## The 2020 Trustees Annual Report



### Solace International

(Prepared for presentation online (owing to current global health restrictions) in lieu of the Organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This TAR would normally have been presented at the *Solace International* AGM for 2021. The Organisation's AGMs are usually held in February of each year and consider among other things, the TAR for the year before. Prior to the AGM, Trustees and select attendees would have had the chance to read and comment on the TAR



#### In line with established Solace organisational practice,

this document also serves as

Solace International's Annual General Report for the Year of our Lord, 2020

almost as soon as it is prepared (ideally by the end of Summer). Thus, the AGM in effect, rubber-stamps the TAR, since it would have effectively been approved albeit informally, in the preceding year. This is the case with this document and has been the Organisation's convention since 2015.



#### The LORD has Done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

- Ps 118:23 (NIVUK)



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#### Foreword

Welcome to the 2020 Trustees Annual Report for *Solace International* ('Solace'<sup>2</sup>). This document is a report which outlines the progress of *Solace International* in achieving its aims and objectives. The report is presented as distinct from – and yet in continuation of (therefore building upon), previous reports. As such, to the Glory of God our Sole, True and Eternal Solace – by His Love and in His Wisdom, this report uses in part or in whole at various points throughout, portions and sections which you may find in previous reports, including but not only, last year's and that of the year before. This shall hopefully remain the case, for as long as there remains, *Solace International*. May it Please God that long live *Solace...*long live *Solace International*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The name 'Solace' is generic – the aim being to serve as an umbrella name for the Organisation wherever it may be found – especially where local authorities for whatever reason, object to – or seek to milk, the original and main name of 'Solace International'. In Kenya for instance, (officials of) the NGO Coordination Board asked us to pay KSh16,000 (approx. \$160/£110), for the 'privilege' of having the word 'International' added to our official name. We will always aim however, to use the name 'Solace' wherever we go – and as much of the word 'International' as we can. At present, Solace is registered in the United Kingdom, as **Solace International** and in the Republic of Kenya, as **InterSolace Organisation**.



#### **Mission Statement**

With the Lord Jesus Christ as our Flawless Role Model, *Solace's* Mission is to provide an excellent service positively impacting lives and always glorifying to God. Like our Unfailing Role Model Jesus, we aim to be – but positively so, different things to different people. Our each action will chiefly aim at contributing to the empowerment, development and all-round advancement of the communities wherein *Solace* is engaged whether indirectly or directly. Like Jesus our Unfailing Role Model was Wont to Do, *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. And by the Grace of God, we <u>will</u> be the best.



#### Resolution

The *Solace International* Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as 'The Solace Board', 'The Board' or 'The Trustees') hereby resolves that:

- 1.) The report outlined in this document is the Organisation's Annual Report for 2020;
- 2.) It shall be called: 'The 2020 Trustees Annual Report Solace International' ('TAR 2020');
- 3.) Owing to current global health restrictions, the Report shall be presented online, instead of at the Organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM);
- In breaking with *Solace International* ('Solace') convention established in the Year of our Lord 2017, TAR 2020 is hereby officially complete and closed;
- 5.) This break is temporary and solely in recognition of current global health realities;
- 6.) TAR 2020 shall therefore include no other insertions;
- 7.) If there is a need for updates, such updates shall be treated as separate and distinct documents, even if such updates are termed and/or deemed supplements to TAR 2020.

Signed: Dephrose N. Muyasa

(for: Chief Administrator, Solace International)



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#### A brief history of Solace International

'Solace' brings to mind other words such as: 'alleviation', 'comfort', 'consolation', 'ease', 'encouragement', 'help', 'relief', 'soothing', 'succour' and 'support', among several others.

On that basis, the Organisation was named, having been founded as a direct result of our Founder's engagements with several vulnerable groups during a visit to Kenya in 2012.

Looking ahead, the Organisation was born out of a desire to positively impact lives while answering the Great Commission.<sup>3</sup> The Founder relied at the time, on much goodwill.<sup>4</sup>

As a result of its formal launch in Spring of 2013, followed by official UK and Kenya registration, the Organisation turn its focus fully to the real reason for our existence.<sup>5</sup>

Core to our beliefs and plans for the next few years – and in line with our Founder's vision, the Organisation has ambitions in Christ Jesus, of touching at least one life in every nation.

Even though quite small and not very well-known, *Solace International* is making inroads across the world despite a stark paucity of human, financial and general resources. Today, *Solace* is actively engaged in supporting people wherever it reasonably can. This Report is not just a chronicle, but a document of staggered growth, of harsh reality and of eager hope. *Solace* though, is here to stay.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Our reason for being can be summarised as helping those in need and honouring God.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Matt 28:18-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Names of some groups and individuals involved in the genesis of *Solace International* can be found in previous TARs.

#### Our Vision: What we see as our reason for being

We perceive *Solace* as a humble Vessel in the Hands of the Almighty God Who Deigns to Use us in Blessing His Creation and Furthering the Christian Faith.<sup>6</sup> Through us He Offers Divine Solace, Touching lives in and through education, volunteering, enterprise, nutrition, spirituality and everywhere else as He Pleases. At *Solace* we are all about helping. We see ourselves touching at least one life and hopefully many more by the Grace of God, in every nation across the Earth.

This is what we see. This is our vision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Solace is not affiliated to any Christian denomination and takes the official position that for all their merits, denominations are divisive – more like tribes in a primitive society wherein members of each tribe see themselves as the 'superior breed', 'pure race' or 'Chosen ones'; they thus feel justified and even obliged, to look down on other tribes as being 'lower' or 'less' than themselves. For Solace, there is only One Church, only One Lord Jesus Christ and only One God.



#### Since the last TAR

A lot has happened since the last time we were here. As with every three-six-five-or-so cycle, there has been no shortage of kaleidoscopic undulations.

Back in 2019 as we were preparing and submitting the TAR for that cycle, the world was blissfully unaware of the coming shock which at the time, was germinating in the People's Republic of China.

COVID-19 as it has generally come to be known since the World Health Organisation (WHO) named it a few months back (WHO, 2020)<sup>7</sup>, has really changed things.

Despite the plethora of options, the reasoning behind its now-official name was that: "the disease is...a **CO**rona **VI**rus **D**isease which first appeared in **2019**" (Berger, 2020).<sup>8</sup>

Even so, Life has continued to go on, despite the range of measures across the globe seeking to efficiently and effectively handle the condition.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The emphases are Dr Berger's, not Solace International's.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Other names have included: 'Wuhan (corona)Virus', 'The 2019-new coronavirus (2019-nCoV)', 'The China (corona)Virus', 'Novel coronavirus' and simply 'Corona', among others (Corona Tracker, 2020; Kendra and Wachtendorf, 2020; Shu, 2020). The disease and its parent virus are noted to have generated more names than any of their peers (Berger, 2020). *Solace International* notes and agrees with the WHO's 2015 stance, for names of diseases and viruses to be reasonable, fair, considerate and compassionate, to avoid stigmatising or otherwise harming any region, culture, group, people – or, animals (Shu, 2020).

For *Solace International*, the situation has generated new challenges. However in the period covered by this report – and roughly equivalent to how long COVID-19 has lasted so far as a global pandemic, we have (in addition to all the areas and issues covered under failures and success below)...

