be taking too long. For instance (as noted in our previous annual reports), a collaborative effort between <i>Deliverance Church</i>, Kahawa, Kenya, took eighteen months to arrange.</p> <p>This is not an exclusively church issue. Even now, after three years of</p>
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<sup>47</sup> Ps 133:3.

<sup>48</sup> As last year’s TAR showed, the feelers we sent out to various groups Christian and otherwise, have yielded mixed outcomes. Even now one year on – probably due to the global pandemic (although this would be too simplistic and sweeping a factor to be accepted as solely responsible), arrangements with potential partners in places such as Barbados, Jamaica, Pakistan, Rwanda, St Lucia, Vietnam and Zambia remain at a germinal stage – although to the Glory of God, our solid relationships with groups and individuals in Ghana, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa are looking good. The orphanage in Uganda which we were supporting, remains under sanction though, following their abiding failure to demonstrate transparency in the use of the financial and other resources we sent them in past years. The Trustees determined last year, on the advice of the Organisation’s Chief Administrator, that sanctions against the orphanage will remain in place until the conclusion of a fact-finding mission which we plan for after the current COVID-19 situation eases.





<p><b><i>Collaborations</i></b></p>	<p>talks, our attempt at collaboration with several corporate bodies in different countries (including but not only, Kenya and the UK) are yet to yield any real fruit.</p> <p>Having said so, we note that the challenge for <i>Solace</i> here is not simply the stalled, staggered or stopped negotiations, but the very crucial need for gaining a clearer awareness of the collaboration landscape, so the Organisation may choose its partners wisely.</p> <p>Eventually, our goal is to achieve not only partnerships and other collaborative setups, but to do so while steering clear of drawn-out negotiations which are often ultimately unnecessary, but a truly frustrating waste of precious and even irreplaceable resources.</p>
<p><b><i>Collaborations</i></b></p>	<p>Resources such as confidence, esteem/respect, focus, scarce funds, time, etc., can be seriously dented by near-endless negotiations and so our challenge here is to recruit good negotiators or come up with a more effective and less time-consuming negotiations.</p>

<p><b>Area 4</b></p> <p><b><i>Education and training</i></b></p>	
<p><b><i>Activity</i></b></p>	<p><b>Details</b></p>
	<p>We remain unable to acquire enough books for distribution to those in</p>



<b><i>Books</i></b>	need, as the demand far outstrips the supply. This is one of several issues that has bedevilled the Organisation for over a year.
<b><i>Training programmes</i></b>	The current global economic situation, as well as the worldwide pandemic have led to a rise in online education and training which has in turn generated a greater uptake of online academic and empowerment services. Due to the inability to recruit personnel who could has not taken advantage of this new and truly exciting opening, despite its potential for better publicity, higher revenue generation and greater reach.

<b>Area 5</b>	
<b><i>Human rights, religious/racial harmony, equality/diversity</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
<b><i>Peace initiatives</i></b>	The PIMs and Prayer For Kenya could have been done better. For the prayer sessions, the publicity was poor and this was reflected in the attendance to the prayers, as we had less than twenty in total – and not more than five on any given day. It is also interesting that although approved by the Solace Board of Trustees, none of the Trustees supported the project with their presence or physical engagement. The PIMs on their part were approved, but problems with translation, printing and costs – as well as trying to find translators for more of the languages, <sup>49</sup> meant that the Organisation got the messages out so late that we were forced to use social media more than print media, even though the vast majority of Kenyans have no access to the internet. In effect,

<sup>49</sup> Kenya has roughly fifty languages spoken by native inhabitants of the country.



	though our peace initiative was a good idea, the application was poor since it alienated huge swathes of its target audience.xxx
<b><i>Funding</i></b>	The point has been made in previous TARs, that <i>Solace International</i> is not in receipt of funding from any source. The Organisation considers this to be a failure because there is always funding available, even if <i>Solace International</i> has neither identified nor applied for any so far. We have also not registered for Gift Aid – a failure which has potentially denied us thousands of Pounds. The matter has unfortunately persisted in the sense that we have not received any funding – although thank God, compared to past years when the Organisation’s funds sometimes nosedived steeply, our income for the moment continually shows improvement. <sup>50</sup>

<b><i>Area: General</i></b>	
<b><i>Activity</i></b>	<b><i>Details</i></b>
	In S.T.A.R. '21, we reported that: “Our fully operational website <sup>51</sup> is now about one year old”. While it still is the case that, “establishing a viable social media presence continues to be a challenge – despite our presence on several platforms”, we have the additional sad report that our website has gone ‘dead’, due to our disgruntled contractor’s deliberate sabotage. <sup>52</sup>

<sup>50</sup> That said, the situation remains, that in the absence of funding, the Founder a freelance writer uses his skills to raise money for the Organisation. All monies raised are donated to *Solace International*.

<sup>51</sup> [www.solace.international](http://www.solace.international)

<sup>52</sup> We are now on: WhatsApp (+447904027127 – three platforms), Twitter (@a1solace), Telegram, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook (Solace Kimataifa).



<p><b><i>Publicity</i></b></p>	<p>This is a matter which has held us back from projecting our image and activities for more people to know.</p> <p>It is with deep sadness that we admit a lack of resolution in the matter, owing to both a shortage of funds and possible overcautiousness in trusting someone else to build our website. Thus, we continue to suffer the effects of last year's sabotage against our internet and social media presence. We remain optimistic all the same, that by the Grace of God, these issues would have been successfully resolved, well before S.T.A.R. '25 is compiled and published.</p>
<p><b><i>Funding</i></b></p>	<p>We are yet to secure funding despite applying this year, to several funders – around ten in all. This a marked improvement on last year's search for funds, when we applied to none. We have also contacted both Croydon BME Forum and CVA to help us with our search for funders and subsequent funding applications. KVA have also been mildly helpful. There has however been no success so far, despite all the support.</p> <p>We are not despondent though – despite the discouraging outcomes thus far. This is because we know the LORD will Open Doors for us in due course – even as we seek to diversify our search for funds, by appealing directly to English Catholic and Anglican parishes, as well as engage in door-to-door canvassing once we have secured the requisite paperwork as mandated by the UK Government, Police and local authorities.</p>





## **We keep in mind...**

...that as said earlier, these points whereupon we are left scratching our heads, are in no way, reasons to be despondent or to lose hope. We take great strength from the stories of other groups and individuals – both in antiquity and in our day, whose lives and times have borne out the Divine Truth in the Question: “...Who has despised the day of small things?”<sup>53</sup> At *Solace International*, we know that although we are not always sprinting, we are at the very least, moving; what is more: we are moving in the right direction – all by the Grace of God, by Whose Love and Wisdom we are Reminded of an old poem which talks of small steps and heavy loads:

***HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A TORTOISE GOING SLOWLY ON ITS WAY –  
SLOWLY CREEPING, SLOWLY CRAWLING – FIFTY YARDS IN HALF A DAY?  
WHY SO SLOWLY – OH SO SLOWLY, DOES IT CREEP FROM PLACE TO PLACE  
WITH THAT VERY – OH SO VERY, TIRED LOOK UPON ITS FACE?  
IT IS NOT BECAUSE IT’S LAZY – OR BECAUSE IT’S OLD AND SLOW:  
IF YOU WERE CARRYING A HOUSE ON YOUR BACK – HOW QUICKLY WOULD YOU GO?***

– Author unknown

Thus, even as we find ourselves scratching our heads while we stand looking at some of the mountains before us, we shall continually bear in mind, that as long as we keep moving the LORD in Accordance with His Promises will Look after us. Amen!

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<sup>53</sup> Zech 4:10





## Conclusion

As this admittedly voluminous (albeit comprehensive) document reveals, the period between our last Annual Report and this has been for *Solace International*, replete with a potpourri of giddy highs and depressing lows.

But irrespective of what one may make of this report – or our performance as an organisation vis-à-vis our stated aims and objects, one thing is impossible to truthfully deny: despite its limited resources, *Solace International* has done really well.

Congratulating ourselves is not something *Solace International* would love to dwell on though, even as we look forward to celebrating by the Grace of God, our first decade as a recognised organisation operating on two continents.

Despite our achievements – especially the fact that so far, we have been of God-Given support to people in forty countries – all to the Glory of God, our Ever-Giving Father, we still have a long way to go in reaching our key objective.<sup>54</sup>

Everything we do is to the Glory of God Who Bestows Upon all Creation, Grace and Guidance. Despite all the challenges, it is an honour to serve the LORD by helping the disadvantaged. We hope and pray therefore, to in His Light, remain humble, obedient, and grateful to Him.

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<sup>54</sup> We want to do something good for at least one person in every nation and territory on Earth. If it be God's Will, we would also love to achieve this high ambition during our Founder's lifetime.





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## Appendix 'A'



### Statement of Beliefs (the Nicene Creed)<sup>56</sup>

We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is – seen and unseen.

We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God, Eternally Begotten of the Father: God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not Made; of One Being with the Father – Through Him all things were Made. For us and for our Salvation, He Came down from Heaven; by the Power of the Holy Spirit, He Became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was Made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He Suffered death and was buried. On the third day He Rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He Ascended into Heaven and is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father. He will Come again in Glory, to Judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the Giver of Life, Who Proceeds from the Father and the Son. with the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has Spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

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<sup>56</sup> This Statement is still under review as we explore ways of reconciling in it, the Trinitarian and Unitarian persuasions within the Body of Christ.



## Appendix 'B'



### *Solace International Financial report for S.T.A.R. '22*

<i>Month</i>	<i>In (£)</i>	<i>Out (£)</i>
December 20	50	00
January 21	997	928
February 21	595	430
March 21	1176	1228
April 21	481	589
May 21	736	663
June 21	691	101.77
July 21	1475	1339
August 21	1326	1232
September 21	835	976
October	460	540
November	2072	1857
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>10,894</i>	<i>9,884</i>
GRAND TOTAL (or: £10,894 - £9,884) = £1,010		





## Appendix 'C'



### *Countries where at least one person has benefited from Solace International*

No.	Country	Formal/Informal
1.	<i>Zimbabwe</i>	<i>Informal</i>
2.	<i>Zambia</i>	<i>Informal</i>
3.	<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>Formal</i>
4.	<i>United States</i>	<i>Informal</i>
5.	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
6.	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
7.	<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	<i>Informal</i>
8.	<i>Tanzania</i>	<i>Informal</i>
9.	<i>Syria</i>	<i>Informal</i>
10.	<i>St Vincent and Grenadines</i>	<i>Informal</i>
11.	<i>St. Lucia</i>	<i>Formal</i>
12.	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Formal</i>
13.	<i>South Africa</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>



14.	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Informal</i>
15.	<i>Rwanda</i>	<i>Formal</i>
16.	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Informal</i>
17.	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
18.	<i>Pakistan</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
19.	<i>Nigeria</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
20.	<i>Nepal</i>	<i>Formal</i>
21.	<i>Namibia</i>	<i>Informal</i>
22.	<i>Mozambique</i>	<i>Informal</i>
23.	<i>Morocco</i>	<i>Informal</i>
24.	<i>Malawi</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
25.	<i>Liberia</i>	<i>Informal</i>
26.	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
27.	<i>Jamaica</i>	<i>Informal</i>
28.	<i>India</i>	<i>Informal</i>
29.	<i>Ghana</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
30.	<i>France</i>	<i>Informal</i>
31.	<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	<i>Informal</i>
32.	<i>Congo (Kinshasa)</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
33.	<i>Cote D'Ivoire</i>	
34.	<i>Cameroun</i>	<i>Formal</i>
35.	<i>Bulgaria</i>	<i>Informal</i>



36.	<i>Brazil</i>	<i>Informal</i>
37.	<i>Botswana</i>	<i>Formal/ Informal</i>
38.	<i>Barbados</i>	<i>Formal</i>
39.	<i>Bangladesh<sup>57</sup></i>	<i>Informal</i>
40.	<i>Angola</i>	<i>Informal</i>

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<sup>57</sup> The newest addition to the list as it stood in  
S.T.A.R. '21.



## Appendix D



### The Solace Training Programme

<i>Topic</i>	<i>What does it cover?</i>
<b>1. Abuse</b>	<b>1</b> What is abuse? <b>2</b> Kinds of abuse <b>3</b> Signs and symptoms <b>4</b> Stereotypes and myths <b>5</b> What to do when a child expresses concerns to you <b>6</b> Consequences of suspected and/or actual child abuse for children and their families <b>7</b> The real victims of abuse <b>8</b> Consequences of false allegations <b>9</b> Some questions worth asking before reporting suspected abuse.
<b>2. Behaviour management Basics</b>	<b>1</b> Factors which influence behaviour of children and young people; <b>2</b> Guides to effective behaviour management; <b>3</b> Essential skills for effective behaviour management; <b>4</b> Some instances of behaviour which may require effective management skills; <b>5</b> Issues to consider in dealing with challenging behaviour.
<b>3. Circle Time (CT)</b>	<b>1</b> What CT is; <b>2</b> Advantages, demerits and applications of CT; <b>3</b> Where (other than classrooms) can we apply CT? <b>4</b> Ways to make CT (even more) exciting; <b>5</b> A few things to consider while (or before) making use of CT.