(1.) Galvanised our support base to show generosity like never before;

(2.) Generated income however little, from outside the UK for the first time ever;

(3.) Finally got our website going;

(4.) Established a blossoming social media presence;

(5.) Partnered with an orphanage - and a Police divisional headquarters (both in Kenya);

(6.) Expanded our reach to include a few more countries – bringing our total to thirty-fiveplus...and counting;

<sup>9</sup> At the time of this report, the race is on to find a vaccine. Nonetheless, as an organisation engaged in alleviating poverty, protecting the less advantaged and advancing the Christian Faith, *Solace International* is however concerned that COVID-19 has resulted in many measures, some of which have induced panic, frustration and even cynicism. For *Solace International*, it is also worrying that several of the measures have been contradictory of each other and reflect a lack of international harmony or cohesion, while suggesting a further lack of compassion for the least privileged and/or most disadvantaged amongst us. *Solace International* further notes that a few of the measures do not have any proven basis in fact, science or Divine Truth.



- (7.) Suspended the Solace Enterprise Empowerment Programme (SEEP) in its current classroom-based format;
- (8.) Begun work on an online alternative;
- (9.) Done more in terms of spiritual and pastoral work than we had probably achieved in any of the other years of *Solace*'s existence before now.

Given the new realities, Solace International has also had to reflect on its values and to consider ways of thriving in a period of unprecedented mayhem-cum-uncertainty.

Heartily, we salute God our Provider and Protector, Who has Guided us – and so many others (individuals, groups, organisations, institutions, nations and communities) through it all.

In the period covered by this Report, *Solace* has hired twelve part-time fieldworkers, but fired ten, owing to acts of collaborative disloyalty, dishonesty, indolence and insubordination.

Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour Continues however, to Help us learn all we must as we grow. We should thus expect another document in support of – but distinct from, this one, soon.



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Kenya will be part of its focus as we believe that we have almost run the course of our heavy engagement with the country, although we are not likely to pull out or away completely.

Latin America has not received much focus from the Organisation and so along with the Caribbean Islands, the region presents us with exciting new challenges – and prospects.

Much work still needs to be done in Asia and Africa, though. We note too, that neither Australia, nor any of her neighbouring islands, have benefited in any way from *Solace International*.

Nepal therefore, is a breath of fresh air nonetheless, as it helps us improve our engagement with Asia. We are so humbled to know that we have been Permitted by Goodness to do so much.

Of course however, the work never stops. No charity can solve every problem. With God as our Guide, we are sure, that *Solace International* will cease attaining ever greater heights.



#### Charitable objects

The objects of *Solace* are:

a.) To benefit the public;

b.) The advancement of the Christian Faith (this, in accordance with the Statement of Faith and in such ways as the *Solace* Trustees from time to time may think fit);

c.) The prevention or relief of poverty (especially, though not exclusively, among the economically disadvantaged peoples of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), Africa and its Diaspora, Asia, the United States of America (US), Mexico and South America through the provision of emotional, financial, material, pastoral and other support, with the twin key aims of glorifying God and by His Grace, enabling individuals and/or communities, to become as they surely can, far better than they currently are.

#### Solace's aims and activities

The aims of *Solace* are captured in our Vision, Mission Statement and Activities. A brief recap of the those documents shows that the Organisation aims 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 all people(s) whom we offer support, against poverty in all its forms through a careful study and understanding of 'poverty' in the relevant contexts as well as through the the formulation and delivery of relevant educational-cum-training programmes, the making of small grants and the highlighting of Holy Bible-based good practice and Principles;
- Work with other groups and individuals to achieve the above aims as well as to support other groups and individuals engaged in work similar to ours;
- Honour and testify about God the Almighty Owner of Everything, through our actions, as well as our activities.

#### 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;



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- c.) Religious activities;
- d.) Economic/community development/employment;
- e.) Human rights, religious or racial harmony, equality and/or diversity.

#### Who the charity helps

*Solace international* helps the general public and Mankind. This means that 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;
- 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.

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 'Charitable objects', etc.) contributes to fleshing out the report in the relevant sections.



#### The journey continued: Our successes

By the Grace of Almighty God, our Ever-Glorious Father and Solace, the Organisation has experienced success in several areas, improving on strides made in previous years. The successes outlined below are nonetheless presented in the spirit Laid out by our Lord Jesus Christ, via the Gospel according to Luke:

> Likewise, when ye shall have done all those things which are Commanded you, say: 'We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do"<sup>10</sup>

The magnitude of what God has through us Wrought is highlighted by the fact that *Solace International* ('Solace') has yet to receive any corporate funding, attract anything but minimal levels of donations or generate more than fairly low publicity. We can never appreciate the LORD Almighty enough regarding His Goodness as Demonstrated through this charity in in the following pages. As highlighted by the pertinent headings and subheadings below, the key barometer by which *Solace* measures its successes and failures is the list of what we set out to achieve. These goals appear in *Solace*'s basic information can be found replicated in this report, in relevant *Solace International* publicity material – and on the Charity Commission's website.

<sup>10</sup> Lk 17:10



Area 1:11 Education and training	
Activity	Details
	The LORD Wants us to be well educated, better informed and more
	Empowered. "My People perish" He Says, "from lack of knowledge". <sup>12</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
Seminars and	ones. Solace also holds, that the most effective antidote to the maladies of
workshops	corruption, poverty and wanton violence (be it domestic, political,
	religious, ethnic or other) is through education. For this reason, Solace
	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 twelve weeks (e.g. 'Solace Enterprise
	Empowerment Programme').

<sup>12</sup> Hos 4:6



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> These areas are marked with numbers for purposes of making the book easier to read. They do not reflect any kind of order or priority list.

	As part of the training programmes we deliver (usually completely free of
	charge <sup>13</sup> ) Solace uses the Christian Sacred Scriptures (commonly known as
	'the Holy Bible'), together with a creative mix of written and non-written
	sources. Nonetheless, through experience we stand now aware that not all
	our training programmes are of equal popularity everywhere. The
Seminars and	education and self-employment programmes are usually the more
workshops	attractive of our training programmes no matter where we go. Our
(cont'd)	successes in the area of training via seminars and workshops has been
	inevitably linked to our adeptness at adapting in line with needs of the
	relevant communities, mixing strong British values with those of other
	peoples and remaining true to our non-denominational Christian
	principles, to the Glory of Solace Himself, God the Almighty One. A full
	list of what programmes we offer accompanies this report (see: 'Appendix
	A: Solace's list of free training programmes').
	Solace has collected and distributed since 2014, over three thousand books.
	These have come from a myriad of sources including Joseph Dos Santos
	(the Organisation's Founder), members of the public, abandoned
Books	publications, donated misprints, Solace International purchases, etc. The
	books tend to be mainly educational with a heavy bias for primary school-

<sup>13</sup> Where fees are applied, these are usually nominal and generally waived or reduced if the debtor so requests.



	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
Books (cont'd)	work in this area to only academic textbooks or Christian religious
	publications. Solace 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, around a hundred bibles.

Area: The prevention or relief of poverty (UK)	
Activity	Details
Foodbank	Several reports and research findings share the consensus that many UK families are unable to afford decent meals – even where the families have one or more gainfully employed breadwinners. <sup>14</sup> It has also been noted, that one sign of neglect in child abuse cases is the continuous starvation and/or malnourishment of the child (Dos Santos, 2019). It has also been consistently found, that in a host of cases, families are unable to combine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> As the references below demonstrate, there are several reasons for this. Solace International will God Willing, issue a report on the matter sometime in the second half of 2021.



food purchases with paying of rents, utility bills, insurance and other costs.