4. <b>Dealing with bullying</b>	1 What really is bullying? 2 Myths and facts 3 Case studies 4 Probable causes 5 Some effects of bullying; 6 Where bullying takes place; 7 Do's and don'ts.
5. <b>Feeling and staying safe on the Internet</b>	1 The greatness of the Internet 2 How it is especially great for our kids 3 What's there to be careful about on the Internet? 4 How we can help our children stay safe on the Internet 5 Some cyber myths and facts.
6. <b>Helping your child settle well into a new environment</b>	1 The new environment; 2 Things your child can do; 3 Things your child <i>should</i> do; 4 Where you come in; 5 Myths and facts.
7. <b>The joy of homework (and home [or private] study)</b>	1 Advantages of homework and home study; 2 Disadvantages 3 Some excuses for not doing homework; 4 Some of the <i>real</i> reasons for not doing homework; 5 Ways to help our children study or do their homework and enjoy it; 6 Things to keep <i>strict</i> control of while your child studies; 7 Things to keep close by while your child studies; 8 Key questions parents might ask; 9 Myths and facts.
8. <b>When things go wrong: How best to deal with your child's school and other authorities**</b>	1 Why it matters to know this; 2 What could possibly go wrong? 3 The Fifteen-One Method; 4 Getting the facts straight 5 Understanding and working with procedure 6 The Golden Rule Approach 7 The value of thanks and praise.
9. <b>Surviving your placement/apprenticeship</b>	1 Why am I here? 2 What can go wrong? 3 What will go right (no matter what happens)? 4 Forces that matter; 5 The right mien 6 Getting it right; 7 Looking well ahead of here and now.



<p><b>10.</b></p> <p><b>Stress management</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Who needs stress? You need it. We do – all of us! <b>2</b> When stress becomes stressful; <b>3</b> How did they manage? <b>4</b> How you too can manage; <b>5</b> Born to conquer – living above it.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p> <p><b>Team play: Getting the best out of your team</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Who needs teams anyway? <b>2</b> Identifying your team; <b>3</b> Ideal team v your real team; <b>4</b> Like clockwork: Making the different parts work; <b>5</b> Keeping it that way; <b>6</b> What I need to be; <b>7</b> And after that?</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p> <p><b>Fussy Eating</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Who eats fussily? <b>2</b> Why people do it; <b>3</b> Can it be outgrown, tamed, stopped? <b>4</b> Fussy eating myths; <b>5</b> Do's and don'ts</p>
<p><b>13.</b></p> <p><b>Get a Job – Keep A Job</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Why you need a job; <b>2</b> What it takes to get one; <b>3</b> Is your CV right? <b>4</b> Interview tips; <b>5</b> Keeping your job; <b>6</b> If things get hot; <b>7</b> When things go wrong; <b>8</b> Looking ahead – “Learn from the wicked servant” <b>9</b> Getting fired gracefully; <b>10</b> No place for God.</p> <p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>14.</b></p> <p><b>Enterprise Empowerment</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Scriptures on Prosperity; <b>2</b> Enterprising Quotes from outside the Scriptures; <b>3</b> Networking and what it does for you; <b>4</b> Seed-sowing: What it really is and what its role is; <b>5</b> Divine Principles of sowing; <b>6</b> Prosperity's Divine Keys; <b>7</b> Getting noticed: the Role of communication and good interpersonal skills; <b>8</b> How to prospect successfully for clients/customers; <b>9</b> Personal qualities you need for success in enterprise; <b>10</b> Traps and pitfalls to avoid <b>11</b> Charting your way: the value of a (good) Business Plan; <b>12</b> How to write a Business Plan <b>13</b> Contents of a good or strong Business Plan <b>14</b> How best to treat your Business Plan.</p>



<p><b>15.</b></p> <p><b>Dealing with domestic violence (DV)</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Defining DV <b>2</b> Why does DV happen? <b>3</b> Challenging the popular narrative <b>4</b> What different cultures think <b>5</b> Why we mustn't accept DV <b>6</b> What can you do about it? <b>7</b> Intervention is not interfering <b>8</b> The Church's take <b>9</b> Too good for nonsense.</p>
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## Appendix E



More peeks into the *Solace International* and *InterSolace* Gallery<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> Some of these pictures were also in S.T.A.R. '21.







***Solace: Walking in the Master's Footsteps***



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Donations to our Food Bank: courtesy of *St Mary's Roman Catholic School, West Croydon*



*Solace International* deeply appreciates these donations of feminine sanitary products from West Croydon's *St Mary's Roman Catholic Junior School*







**In the beginning... Cross-section of inaugural S.E.E.P. attendees, way back in 2012, Kenya.**



**Trainees on a combined Solace anti-poverty and domestic violence programme in 2017, Kenya**





**In furtherance of the Faith: A call to worship and praise by Solace in Kenya, 2019**








***Solace* in the Far East: Children supported by the Organisation (courtesy Sister Saral, India)**



***Solace* in the Far East: Other children supported by the Organisation (courtesy Sister Saral, India)**





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# 1 HOUR

## Zoom Prayer Meeting


Daily: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/84005013598?pwd=OFcwTXd2VWJzdHRMTlBjcjA1UVpXZz09>

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84005013598?pwd=OFcwTXd2VWJzdHRMTlBjcjA1UVpXZz09>





**Meeting ID: 840 0501 3598**  
**Passcode: 868716**


**July 2 | 2022**  
**6:00 PM EAT**  
**EVERY DAY UNTIL AUGUST 10TH**  
**40 DAYS**

**THEME: COME LET'S PRAY FOR KENYA**



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Praying for peace in Kenya's General Elections 2022: Advert



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## **PRAYER FOR KENYA**

(July 2 – August 10, 2022: 6pm Kenya [and East Africa] Time)

### ***Your questions answered...***

#### ***Why are we praying for Kenya?***

Kenya is having its general elections on August 9 this year. The people hope to choose a new President, Deputy President, Governors and legislators (including women representatives), by the Grace of God. However, elections in Kenya (as in most African and 'Third World' countries) can be lively to the point of tension and even violence.

#### ***So, what exactly are we praying for?***

We are praying for God's Will to Prevail in every way. Kenya has multiple issues, some of which without Divine Intervention, will never go away and may even create problems for its neighbours as well as other countries.

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#### ENGLISH

Kenya is mine. Kenya is yours. Kenya is ours. Let's be responsible during and after the elections. Think of the next generation. Say 'NO' to violence. Vote for peace and pray for Kenya.

#### KISWAHILI

Kenya ni yangu. Kenya ni yako. Kenya ni yetu. Tuwajibike wakati na baada ya uchaguzi. Fikiria kizazi kijacho. Sema 'HAPANA' kwa vurugu. Piga kura kwa amani na uiombee Kenya.

#### TAITA

Kenya ni yapo. Kenya ni yako. Kenya ni yedu. Dibonye whuya ngelo na nyuma ya whusaghui. Ghesha kivalwa chichagha. Ghora 'HATAA' kwa whuda. Kaba kura kwa sere na kuilombee Kenya.