	While (thanks to God) there are many food banks and other food
	provisions (e.g. soup kitchens and food hubs), some families are too
	embarrassed, ashamed or even afraid to visit food banks or openly express
	their need for help with food, creating an added vulnerability. In response,
Foodbank	Solace continues to operate its flagship 'foodbank with a difference'. This is
(cont'd)	a floating foodbank which goes in search of the needy instead of waiting
	for the needy to find it. Jesus did not always Wait for those in need to
	come to Him: He more often than not, Moved around, Making Himself
	both available and accessible to the people in need of His Goodness. The
	strengths and weaknesses of this approach are outlined in previous TARs.
	Solace continues to support schools in Kenya, to educate orphans and
School support	children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The level of support has
	however been scaled down in deference both to the Organisation's lack of
	resources and the Organisation's decision to reduce its involvement and
	presence in Kenya, effective 2021.15 Solace's schools support varies,
	depending on the institution. This as noted in last year's TAR, ranges

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The full report on this is to be issued in December (2020).



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	condescended to, plans are afoot to ensure that as soon as possible next
	year, the SEEP will make a comeback. The plans include a rollout across
	places hitherto not involved such as Nigeria, the United States (US) and
	Nepal. The SEEP's secular version which uses non-Biblical texts is still
<b>D</b> overty_	being developed and should be ready for the planned rollout as referred to
Poverty-	above, next year. The aim of formulating such an alternative yet similar-in-
busting	content-and-quality programme is to reach out to as many more people as
(cont'd)	we possibly can, without alienating them through the implication that the
	SEEP is a Christian programme only or that enterprise is unique to
	Christianity. In both its forms, the SEEP will also incorporate an
	employability element where those who may feel that they are not suited
	to running a business will be supported with their CVs, interview tips and
	application forms. Finally, subject to the availability of funds, we also help
	members of our target group(s) in the setting up of small businesses.
	We are building relationships with other organisations - including
	corporate, charitable, academic, religious and unregistered community
Collaboration	groups both in Kenya and the UK. <sup>16</sup> This will allow us to help even more
	people in other areas without having to take on the financial and other
	costs of registration and opening offices everywhere. It is also a chance to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</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.



	support other organisations towards achieving their own visions, aims and
	objectives. We are for instance, working with groups and individuals in
	Uganda, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Nepal, Kenya, Ghana, Botswana and
	elsewhere. 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 our arrangements in Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire,
	Ghana, etc. As with our collaborations in Vietnam, Pakistan, Jamaica,
	India, Barbados, etc., some of the arrangements are still at a very foetal
	stage. However, interagency working remains a key aspect of the Solace
Collaboration	modus operandi. In the UK, Solace continues to be a part of and/or
(cont'd)	engaged with the ACTS Church, Africa Youth Development Association
	(AYDA), Be Different 365, Born Again Revival Tabernacle International,
	Kenya (BARTI-K), Born Again Revival Tabernacle International, Malawi
	(BARTI-M), Born Again Revival Tabernacle International, Croydon
	(BARTI-UK), Black and Minority Ethnic Forum (BME Forum),, Circle of
	Parents (CoP), Croydon Food Network (CFN), Croydon Voluntary
	Association (CVA), Deliverance Church International, Faiths Together in
	Croydon (FTiC), Full Gospel Churches of Kenya, Heads2Gether, Hope
	Africa Community, House of Prayer For All Nations, Kenya Assemblies
	of God, Kingston Voluntary Action (KVA) and Lambeth Voluntary
	Action (LVAC), Restoration World Revival Church and Winners Chapel,
	among others.



Activity	Details
	Street children, 'street kids', or chokoras as they are known in Kenya,
	minors (typically aged between six and fifteen years old) who for a vari
	of reasons (e.g. abuse, being orphaned, victims of crime, running av
	from home, drug addiction, etc.) are forced to live on the streets. The
Street kids	often move around in dishevelled packs of between five and for
	persons. They are particularly vulnerable to violent criminals and are a
	usually easy targets for lynch groups when a theft or other petty crime
	occurred but the perpetuators are unknown or unclear. <sup>17</sup> Criminal a
	terror gangs also find them easy to aim for. We do not have the capac
	for rehabilitating them, but Solace has provided food and money to ma
	chokoras, as well as companionship which in the absence of form
	counselling, has proven quite helpful – especially in the cold and lone

# <sup>17</sup> This is not to say that the street children are entirely 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). It must also be remembered, that they are minors.



	home, law enforcement agents are scarce and the streets are quite bare,
	very dangerous and truly lonely.
	Between 2019 and 2020, Solace International has supplied around five
	thousand free clothes and shoes to those in need. Although in the past,
	Solace has also arranged for several individuals and groups to visit Solace
	premises to collect further consignments of clothes, in 2020, the focus
	was on ensuring that in the face of the current global health situation, no
	person who needed clothes was turned away empty-handed after coming
	to us. For the first time since the Organisation began this project in 2014,
	we have however completely run out of clothes as our stock numbering
	several thousands of clothes was emptied while we addressed the needs of
Clothes supply	those who turned to us. The supply of free clothes is a very important
	aspect of our work in the prevention or relief of poverty in Kenya where a
	large section of its people live below the poverty line and the buying of
	clothes is such a mountainous problem for many families. A small
	percentage of our clothes were given out in the UK as for only the second
	time in our history, we have had cases of people coming to Solace in
	England, for hope with clothing. The only other time this has happened,
	was in 2015 when users of our then-static UK foodbank almost routinely
	made requests for clothes. The key difference was that in 2015, Solace
	International gave out around 45% of its clothes collection in the UK,
	whereas in 2020, the UK figure stands at around 25%. The UK requests



	were this time round, also often distinct from rather than connected to,
	food requests, unlike in 2015, when not a single request for clothes in the
	UK came from persons who did not also require help with food.
	As already indicated, Solace International continues to make cash grants to
	those in need. The Organisation does not however, give loans. Our
Cash grants	reasons for this can be found in the TAR for last year and the year before.
	That said, is an inevitable aspect of the Organisation's work that we make
	cash grants wherever and whenever we can. The grants are however,
	usually small and even so, only where there is no other alternative. All
	grants are subject to the availability of funds as well as strict criteria as laid
	out in our Beneficiaries Policy and the decision of the Trustees. This year,
	Solace International has made grants to beneficiaries in Botswana, Ghana,
	Malawi, Nepal and Nigeria.

Area: Religious activities	
Activity	Details
	In spite of the restrictions on movement across the world in general and
	Kenya as well as the UK in general, the Organisation has managed to



	support a church in Kenya with this unique capacity-building tool. As
	indicated in previous TARs, every year since 2012, Solace International has
	contributed to the capacity-building of at least one church. The support
	offered in this regard ranges widely from helping to set up a youth and
	teens ministry (Winners Chapel, Malindi, Kenya), through to observing what
	could be going wrong in a church and suggesting ways to put it right (Hope
	Africa, Syiokimau, Kenya) to simple church planting (Born Again Revival
	Tabernacle International [BARTI] UK). In all, we have so far provided such
	support for more than ten churches and Christian ministries. The support
The 'Towards'	usually culminates in a report with a title that begins: 'Towards' (e.g.
Reports	'Towards A Better Youth Ministry', 'Towards Clearer Communication',
	'Towards A Stronger Church', etc.). The reports allow us to build, maintain
	and present a colourful portfolio of our work in this unique area of
	Christian ministry, while furnishing the ministries involved, their
	leaderships as well as others corporate and individual, who may learn from
	them, with the unique tool of an interested outsider's keen eye as they
	seek to glorify God and meet people's expectations through the work they
	do in His Name, by His Grace and to His Glory.
	Although Solace is not a church, our work in furtherance of the Gospel has
Due e et in e	brought us to the attention of several Christian leaders who have been
Preaching	glad to honour our Founder and by extension, Solace International, with the
	privilege of speaking God's Word from their pulpits. In 2020 so far, there