#### LUO

Kenya en mara to bende Kenya en mari kendo Kenya en marwa waduto. Parie tien'g mabiyo. Tamri tungni-kod koko. Yier kwe kendo ilamnipinywa mar Kenya.

#### KIKUYU

Kenya ni yakwa. Kenya ni yaku wee. Kenya nî iitû nî tûgî na ûigîrîrîki ihinda rîrî ona thutha wa ithurano. Wîcirie ûhoro wa ithurano cia hîndî îo îngî. Ûre-gane na ngûi. Thura thayû na ûhoere Kenya.

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One of several SPIMs (Solace Peace Initiative Messages) we shared during Kenya's 2022 elections







### ENGLISH

Let's all be responsible and vote for peace. Kenya is ours. Say 'NO' to violence and don't sell your vote. Pray for peace.

### KISWAHILI

Sote tuwajibike na tupige kura kwa amani. Kenya ni yetu. Sema 'HAPANA' kwa vurugu na usiuze kura yako. Ombea amani.

### TAITA

Diwose dibonye whuya na dikabe kura kwa sere. Kenya ni yedu. Ghora 'HATAA' kwa whuda na kuseuze kura yako. Lombea sere. '

### LUO

Wabed joma ongirore kendo wayier kwe. Kenya en marwa.wakwed tungni kod koko.kendo kik walok kod ombuluwa.Lem ni kwe.

### KIKUYU

Nitugie na ûigiririki ithuothe na tûcagûre thayû. Kenya nî iitû. Regana na ngûi, na ndukendie kura yaku. Hoera thayû.

Solace is a Kenya-registered NGO



Another of the SPIMs we sent out during Kenya's 2022 general elections. Note the multiple translations and captivating yet calming visuals





**Solace often supports beneficiaries with food as needed**



**Solace gives food support to those in need**







Sometimes what people need is not money or many words, but food. Just food. Solace I always glad to help.



Solace regularly supports beneficiaries with food as needed





## ORGANISATION SUPPORT

Are you a director or trustee in a charity, not-for-profit organisation or community group? Would you like help with your governance and capacity-building documents? Can you spare an hour or two? If you have answered 'YES' to one or more of the above, then Solace International is glad to help.

We are offering the South London charity and voluntary organisation community, **FREE** support. Depending on your need, here is what you could get:

- **A one-hour consultation**
- **Follow-up consultations (maximum of two hours)**
- **Proofread of your draft**
- **Review of your existing policies**
- **Writing of your policies from scratch (maximum three FREE policies)**

Our services are offered totally **FREE** of charge. However, since we receive no funding for them, a donation would be expected and may be requested. To ensure our standards remain high and customer satisfaction is guaranteed, other terms and conditions may apply.

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**Solace shares its expertise with other groups and organisations**







**Call us TODAY and give someone some good news.**

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Solace needs your donations so we can help more of the needy in our community. Will you support us? Helping people through us has been made even easier. Please look at the following items and let us know which ones you can get for us or help us with...

**(Please take care to check what you donate, to avoid giving something expired or damaged. Thank you.)**

**LIST ONE (BABIES/INFANTS)**

Baby beddings	Baby lotion	Baby soap	Blankets	Ear buds
Baby clothes	Baby powder	Baby videos	Cots	Milk formula
Baby food	Baby shawls	Bibs	Diapers (all sizes)	Rattles and toys

**LIST TWO (CLOTHING)**

Caps/Hats	Jackets	Shoes	Slippers	Undergarments
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**LIST THREE (EVANGELISM/MISSIONS)**

Airtime top-up	Documentation	Mosquito nets	Shawls headgear	Tracts
Bibles	Insurance	Mosquito repellents	Footwear	Transport Umbrellas
Christian books	Medical cover	Phone handsets	Stationery	Transport Umbrellas

**LIST FOUR (FOOD ITEMS)**

Biscuits	Cereals	Eggs	Potatoes	Sugar
Bread	Cheese	Milk (Long life)	Rice	Tea
Butter /Margarine	Coffee	Milk (short life)	Sardines	Vegetables

**LIST FIVE (HYGIENE, MEDICAL AND SANITARY)**

Detergent	Sanitary towels	Soap (for bathing)	Tampons	Dettol
Handwash	Serviettes	Soap (for laundry)	Toilet rolls	Sprays
Bandages	First aid kits	Washing-up liquid	Plasters	Sanitisers

**LIST SIX (HOUSEHOLD ITEMS)**

Beds	Cooking pots	Fridge	Microwave oven	Pillowcases
Redsheets	Crockery	Kettles	Mosquito nets	Pillows
Blankets	Cutlery	Kitchenware	Chairs	Table fan
Blankets	Duvet covers	Mattresses	Television	Tables

**LIST SEVEN (SCHOOL)**

Atlases	Desks	PE kits	School bags	School meals
Colouring Pencils	Dictionaries	Pencils	School books	School outings
Crayons	Drawing books	Pens	School fees	School uniforms
Tables	Exercise books	Sandals	Backpacks	Story books
Thesauruses				

**You can give money or you can supply one/more of the above items. NO PLEDGES OR PROMISES, PLEASE. Items and cash ONLY. Thank you. Call our number TODAY and give someone some good news. Please.**

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**List of items Solace asks people to Donate towards our work with the needy**





**PLEASE MAKE  
A DONATION  
TO SOLACE**

(and help us in our work of God among the  
poor and the needy)

**Someone from the Solace Office will be call-  
ing you very shortly**

We are in the middle of our quarterly fund drive and  
as part of this, we are calling all our friends asking  
that you please make a donation of any amount.  
Just so you know, the numbers we will call you  
from will be one of the following:





**+254 724 962 879;  
+254 797 726 898;  
+44 300 102 2323;  
+44 7904 027 127**

We will not be calling you with any number other than these.  
Please treat our staff with loveliness and feel free to ask them any  
reasonable questions about Solace that you like when they call.

**Most of all, be generous and please don't make  
pledges you will not keep.**

*Thank you.*

A flier for our fund drive



This week, we begin our quarterly revenue drive. It is also our summer  
fund drive. Please expect a call from Solace staff.

**The numbers you will likely receive a call from are:**

**+254 724 962 879; +254 797 726 898; +44 300 102 2323; +44 7904 027 127**

Our staff are *respectful, polite, knowledgeable and nice to converse with.*  
They will answer any reasonable questions you have about our  
Organisation and the work we are doing. Our target for this quarter  
(June to September) is four thousand Pounds or six thousand Dollars  
(£4,000/\$6,000).

*Please respond nicely and donate generously.*

**Thank you and may God Do more for you. Amen**

Another flyer for our fund drive





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Solace family is inviting you to our Annual General Meeting. By the Grace of God this year and for the first time, it is to be held online in order to allow attendance by participants in different countries.