engagements	have been twenty-two such engagements. Solace International also has a
	Christian preaching platform and another for daily prayer. Both (as well as
	another for <i>Solace International</i> news and updates) are on <i>WhatsApp</i> .
	In the area of evangelisation, Solace continues to work with other
	ministries to reach out to God's People on the streets of the UK, Kenya
Evangelisation	and lately, Nepal. In addition (as already indicated above), our training
	programmes generally contain Bible-based material, although (as also
	indicated above) we are working on a non-Bible-based alternative.
	Solace continues to acquire through a variety of means including purchase
	and donations, bibles which are then distributed free of charge, to those
	who need but cannot afford to buy them. Last year, the Organisation
	received from St Francis Anglican Parish, Selsdon (Surrey), a generous
	received from st Francis Alighean Falish, seisdon (Suffey), a generous
Bible	ten-bible donation. These wonderful gifts are passed over to those who
distribution	need them. We have also supplied about fifty children's bibles in Kenya
	since 2017. Such unique efforts are of course, quite expensive in terms of
	time and funds, but we are as always, quite glad as well as humbled and
	honoured, to serve the LORD and His People in this way.
	Solace continues to support directly and indirectly, with cash and other
	resources, a variety of Christian charities. We also work hard to sensitise
	Christians to the fact that giving to other Christian charities is part of the
Other support	obligation of giving to the Work of the LORD. Since 2019, we have been
	sugarden er gring to the work of the Lortes. Onice 2019, we have been



for the wider	adding profiles of Christian charities at the backs of our publications. As
Church	indicated in last year's TAR, our newsletter, social media platforms and
	website all reflect this. In addition, Solace continues to support even more
	ministries across the world with a monthly tithe on income generated, as
	mandated in the Solace Tithe and Tithing Policy.

Area: Economic/community development/employment	
Activity	Details
	Our work in this area continues to be evidenced by outcomes. We are
	engaged as stated above, with CVA, Croydon Food Network, LVAC, etc.
	in addition, we have been almost from the start, part of the now-famous
	'Rubbish meetings' hosted by a kaleidoscope of community luminaries,
	including Reverend Catherine Tucker (Holy Saviour Church, Broad Green
	and Citizens. In addition to collaborations with Circle of Parents (UK),
	Groots-Mathare (Kenya), Heads2Gether (UK) and SOS Children's Village
	Buruburu (Kenya), Solace International continues to work with several
Collaborations	churches in Angola, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, South Africa, Uganda and the
	UK. The collaborations have included capacity-building support and
	donations to orphanages. This year also, we organised a visit to the Area
	Command Headquarters of the Kenya Police in Buruburu, where the



Organisation spent time with top echelon police officers, sharing fruits and praying. *Solace International* also expressed support for the great and often dangerous work which the Kenya Police are doing, but balanced this with advice regarding reduction in police brutality, greater respect for human rights and protection of the innocent. We are glad to note that the admonition was received well.

Area: Human rights, religious or racial harmony, equality or diversity	
Activity	Details
	The case remains as highlighted in our TAR for last year, that our work in
	this area is in sensitising communities during our preaching and
	educational engagements, as well as supporting like we have stated above,
	those whom we can, to gain or regain and maintain, independence
	through entrepreneurship - in addition to the provision of succour for
	those affected. We are yet though, to complete a proposed new
	programme in collaboration with Groots, Kenya, to help men understand
	how better to deal with issues leading up to domestic violence before they
Domestic	get out of hand. In keeping with Biblical principles, the programme also
	aims to help and encourage prospective victims of domestic violence to



violence	take some responsibility for preventing and stopping the blight, through
	being more careful and sensitive about what they say and do. In that
	regard also, informal feelers have been sent out to the England-based
	Mighty Men of Valour (MMV) and African Youth Development Association
	(AYDA) who we understand to have a solid record in handling domestic
	violence issues. Since (contrary to the widely-accepted viewpoint),
	domestic violence is not restricted to cases of men harming women, we
	are also considering a similar programme for women and currently
	looking for organisations in different countries, with which we can
	effectively partner in this regard.
	The abuse or maltreatment of employees is a socioeconomic problem
	which transcends all races and cultures across the world. We are actively
	engaged in supporting victims wherever and whenever we can. For
Employee	reasons of confidentiality and sensitivity however, we regret that we
	cannot give any details in this report, other than to state that this is a
abuse	problem that has actually resulted in threats to <i>Solace</i> staff, but which
	irrespective of the dangers involved, we will continue to challenge
	robustly, to the Glory of God Who has Ruled that: "a worker is worthy of
	their wages". <sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The Holy Bible's Gospel According to Saint Luke (Lk) 10:7 and Saint Paul's First Letter (possibly) to Timothy (1Tim 5:18).



	One of the aspects of poverty not often viewed as being connected to the
	problem, is advocacy. Many people are poor because they have no strong
	voice and no one to speak out/up for them. At Solace, we have continued
Letters and	however, to provide understated but quite effective support in this area
advocacy	for members of the public. We have found though, that the need for this
	service tends to vary according to country and culture. In addition, Solace
	continues to help many prospective job seekers in the production of very
	presentable CVs, cover letters and personal statements.

Area: General	
Activity	Details
	Solace provides a free service in which we bring estranged family members
	back together. One of our greatest successes was the reconciliation in
	2017, of a father and daughter who had not spoken for almost fifteer
	years and had actually lost contact with each other. The daughter
	approached us and through social media as well as other lines of enquiry
	we managed to track him down in another part of the country and link
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Family	them with each other again. Another area covered by this section of our
	work, is with regard to men who deny paternity of children it is reasonable
	to believe they have sired. We work to bring resolution to these situations
	as this ensures that irrespective of the rancour which may have
	overshadowed their parents' relationships, the children caught up in such
	situations can receive the support which as the Holy Bible Makes clear,
	they are entitled to from their fathers.
	Solace works with individuals as well as communities. We are aware that
	certain persons in need of the support which charities provide, fail to meet
Targeting	specific criteria and so are unable to receive the help they need. We
	endeavour where possible, to identify such individuals and then provide
	relevant support within our means.
	Solace has continued to enhance its capacity-building through the
	compilation and application of relevant policies. We now have around
	twenty policies which among others, include the following policies:
<b>Policies</b>	Accounts, Beneficiaries, Child Protection, Complaints, Conflict of
	Interest, Data Protection, Enterprise Empowerment, Equal
	Opportunities, Holiday, Invoice, Office Share, Tithe and Tithing, as well
	as Volunteer policies.



	Despite the almost indescribable financial pressures we are under, Solace
<b>T</b> . <b>1</b> .	has refused to cut corners such as engaging in bribery. Bribery has
Integrity	remained an almost immovable issue in Kenya. In the UK, Solace
	invariably returns all donations where doubts exist or persist, as to the
	source and/or motive of the donations.
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	For the first time in our chequered history, Solace International has managed
	to generate revenue from beyond the UK. Although quite minuscule, the
	fact that it happened at all, is cause for both joy and hope. The
	Organisation pulled in around $\pounds 200$ from Kenya, plus $\pounds 10$ each from
	Botswana, Nigeria and Uganda. We also received a pledge for an
	unspecified amount from Malawi and are expecting more funds from
	Nigeria, based on collections still coming in.
	We have also expanded the list of countries where at least one person has
Expanded	benefited from our work and/or support. For instance, throughout 2020,
reach	
	the Republic of Nepal has benefited from Solace's financial, advisory and
	spiritual support. We are also negotiating with partners in Vietnam over
	the best way we can support some children with their schooling in one of
	the country's rural and most disadvantaged areas. Solace International is also
	exploring opportunities for partnership and support in Barbados and



Jamaica. Sri Lanka continues to receive *Solace* support, while we have also made financial and capacity-building contributions to groups and individuals in Portugal and Ghana.

It must be noted, that these are just some, rather than all, of our successes so far. *Solace International* remains determined, focused and indefatigable as it seeks to keep working and recording more successes: little maybe, unseen sometimes, but real nonetheless and always worth celebrating, to the Glory of God the Almighty Father of all Creation, our Only Solace and the One from Whom all good things come.<sup>19</sup>

19 Eph 4:6; Jas 1:17



## The journey continued: Our failures

To the Glory of God, we have been humbled by disappointment in several areas. The awareness of these shortcomings is however reflective of His Grace and Wisdom by which we are sure to improve. The relevant drawbacks have been outlined below, using the same format as in the case of 'Successes' above.

Area: Education and training			
Activity	Details		
Books	The situation persists that we are not getting enough books for distribution. With schools closed for extended periods across the globe owing to the novel coronavirus discovered in China around 2019 (COVID-19) which at the time of this report, is ravaging many parts of the world. The demand for books still far outstrips the supply we are managing – even as the Organisation has purchased some books to boost its stock, for onward distribution to parents, guardians and families as they engage in impromptu and/or informal home-schooling. Part of the problem has been the financial costs of shipping so many books, but we have also struggled to pull in enough book donations. By way of addressing this issue, the fact remains, that <i>Solace</i> needs to explore more avenues for addressing these drawbacks such as liaising with national bookshops, engaging more schools and making the public more aware of		



	the need for books in the countries which by the Grace of God and to His			
	Glory, we are supporting.			
	Last year, we reported that our training programmes, even when free, are			
	not generating the audience and participation numbers they should. Some			
	(such as our recent programme for parents of school-age children held in			
Training	collaboration with Circle of Parents) have even attracted an			
programmes	attendance/participation of zero. This obviously, is not good enough and			
	so we are exploring ways to turn the situation around. A special			
	committee set up by the Trustees in this regard, has yet to submit any			
	report to us at all.			

Area: The prevention or relief of poverty (UK)			
Activity Details			
	The alleviation and ultimate defeat of poverty remain a huge part of ou		
	work, being a job the Organisation takes quite seriously. Thus, as hitherto		
	noted, Solace International provides to those in need, material reliefs such a		
	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 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). *Give Directly* is an organisation which simply gives money to the poor (Give Directly, 2020). It has however been suggested that while the *Give Directly* 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 we endeavour to understand how best we can support individuals and their communities out of poverty, we are in a constant battle to ensure the Organisation is not left impoverished or struggling to stay afloat, as a result of its work among the needy.

Material and

cash reliefs

A further issue under this section of the report is that owing to different backgrounds, beliefs, values, interests and mindsets, 'poverty' and 'prosperity' mean different things to different people and so it is becoming increasingly difficult if not totally impossible for the Organisation to adopt a generic intercontinental approach to poverty alleviation.



## Area: Religious activities

Activity	Details			
	So far, the Organisation has worked almost exclusively, with smaller generally			
	Pentecostal churches. Except for the occasional engagement with Roma			
	Catholic and Anglican parishes, not much has been achieved by way of			
	engagement with mainstream churches.20 Although Solace is a Christian			
	charity, we are finding that due to the dichotomous nature of			
	Christianity's doctrinal potpourri as well as issues to do with personality,			
	politics and ethnicity, the Solace Pastors' Breakfasts are not as well			
	attended as we would prefer them to be. We continue to find also, that the			
	'Towards' Reports we took so much time, money and effort to prepare			
	remain mostly unread and therefore their contents are rarely implemented,			
	with the unfortunate but quite predictable result that the issues addressed			
	by the reports continue to bedevil the relevant entities. We see this as a			
Pastors'	failure because for such an issue to persist so pervasively (only one of the			
breakfasts and	eight reports has fully been read and considered), there must be something			
	we are not doing right. <sup>21</sup> Solace is looking at ways of making the reports			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> This is not necessarily for want of trying (in one Kenya case, a Presbyterian Church of East Africa [PCEA] parish showed open and inexplicable hostility towards us and our work). Efforts continue as the Holy Spirit Guides, to address this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> We have noted for instance, that in at least three of the 'Towards' reports, the leaders who received them, wanted us to give an oral summary of the reports to enable them circumvent the need for reading the documents in question



more attractive - or ceasing this aspect of our work altogether. A final other activities decision will be made on the matter at the Solace Trustees' meeting billed for Spring of 2021 - where it will also be decided whether to continue with or terminate, the pastors' breakfasts. Our bible distribution is both erratic and haphazard; for an organisation with a plethora of policies, it is an uncomfortably stark fact that there are no rules or documents governing how we collect bibles, what versions we prefer, who we give them to, how we identify need and reasons for giving them, etc. This is also an issue which we seek to address shortly. However, over three years after first highlighting these issues in a TAR, Solace International is yet to make much progress in these areas. As minutes of Trustees' meetings still demonstrate, the Organisation does not consider this matter to be of high priority, thus, the Organisation remains without the relevant policy over three years on from our launch of the bible distribution programme late in 2016 - almost two hundred weeks on and counting.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> At the time of submission to the Charity Commission of this report, the Trustees had begun discussing what is likely to be known as the *Solace* Bible Collection and Distribution Policy. It is therefore highly likely that by the time of the next TAR, this matter would no longer be an issue or feature among the Organisation's failures.



Area: Economic/community development/employment		
Activity	Details	
	We have long recognised, that working together is an aspect of charitable	
	work which will benefit all stakeholders greatly and so should be	
	encouraged. It is also an essential aspect of Christianity which places great	
	emphasis on unity "for there has God Commanded the Blessing". <sup>23</sup> It is	
	indeed true that Solace continues to see the benefits of collaboration; it is	
	also true however, that we are yet to reach our full potential regarding	
Collaborations	such engagements, with like-minded organisations in the UK, Kenya and	
Conaborations	elsewhere. <sup>24</sup> In some cases, negotiations for working together appear to be	
	taking too long. For instance (as noted in our previous annual reports), a	

### <sup>23</sup> Ps 133:3.

<sup>24</sup> As this year's TAR shows above, feelers which we sent out to pastors, churches and other groups (not necessarily Christian) who seek to work with *Solace* have yielded mixed fruit. While cases such as Zambia, Vietnam, Rwanda and Pakistan (as well as others including but not only: Jamaica, St Lucia and Barbados) are still at germinal stages, we are happy to report that by the Grace of God and to His Glory, we have secured solid relationships with groups and individuals in Ghana, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa. Our engagement in Uganda is however on hold as the orphanage we are supporting there, has been unable to demonstrate transparency in the use of the financial and other resources we sent them this year, last year and the year before. The Trustees have determined on the advice of the Organisation's Chief Administrator, that in line with the Organisation's Sanctions and Blacklisting Policy, sanctions against the orphanage will remain in place until the conclusion of a fact-finding mission planned for after the current COVID-19 situation eases.



collaborative effort between *Deliverance Church*, Kahawa, Kenya, took eighteen months to arrange, while over two years following initial 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. The challenge for *Solace* here is not simply the stalled, staggered or stopped negotiations, but the very crucial need for gaining a clearer awareness of the collaboration landscape, as this would enable the Organisation to choose prospective partners more carefully, while steering clear of drawn-out negotiations which seem to waste human, financial and other resources.