**Date : Sunday, 29 May 2022**

**Time : 4pm (1600 hours).**

The time for the meeting is Kenya Time (or East Africa Time). Please see the list below, for what that time would be in your country.

The list is just a guide (especially for countries where the clock moves), so please check with your country's system. If your country is not listed below,

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The meeting will be for only two hours maximum, but it will be a great chance to meet some of our officials and more importantly, to know what Solace has been doing in different countries so... **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

The link for the meeting will be posted closer to the time, but please pencil **29 May 2022** into your diary.

### Countries and times

 Bulgaria (6pm)	 Ghana/Côte d'Ivoire (3pm)
 India (8.30pm)	 Jamaica (7am)
 South Africa and neighbours (5pm)	 Nepal (8.45pm)
 United Kingdom (2pm)	 DR Congo (2pm)
 Pakistan (8pm)	 United States <i>Various times</i>

(Please call us or check with your local system)

**Thank you**



**Advertising this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM)**



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Items from the Solace International Food Bank With A Difference



More items from Solace International's Food Bank With A Difference







Other items from the Solace Food Bank With A Difference



Items again from the Solace International Food Bank With A Difference





***Solace Donations: The fight to defeat COVID-19***

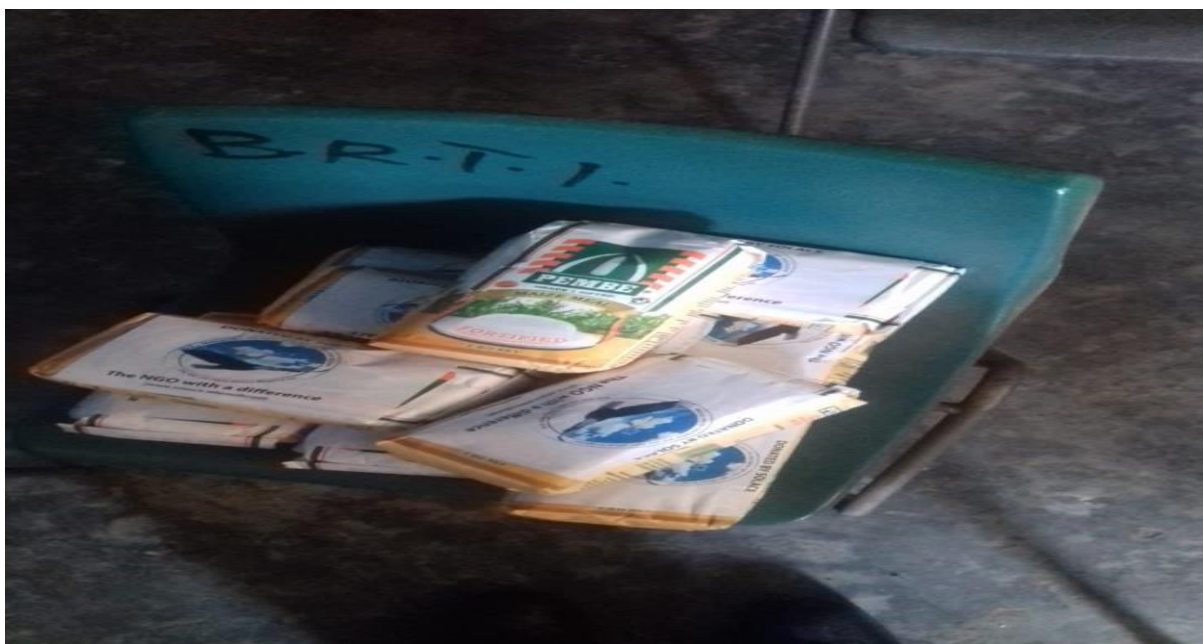






*Solace* donations: Food and clothes parcels for the needy





Specially wrapped longlife food parcels from *Solace*







## ***Do you need help with your CV?***

**Maybe you need support to write a new one or proofread and/or update an existing one?**

**Would you like some help with a Cover Letter or Personal Statement?**

**Have you been asked to address a Job or Person Specification?**

**Are you in search of other help with finding a job**

(e.g. completing an application form, understanding interview techniques, retaining a job beyond probation period, setting up an e-mail address, registering on job websites, etc.)?

*If you have answered 'YES' to one or more of the above, then why not contact us for Solace?  
We are an NGO focused on helping you get the best out of Life through defeating poverty. By  
God's Grace, we will help you with any of the above – and it's **FREE**. Yes: no charge.*

All you need to do, is call us on:

**0 77 33 14 14 7 or 0 71 62 77 21 7**

Please note however, that although our services are totally free, terms and conditions may apply.



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*Solace International*, good taste and loveliness make a palatable team!



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Furthering the Christian Faith: *Solace International* prayer meetings



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*A Solace training programme*







Standard text: This is the SEEP's main textbook (alongside the Holy Bible); it is also used to generate funds for the Organisation



Some of *Solace's* fieldworkers





Faces of the future – faces of hope: Pupils from one of the several schools *Solace* is supporting



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## Collaboration at work:

*The Hub, Solace International, H2G, Croydon Council, Brick by Brick...*

**Matt 25:21-46**  
As we said, aside from Solace, there are many other Christ-focused organisations which are not churches, yet doing so much in Jesus' Name to help the needy. Why not think about honouring God and helping more people in need through supporting not just Solace, but one more of these? Here is a short list to choose from (there are others, but this is a good place to start!)

**01 CAFOD** (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development), Muguga Green Westlands, P.O. Box 66300 Nairobi. <https://cafod.org.uk/about-us/where-we-work/kenya/>. This powerful and remarkable organisation is also contactable via each Roman Catholic diocese in Kenya. CAFOD has many development and anti-poverty projects around the world, including across East Africa. One example is 'Hands On Kilu' which is providing new trees, clean water supply and great opportunities in south-eastern Kenya. Visit <https://cafod.org.uk/news/voices/hands-on-kenya/> for more information.

**02 Christian Mission Aid (CMA)**, P.O. Box 157351, Tel: +254 (020) 2721872, [www.cmaid.org/vision-mission/](http://www.cmaid.org/vision-mission/). CMA seeks to develop communities, ensuring they are free from spiritual and socio-economic poverty. In addition to work in the areas of drought, HIV/AIDS and drought recovery, this marvellous organisation runs a Girls' Rescue Centre in Olkaria/Kisumu, Kajiado County. CMA has the stated mission of reaching out with Christ's Love through development assistance to desperate communities, emergency relief provision, the raising of church and community leaders, as well as youth mentoring.

**03 Open Doors Kenya** (Open Doors), Life Ministry, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 30870, Nairobi. <http://www.opendoors.org/>. This truly intrepid organisation supports Christians facing persecution in different places across the globe - including of course, Africa and Kenya. Open Doors also has a list of countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian. The work Open Doors does includes things such as: Bible supplies, protection for threatened Christians and financial/material aid to orphans and widows left behind by pastors who have been murdered for their Christian faith.

**04 The Life Ministry Kenya** (Life Ministry), Rose Avenue, Nairobi. Phone: +254 (0)722 20261. <https://linkkenya.org/what-we-do/>. Life Ministry has been operating in Kenya for over forty-five years. This resilient and ground-breaking organisation is focused on discharging the Great Commission through a variety of pioneering and creativity including education, sports and film. They also run a school among communities such as the - Orma, Mursi and Somali, where for a variety of reasons such as poverty, nomadism and apathy, it is quite challenging to run a school - especially a Christian school.

**05 The Salvation Army International Kenya East Territory** (The Salvation Army), Mariot Avenue, Karen, Nairobi, Kenya. P.O. Box 24927 Nairobi 00102. +254 (020) 240 3260. <https://www.salvationarmy.org/kenyaeast>

**06 The Salvation Army International Kenya West Territory** (The Salvation Army), Mumia Highway 600, Kakamega, P.O. Box 600 Kakamega 30100. <https://www.salvationarmy.org/kenyawest>. The Salvation Army has been present intently in Kenya for over 120 years and formally for close to a century. This truly effective organisation is engaged in poverty relief, education, anti-trafficking, etc.

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Making your life taste better and your light shine brighter

...the way you were always Meant to be

**Do more than just going to church: support a Christian organisation today. . . please.**

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Facebook: [InterSolace organization](https://www.facebook.com/interSolaceOrganization)  
Website (coming soon): [www.solace.international](http://www.solace.international)

INTERSOLACE ORGANISATION  
(Solace)

**Three questions for you:**

1. What do you think of tithing and giving – do you know your church is not the only place to bring God what you have for His Storehouse?
2. Do you support any Christian organisations other than your church – do you even know of any such groups?
3. Have you heard of InterSolace Organisation (also called Solace)?

Whatever your answer to the above, there are many Christian organisations which are doing so much in the community to help others. InterSolace Organisation ('Solace') is one such organisation

Spreading the word about other organisations: one of our less publicised strengths



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Friday, September 25, 2020

Reports from the United Kingdom of a police officer killed at the Police Custody Centre located off Whitehorse Road in Croydon Surrey by a man allegedly being questioned although sketchy at the moment, are disconcerting nonetheless. As we await further information on the matter, Solace International wishes to express sadness at this fatal turn of events, solidarity with the victim's colleagues and sympathy for the fallen officer's dear ones. We hope and pray, that the Goodness of God will still Shine through all this, nonetheless and that no matter what happens next, cooler heads will certainly prevail to His Glory.

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Tuesday, 23 March 2021

**(Evening Standard, 22:03:2021) "We have been threatened or scared by men, say a third of London women".**

## **A reaction**

*Solace International* notes reports regarding the outcome of a recent survey by the *Evening Standard* in which the newspaper states that: "A third of women in London say they have been threatened or frightened by men". Ignoring the fact that this statement in itself is inherently false, definitely (if not deliberately) misleading and basically impossible – given that the newspaper could not have interviewed all, half – or even a tenth, of the women in London within the specified period and therefore was in no position to speak on behalf of the purported 'third', *Solace International* wishes to state that as an organisation, we do not – and never will, help British society or indeed any other society, commence, continue, condone or in any way contribute to a programme or action which appears to have as its sole or chief purpose, the demonisation of men and/or the fostering of mutual suspicion between the sexes. A society which seeks to solve a problem (whether real or perceived) by creating another (probably worse), based on maligning one group directly or indirectly in favour of another group, will always find itself constantly in trouble as it struggles to clean up its own mess through making another mess.

*Solace International* is a UK charity focused on poverty alleviation furthering the Christian Faith, thus we take social justice issues indescribably seriously. We understand that newspapers have bills to pay and that free-of-charge ones such as the *Evening Standard* are no exception, despite not charging most of its readers even a penny for the privilege of its daily copies – leaving the newspaper with little choice other than sensational headlines to attract more readers and draw in advertisements which help pay the newspaper's bills. We are also aware of the great work which the *Evening Standard* is doing among the poor and vulnerable of London, helping to address the socioeconomic anomaly and political embarrassment-cum-paradox, of London being capital to one of the world's richest and most powerful countries, but which has an incredibly and inordinately high number people living in abject poverty – forced to sleep 'rough' – outside on the streets and/or to scavenge for food and/or depend on food banks or other oft-humiliating and/or criminalising means to get by. *Solace International* hails the *Evening Standard* as a trailblazer in poverty alleviation.

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Friday, 09 April 2021

## Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (1921-2021)

It is with sincere regret and deep sadness, that *Solace International* notes the news-stopping news regarding the husband and Consort to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth and Baron Greenwich (Né Mountbatten; né Philippos Andreou (Philip Andrew) of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderberg-Glücksburg, Prince of Greece and Denmark). *Solace International* is of the understanding that Prince Philip sadly passed away aged roughly one hundred years old, having lived by the Matchless Grace of God and to His Eternal Glory, from Friday June 10, 1921 until Friday April 9, 2021. The Duke of Edinburgh was among other things, the United Kingdom's longest-serving consort. The Duke of Edinburgh had a very difficult childhood and upbringing which remain proof that no position or situation in Life is guaranteed – whether for better, or for worse. Colourful, lively and frank, he played a major role in shaping the public concept of the British Monarchy, making it somewhat more accessible, friendly and in effect, human. Avid reader, unheralded author, keen sports enthusiast, profound thinker and fearless speaker, he will be remembered for his exemplary tirelessness, irreverent jocosity, conscientious diligence, gushing confidence and loyalty in royalty. Although God alone Knows the future, it is probably safe to say, that the likes of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh will never be seen again. The entire *Solace* family offers its deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal Family and the Royal Household in its entirety as well as to the people and Governments of the United Kingdom and nations of the Commonwealth. May God be praised for never ceasing to Bless the world with people in every nation and every sphere who really make a difference. Goodbye, Prince Philip.