Area: General				
Activity Details				
	We have at long last been able to set up a website <sup>25</sup> – and to establish a			
	viable social media presence. <sup>26</sup> We are however, not as active as we could			
	be on these platforms, the website remains erratic and we still do not have			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> www.solace.international

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> We are on WhatsApp (+447904027127 – three platforms), Twitter (@a1solace) and Facebook (Solace Kimataifa, plus Intersolace Organization).



	a newsletter or a blog. It is safe to say therefore, that despite the above-			
	mentioned progress, we are still failing to ensure Solace International and			
	wonderful work we do, receive as much publicity as possible. This of			
<b>Publicity</b>	course, contributes to another failure: the Organisation remains unnoticed			
	by - and/or unattractive to, donors, sponsors and other entities who are			
	undeniably necessary in the life of any and every charitable organisation.			
	Due to the current global health situation, the Trustees' plan to address			
	these issues has stalled. We remain optimistic though - especially though			
	not only in light of the strides we have so far made, that by our next TAR,			
	the issues raised under this section will move from the list of our failures			
	to the list of our successes.			
	The point has been made in previous TARs, that Solace International 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 Solace			
	International 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			
Funding	that we have not received any funding – although thank God, compared			
	to last year when the Organisation's funds took a steep nosedive, our			
	income for the current year has shown some improvement. <sup>27</sup> On a			

<sup>27</sup> That said, the situation remains, that in the absence of funding, the Founder a freelance writer, donates around ninety-five per cent of all his income to *Solace International*. It is also a failure on the Organisation's



	positive note (though not positive enough to count as a success yet),			
	Solace has identified several grant makers and is in the process of applying			
	solo and as part of collaborative effort with other groups, to the identified			
	grant makers, for funding.			
	The Organisation aims to positively touch at least one life in every nation			
	on Earth within the next two decades as God Wills. At current rates			
	however, this may take much longer. Solace has not conducted an			
Expanded	evaluation of all nations in which it is interested and this could further			
reach	hamper its chances of achieving the above admittedly lofty goal, especially			
	given the very hostile anti-Western and/or anti-Christian environments			
	for which some of the target nations are known.			

This report has endeavoured to present all the failures as far as we can recall. Thus, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has been left out. It is important to note that *Solace* perceives these failures, not as ends of a journey, but stops along the way – and which by the Grace of God, shall be addressed accordingly.

part that despite our formal and informal engagements in over twenty countries (see Appendix B), a sizable portion of the Organisation's income continues to be spent on our work and interests in Kenya.



### Conclusion

As shown by this report, *Solace International*'s story so far, has been one of undulations – ups here and downs there. The point made in previous TARs still rings true in that the Organisation is punching well above its weight.

But it is hard to deny, that since despite myriad challenges (some admittedly self-inflicted), *Solace International* is doing so well, the Organisation deserves to be lauded. This is especially so, given the fact that we rarely seek recognition for the great and marvellous work we do.

Charities must however, tread a fine line between pride and humility – even in light of the point made previously, that before it can be taken seriously by those who matter in the life of organisations such as this one, there is still a long way to go for the Organisation.

Despite this, *Solace International* retains the ambition – and potential, for becoming a big player in the charity/NGO sector. The Organisation is under no illusions though, regarding how onerous the task ahead could be – as well as how lonely the journey can sometimes get.

Experiencing deficits in several areas (including but not restricted to: corporate sponsorship, donors of a copious and/or regular nature, volunteers, paid personnel, general resources, etc.) though *Solace International* might be, we are thankfully, not short on goodwill.



For all the goodwill we have at our 'disposal' (as demonstrated especially during this global health crisis by so many kind and loving souls), the trick remains in discovering how to best to harness it towards generating better more prosperous short- and long-term outcomes.

God has Granted the Organisation as noted in previous TARs, great optimism for the future – a future which depends heavily but happily on the sharp and bright minds which by the Grace of Eternal Providence our Solace, continue to come the Organisation's way.

Having faith in the future just as good – and so, *Solace International* remains strong in both faith and confidence. Faith is distinct from optimism in that optimism seeks and sees sunshine ahead - but faith does more than that: it brings sunshine along.

It will come therefore as no surprise, that the pervasive view across the Organisation concerning *Solace*'s current difficulties, is: slippery and craggy though they may be, these difficulties are actually stepping-stones in the direction of Christ-Guaranteed success.



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Jesus' Strength Enables us to do all things.<sup>28</sup> *Solace* is thus so convinced of its future success that the Organisation plans to physically expand even further afield – well beyond Kenya and the UK where currently it has Pleased the LORD that its only offices are.

Kenya has served us well – as well as we believe it possibly can, given the near-hostile atmosphere we have had to work under in that wonderful republic. Having endured for a fairly long while, the time seems ripe to finally up stakes and move our African base elsewhere.

Looking thus ahead, we are currently discussing possibilities with Nigeria, Ghana and Jamaica. Earlier considerations of Uganda, Rwanda and Botswana stalled; those talks have for the moment been shelved while we consider other options in Africa and beyond.

More to the point – as noted in a TAR previous to this one, the transnational influence of *Solace International* is growing in significance – despite our limited resources. This by the Grace of God and to His Glory, is partly because we never tire of reaching out to peoples in other lands.

Nonetheless, in light of our resource realities, we more often than not, must have recourse to the good offices of better-placed individuals and groups in most of these places and lands – a fact which undeniably comes with its own conglomeration of pros and cons.

<sup>28</sup> Philippians 4:13



Of course, the support we receive from individuals and groups where we have no official presence does not and cannot, be a substitute for a more tangible presence in some of those countries when and as the LORD Pleases. His Will is and shall always be, our key focus.

Put simply: *Solace International* operates by God's Grace, in His Presence, with His Provision, under His Guidance, at His Pleasure, for His Will and to His Glory. It is in this that we take solace, knowing that what we have set out to achieve carries His Blessing.

Quite certainly, greater and tougher challenges await *Solace International* in the future, yet as long as there remain people in need whose lives we can by the Grace of God impact positively, *Solace International* will never flag or flounder in its determination to do more for those who have less.

Right or wrong, we always operate to God's Glory, on the 'Triple D' platform of: Determination, Diligence and Dedication. We count it an honour to serve in the manner we do and with those we do. It (and everything else we do well), is the LORD's Marvellous Doing.

*Solace International* is also honoured to know that the LORD Continues – and will Continue, to Bless and Flourish the work of our hands. *Solace International* is going places...places of greatness and beauty – because that is what it is to serve the LORD in the way we do: great and beautiful.



Thus, we remain willing and able labourers in the LORD's Vineyard – working with others to address at His Behest, on the plentiful-Harvest-cum-labourer shortage<sup>29</sup> – gladly "making your life taste better and your light shine brighter, the way you were always Meant to be".

In Jesus Christ's Name. Amen!

<sup>29</sup> Matt 9:37



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## Appendices



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## Appendix A

## Summary financial report

Month	Money In	In Money Out	
October (2019)	565	495	
November (2019)	1315	1220	
December (2019)	1278	1238	
January (2020)	1505	1530	
February (2020)	680	694	
March (2020)	845	835	
April (2020)	2195	2195	
May (2020)	1135	1130	
June (2020)	885	880	
July (2020)	1065	1055	
August (2020)	495	394	
September (2020)	190	200	
Total	12,153	11,866	
Net total = $\pounds$ 287			



## Appendix B

## *Countries where* Solace International *operates or is otherwise engaged*

No.	Country	Formal	Details
		/Informal	
1.	Zimbabwe	Informal	Support for individuals regarding shoe business
2.	Zambia	Informal	Support for missionary work originating in Kenya
3.	Vietnam	Formal	Under discussion: planned funding for schoolchildren who walk to school without shoes.
4.	United States	Informal	Spiritual support (especially counselling and prayer)
5.	United Kingdom	Formal	Advocacy, business support, capacity-building, employability, food bank, governance, pastoral/spiritual support, research, seminars, workshops, etc.
6.	Uganda	Formal	Orphanage, poverty alleviation
7.	Tanzania	Informal	Clothes donation, poverty alleviation
8.	Syria	Informal	Cash donations to Muslim and Christian groups for Aleppo and Idlib, etc.
9.	St. Lucia	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations; writing
10.	Sri Lanka	Formal	Grants, poverty alleviation
11.	South Africa	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations



12.	Sierra Leone	Informal	Business support, capacity-building
13.	Rwanda	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations
14.	Romania	Informal	Poverty alleviation
15.	Portugal	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building, donations, governance, pastoral support, etc.)
16.	Pakistan	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations
17.	Nigeria	Formal	Capacity-building, grants, poverty alleviation, pastoral/spiritual support, seminars, workshops
18.	Nepal	Formal	Grants, mission support (especially capacity-building)
19.	Mozambique	Informal	Business support; governance
20.	Malawi	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building, donations, governance, pastoral/ spiritual support)
21.	Liberia	Informal	Business support, capacity-building
22.	Kenya	Formal	Advocacy, business support, capacity-building, chaplaincy, clothes donations, employability, food bank, governance, hospital/medical, orphanage support, pastoral/spiritual support, reports, seminars, workshops, etc.
23.	Jamaica	Formal	Mission support; planned donation
24.	India		Mission support; planned donation
25.	Ivory Coast	Formal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations
26.	Ghana	Formal	Business support; capacity-building; grants; pastoral/spiritual support



27.	Ethiopia	Informal	Cash donations; pastoral/spiritual support
28.	Eritrea	Informal	Business support; capacity-building
29.	Equatorial Guinea	Informal	Capacity-building; pastoral support
30.	Congo-K	Informal	Grants; mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); poverty alleviation
31.	Congo-B	Informal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations
32.	Cameroun	Formal	Advocacy; business support; capacity-building, cash donations, pastoral care; writing
33.	Brazil	Informal	Pastoral care
34.	Botswana	Formal	Grants; mission support (especially capacity-building and governance)
35.	Barbados	Formal	Under discussion: mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations
36.	Angola	Informal	Mission support (especially capacity-building and governance); planned donations



## Appendix C

## The Solace International Statement of Faith<sup>30</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. Alongside the Father and the Son He is worshiped 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> This statement is by the Grace of God and to His Excellent Glory, based on what has come to be known as the Nicene Creed, being a summary of sorts regarding Divinely Revealed Truths Rooted in the Holy Bible as understood and agreed by the Church Fathers at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD (Porter, 2012). It is not a definitive statement (since no single statement can totally or perfectly outline what any individual, group or organisation believes). This Statement is dynamic. Thus, this *Solace International* Statement of Faith is subject to updating and restating as the Holy Spirit Leads, Teaches and Guides.



## Appendix D

# The Solace International Training Programme (2020-2025)<sup>31</sup>

What does it cover?		
1 What is abuse? 2 Kinds of abuse 3 Signs and symptoms 4		
Stereotypes and myths 5 What to do when a child expresses		
concerns to you 6 Consequences of suspected and/or actual child		
abuse for children and their families 7 The real victims of abuse 8		
Consequences of false allegations 9 Questions worth asking when		
deciding whether, when and/or how to report suspected abuse.		
1 Factors which influence behaviour of children and young		
people; 2 Guides to effective behaviour management; 3 Essential		
skills for effective behaviour management; 4 Some instances of		
behaviour which may require effective management skills; 5		
Issues to consider in dealing with challenging behaviour.		
1 What CT is; 2 Advantages, demerits and applications of CT; 3		
Where (other than classrooms) can we apply CT? 4 Ways to make		
CT (even more) exciting; 5 A few things to consider while (or		
before) making use of CT.		
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.		
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<sup>31</sup> As God Wills, this programme is subject to review at least once every year.



5.	1 The greatness of the Internet 2 How it is especially great for our
Feeling and staying safe	kids <b>3</b> What's there to be careful about on the Internet? <b>4</b> How
on the Internet	we can help our children stay safe on the Internet 5 Some cyber
on the internet	myths and facts.
	myths and facts.
6.	1 Environments as capital 2 Things your child can do 3 Things
Helping children settle	your child <i>should</i> do <b>4</b> Where you come in <b>5</b> Myths and facts.
into new environments	
7.	1 Advantages of homework and home study; 2 Disadvantages 3
The joy of homework (and	Some excuses for not doing homework; 4 Some of the real
home [or private] study)	reasons for not doing homework; 5 Ways to help our children
	study or do their homework and enjoy it; 6 Things to keep strict
	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.	
When things go wrong:	1 Why it matters to know this; 2 What could possibly go wrong?
How best to deal with	3 The Fifteen-One Method; 4 Getting the facts straight 5
now best to dear with	5 The Theen One Method, T Octung the facts straight 5
your child's school and	Understanding and working with procedure 6 The Colden Rule
your child's school and	Understanding and working with procedure 6 The Golden Rule
your child's school and other authorities**	Understanding and working with procedure <b>6</b> The Golden Rule Approach <b>7</b> The value of thanks and praise.
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Team play: Getting the	team v your real team; 4 Like clockwork: Making the different				
best out of your team	parts work; <b>5</b> Keeping it that way; <b>6</b> What I need to be; <b>7</b> A after that?				
12.	1 Who eats fussily? 2 Why people do it; 3 Can it be outgrown,				
Fussy Eating	tamed, stopped? 4 Fussy eating myths; 5 Do's and don'ts				
13.	1 Why you need a job; 2 What it takes to get one; 3 Is your CV				
Get a Job – Keep A Job	right? 4 Interview tips; 5 Keeping your job; 6 If things get hot; 7				
	When things go wrong; 8 Looking ahead - "Learn from the				
	wicked servant" 9 Getting fired gracefully; 10 No place for God.				
	1				
14. Enterprise Empowerment	1 Scriptures on Prosperity; 2 Enterprising Quotes from outside the Scriptures; 3 Networking and what it does for you; 4 Seed- sowing: What it really is and what its role is; 5 Divine Principles of sowing; 6 Prosperity's Divine Keys; 7 Getting noticed: the Role of communication and good interpersonal skills; 8 How to prospect successfully for clients/customers; 9 Personal qualities you need for success in enterprise; 10 Traps and pitfalls to avoid 11 Charting your way: the value of a (good) Business Plan; 12 How to write a Business Plan 13 Contents of a good or strong Business Plan 14 How best to treat your Business Plan.				
15.	1 Some definitions of DV 2 Why does DV happen? 3				
Dealing with domestic	Challenging the common/popular narrative 4 A matter of values?				
violence (DV)	Considering what different cultures think, say and do about DV <b>5</b> Why we mustn't accept DV <b>6</b> What can you do about it? <b>7</b> Why intervention is not interfering <b>8</b> the Bible-based Christian take on DV <b>9</b> You are too good for nonsense.				



## Appendix E

## Snapshots from the Solace International Gallery



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 Trainning Workbook manual by Pastor Joseph E - CA InterSolace

EEP Trainning Workbook manual by Pastor Joseph E - CA InterSolace Where we do it: We have been active in several counties, most notably: Busia, Kakamega, Klambu, Kliith, 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.