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Images from the *Solace International* Administrative Headquarters in Kenya

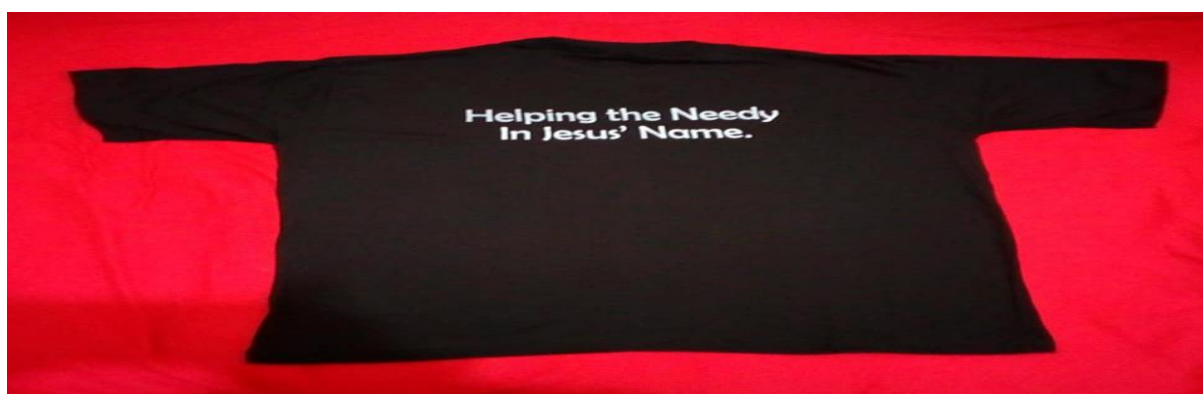




More images from *Solace's* international Administrative Headquarters, Kenya







Some *Solace*-branded t-shirts





## Faces from a *Solace* general meeting



**What we do:** In two simple words...Solace helps.

**How we do it:** We work with individuals, churches and other organisations to empower Christians against poverty. We offer training, small grants, help with education costs, capacity-building services, employability support, etc.

**EEP Training Workbook manual by Pastor Joseph E - CA InterSolace**

**Where we do it:** We have been active in several counties, most notably: Busia, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kilifi, Kisii, Machakos, Meru, Nairobi and Uasin Gishu.

**Who we help:** We help individuals mainly, although we have some areas of support such as capacity-building and training which are tailored specifically for organisations. Although we do not discriminate against anyone, our key beneficiaries include women forced out of education or social circles due to pregnancy, Christians interested in setting up businesses or boosting existing ones, orphans, street children, widows, disabled people and people who have no food to eat.

**Why we care: We care because...**

a.) God Created all people to have dignity; poverty is no reason to lose that Blessing.

b.) It is not the work of the Kenyan Government alone to improve lives: we all must help.

c.) We want to champion a new Kenya where every person thinks more about being nice and helpful to others.



EEP Trainees

EEP Training Session



### How you can support us

There are three ways by which you can support us:

**1.) Financially and/or materially.** You can make a donation of money and material resources; you could also leave us a legacy; the best option of all though, is for you to make a regular commitment like every week, every month, every quarter, etc. Remember: nothing is too little and nothing is too much. But whatever you give, it's all for a good cause and will surely help us give support to even more people.

You can donate to us using at least one of the following means:

a.) M-Changa Paybill No. **891300** Account No. **24732** (no transaction charges)

b.) By cheque. Please make cheques payable to: Intersolace Organisation

c.) Safaricom Lipa Na Mpesa (Buy Goods) Till Number **778471** (Intersolace Organisation)

d.) If you prefer direct payments our account details are: Name of Bank: Family Bank, Cargem Account Number: **014 000 047 225** Account holder: Intersolace Organisation

e.) Cash: We generally do not accept or encourage cash payments. However, if that is the only means convenient to you, please call our number and we will arrange collection.

We also have donation envelopes which can be delivered to you upon request or picked up from our office, during any of our activities, etc. Please note, when making a donation (except in cash), you must include a reference. This will help us know who gave the money; references are also helpful for accounting purposes. Please use Reference: 'DONATION' followed by your name. Thank you and may your gift speak for you in many places – to God's Glory!

**2.) Volunteering.** We need volunteers. A volunteer is someone who works or gives their time to a cause or organisation without expecting to be paid for it. There are over one billion volunteers in the world and you could be one of them. Time they say is money – but at Solace we disagree: we believe, time is far greater than money. So, support us with your time. There are many volunteer roles at Solace and you could be just the right person to fill one of them.

**3.) Talk about us.** We need publicity. You could help us by telling other people about us and/or linking us to donors, sponsors and philanthropists. We are doing so much for those in need, but no one will know and nobody will care if we don't get the message out. So, please talk to others about us. Oh – and that includes God. Talk to Him about Solace and all those other lovely organisations doing great stuff for people in need. Pray for us. Please.

See the list at the back of this brochure for more information about other groups like ours which are doing so much for God's People in Kenya



## A *Solace* publicity flier







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## The UK Government's NHS-Targeting No Jab, No Job Policy

Solace International wishes to respond to the recent declaration made by the UK's Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to the effect that National Health Service (NHS) employees – the same ones we were asked to applaud as frontline heroes/heroines not so long ago, must have the COVID-19 vaccinations by the start of April 2022 – or lose their jobs. We note that this declaration comes on the eve of the deadline for care workers to have the vaccinations or also lose their jobs. In effect, a 'No Jab, No Job' policy.

It is important to emphasise here, that Solace International recognises and supports the UK Government's leadership role in the war against COVID-19. We also accept that it is the duty of every government to protect its people.

Nonetheless, Solace International is of the position that even governments must operate within rules. The UK Health Secretary's position if allowed to stand, would have the effect in all likelihood, of among other things:

- 1.) Putting thousands of patients' health in serious jeopardy
- 2.) Placing the NHS under huge strain at a time we are meant to be protecting it as the Secretary himself admitted
- 3.) Creating more unemployment
- 4.) Increasing household poverty
- 5.) Infringing on a wide range of human rights
- 6.) Breaking the Law
- 7.) Creating an atmosphere of fear
- 8.) Giving rise to a new form of discrimination
- 9.) Polarising the country further and
- 10.) Deifying COVID

For these reasons, Solace International holds that the Health Secretary should reconsider his position. We commend him for setting the deadline so far into the future as this would afford him the opportunity of listening to different opinions on the matter and ensuring he is making the wisest decision. More should be done to understand, address and allay any misgivings about the vaccine, rather than make criminals of those who object to it.

Unavoidably, the question will arise as to why if the COVID-19 vaccinations are so vital, the April deadline is needed when the UK Government could also require a nearer deadline such as that given to care workers who as things currently stand, have only a few hours to take the vaccinations or become unemployed.

Like many Britons would testify, we are living in a time of untold economic hardship, social turmoil and moral dilemma. The UK Health Secretary's position demonstrates a lack of sensitivity and is most definitely not to the Glory of God. As an organisation concerned with poverty alleviation and the furtherance of the Christian Faith, Solace International calls upon the UK Health Secretary to reconsider his position and in so doing, ensure that the negative outcomes outlined above are avoided.

**Solace International is a UK registered charity (No. 1162864)**



## **Solace International** **communique on the UK Government's 'No Jab, No Job' policy**



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### **DWP and HMRC debt cancellation for low-income individuals and families across the UK**

As the UK's cost of living remains steadily on the rise and poverty levels get worse, people on low incomes are being squeezed on every side. The result goes beyond the financial/economic with outcomes such as more families breaking up, higher rates of depression, increased reliance on food banks, more missed child support payments, as well as greater numbers of people resorting to desperate measures, including but not only, substance misuse, prostitution and even suicide.

Britain's charities and community groups are under strain with falling donations despite increased demands on their resources. Thankfully, the UK Government has come out with some initiatives to provide much-needed support where it is most needed. However, there is need – not just for more money, but more relief. Many families and individuals are having to make huge repayments back to the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

Clearly, some of these repayments are as a result of carelessness or proven fraudulent claims, although many are undoubtedly because of the DWP's and HMRC's own errors. Irrespective of underlying issues relative to each case of such repayments, *Solace International* believes that debt relief from the DWP and HMRC will be as helpful to low-income families as any vouchers and cash injections which the UK Government has so far provided or planned.

Duly, we call on the UK Government to facilitate the immediate and unconditional cancellation of all DWP and HMRC debts hanging over the heads of families and individuals on low incomes. This will not only ease their economic burden, but boost mental health, as well as protect millions of socioeconomically vulnerable people across the UK from spending years making repayments which could send them further into poverty, with all its implications for the future of the country.



### **Solace International communique calling on the UK Government to cancel low-income families' debts to DWP and HMRC**





### QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1926-[1952]-2022)

Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith\* ('the Queen'), has died, according to an official release by Buckingham Palace. She was ninety-six years old. *Solace International* and *InterSolace Organisation* note the Queen's passing with profound sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with the New King and Queen Consort, as well as all other members of the British Royal Family – in addition to the Church of England, the entire Anglican family worldwide, plus all the Queen's loved ones, her subjects, admirers and fans in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. We are grateful to God the King Above all kings (and queens) for the Gift to us of Queen Elizabeth II, as well as her times and everything she meant to each person who either contacted or discussed her. God Made of the late Queen, a truly remarkable public servant, as well as an exemplary woman and mother. May the LORD be praised in all things and may the new King who succeeds the Queen, have the LORD's Favour. May the LORD God Almighty Bless Continually, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, all the Queen's Realms and every other nation across the Earth. Amen.

***Solace International* communique following the passing of Her late Majesty, the Queen**







### QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1926-[1952]-2022)

In accordance with the Will of God against which no man, woman or power can stand, the United Kingdom lost its queen last week as most of us know. The passing of Queen Elizabeth II (1926-[1952]-2022) means different things to different people. To many though, her death means, nothing. For them, it is just another death. Solace International would like to remind us however, of our Christian duty to **"mourn with those who mourn"** (Rom 12:15). We can do this by at least being respectful and remembering that whatever her faults may have been and whatever we think of Britain's past, she was human; more importantly, she was not just a monarch, but a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. As Jesus Told us (Matt 7:12), we must treat others like we would wish to be treated. Let us therefore as People of God, steer clear of rude, insolent and nasty comments, remembering that each of us will cease to live on this planet one day, just as she has. May God Guide us to show kindness to all, whenever, wherever and however we can, in line with His Plan of Love for Humanity and all Creation. Amen.

**Second *Solace* communique following the Queen's death**



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*Solace International: The Glory is God's – and His Alone.*



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## Final Word

*Solace* will early in 2023 – Deo Volente, publish its business plan outlining what we hope to achieve over the next twelve months. As the LORD Permits, a second report later in the year will outline our plans for the next five years. The report will form part of S.T.A.R. '23.

Our plan highlights our abiding concern for those in need – and our determination to do more. For men and boys. There is a looming but barely noticeable catastrophe in the deliberate disempowerment of males as governments and organisations focus on women and children.

Like we warned in last year's report, this active discrimination against (and sometimes demonisation of) men, is we believe, laying the unfortunate and dangerous foundations for a more serious problem in the future where men become a new 'problem' for governments, etc.

Among the many reasons why a lot of people have been supporting women and families is their belief that in the past men have benefited most from – and/or dominated, the best of the world's resources, while women and children have been marginalised.

Copious historical-cum-statistical data back this belief, thus justifying actions taken as a result. However, *Solace International* does not believe that the best solution to the perceived historical dominance by men of the world's resources is supporting women and children in a way that marginalises men. A persistent and near-universal anti-male support agenda means that in the next few decades – or even years, the world could find itself in a situation where men are greatly disempowered – so Humanity is forced to come up with ways to (re-)empower them.

Evidence in effect suggests that the earlier we start on this looming but avoidable crisis, the better. As such, *Solace International* is looking to support men as heads of families, as fathers – as well as in dealing with issues such as anger management, domestic violence, child-rearing, etc.





*THERE IS NO JOURNEY UPON THIS EARTH THAT A MAN MAY NOT MAKE IF HE SETS HIS HEART TO IT. THERE IS...NOTHING THAT HE CANNOT DO, THERE ARE NO MOUNTAINS HE MAY NOT CLIMB, THERE ARE NO DESERTS HE CANNOT CROSS...AS PROVIDENCE MAY ORDER – Henry Rider Haggard (1856-1925).<sup>59</sup>*

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<sup>59</sup> According to Dos Santos (2019), Sir Henry Rider Haggard was among other things, an agriculturalist, a civil servant, reformer, politician and writer.





Approved by the *Solace International* Board of Trustees and

Dated Saturday, the seventeenth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, 2022.





*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD".*

*(Psalm 150:6) nkjv*





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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Oct-19  
01-Oct-20

To

Period end date  
30-Sep-21

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Dec-20	50	-	-	460	1,532
Jan-21	997	-	-	2,072	540
Feb-21	595	-	-	50	800
Mar-21	1,176	-	-	997	1,067
Apr-21	481	-	-	595	645
May-21	736	-	-	1,176	1,101
Jun-21	691	-	-	481	146
Jul-21	1,475	-	-	736	706
Aug-21	1,326	-	-	691	671
Sep-21	835	-	-	1,475	1,340
Oct-21	460	-	-	1,326	1,909
Nov-21	2,072	-	-	835	800
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>11,257</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>11,257</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Dec-20	-	-	-	-	2,906
Jan-20	928	-	-	928	1,028
Feb-20	430	-	-	430	533
Mar-20	1,228	-	-	1,228	1,189
Apr-20	589	-	-	589	578
May-20	663	-	-	663	663
Jun-20	102	-	-	102	696
Jul-20	1,339	-	-	1,339	1,442
Aug-Nov 2020	4,605	-	-	4,605	2,062
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>11,097</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>11,097</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>160</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of th

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	N. Lamptey	Naina Lamptey	22-Sep-21	
	S. Wamweya	Samuel Wamweya	22-Sep-21	