#### How you can support us

There are three ways by which you can support us: Incre are unree ways by write 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 all though, is for you to make a regular commitment like every week, every quarter, etc. Remomber: 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.
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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 changes) b. By cheque. Please make cheques payble to: Intersolace Organisation (a) Sataricom Lipa Na Mpess (Buy Goods) Till (b) fly up nefer direct payments our account details are Name of Bank. Fam Account Number: 0.14 000 047 225 Account holder: Intersolace Organisati (c) Castiv We generally do not accept or encourage cash payments. However, if that is the only means converlent 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 Reference: 'DONATION' followed by your name. Thank you and may your gift speak for you in many places – to God's Git **2.)Volunteering**. We need volunteers, A volunteer is someone who works to a pause or without opening the plane of the program.



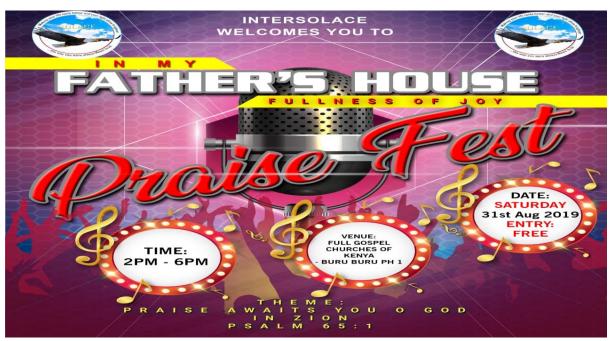
every month, every



3.) Talk about us. We need publicity. You could help us by lelling 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. On – 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

### Solace International publicity literature: telling you just a bit about us

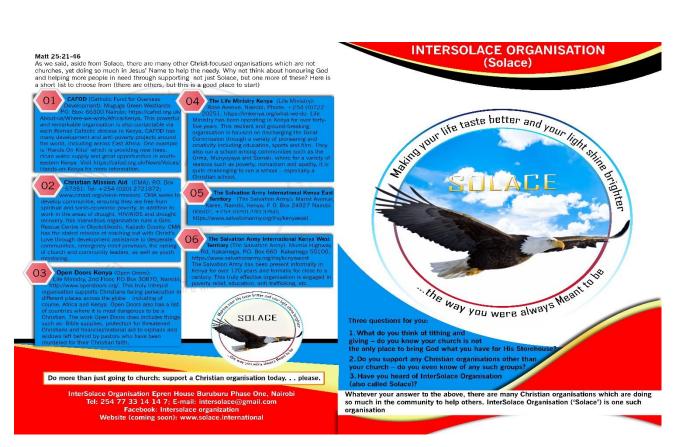


### Solace publicity literature advertising one of our many activities



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True love: Solace flier encouraging people to support other charities besides Solace



Snapshot of the Solace International Annual General Meeting 2020





Faces from one of the schools supported by Solace International in Kenya (with permission)



A Solace International workshop in session





Best foot forward: stepping out for Solace





Solace International donations: Clothes parcels



Solace International donations: Bucket with tap for COVID-19-related handwashing





Solace International donations: Food parcels





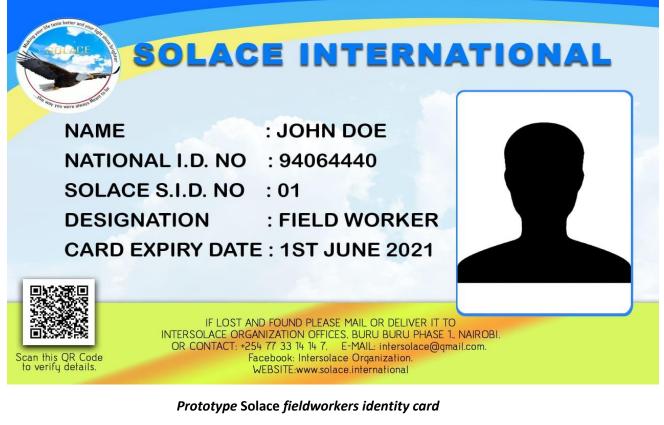


Solace, sweetness and strength: Standing with those in dire need



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Our office, our people: Solace paid and unpaid staff relax in the Solace (Kenya) office







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Powerful lineup: Solace International fieldworkers make a grrraaannd stand

Solace International creates smiles – there's lots and lots...enough to go round





God has a Soft Spot for orphans: Solace International stands by an orphanage (with permission)



The Police is your friend: Solace International sharing with the folks in blue





With love from Nepal – Solace across the seas



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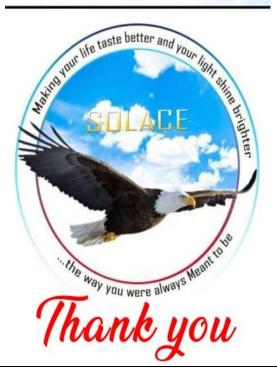
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### IN KENYA

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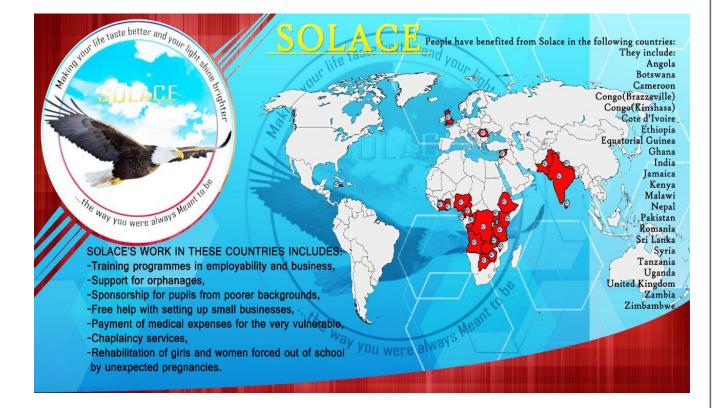
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A little reminder (as at 2018) of our big reach by God's Grace: Solace – truly International

...and to His Glory – in His Presence, still going strong!



Dated Saturday, this nineteenth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, 2020



## The LORD is Solace Eternal

" My heart rejoices in the LORD – my horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your Salvation. No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the LORD is the God of knowledge – and by Him actions are Weighed. The bows of the mighty men are Broken – and those who stumbled are girded with strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven – and she who has many children has become feeble. The LORD Kills and Makes alive; He Brings down to the grave and Brings up. The LORD Makes poor and Makes rich;

He Brings low and Lifts up. He Raises the poor from the dust and Lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to Set them among princes and Make them inherit the Throne of Glory. For the pillars of the Earth are the LORD's and He has Set the world upon them. He will Guard the feet of His Saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be Broken in pieces; from heaven He will Thunder against them. The LORD will Judge the ends of the Earth. He will Give Strength to

His king and Exalt the horn of His Anointed".

(1Sam 2:1-10) NKJV



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CHARITY COMMISSION	No (if any)				
Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period	01-Oct-19	Ta	Period end date	
	from	01-Oct-19	То	30-Sep-20	
Section A Receipts and	d payments				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	<b>T</b> ( ) ( )	
	funds	funds	funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest				
	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Oct-19	565	-	-	565	420
Nov-19	1,315	-	-	1,315	195
Dec-19	1,278	-	-	1,278	100
Jan-20	1,505	-	-	1,505	66
Feb-20	680			680	2,014
Mar-20	845	-	-	845	55
Apr-20	2,195	-	-	2,195	375
May-20 Jun-20	1,135 885			1,135 885	235 250
Jul-20	1,065			1,065	420
Aug-20	495	-	-	495	220
Sep-20	190	-	-	190	50
Sub total (Gross income for	100			100	
AR)	12,153	-	-	12,153	4,400
(see table). Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Sub lotar	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,153	-	-	12,153	4,400
A3 Payments					
Oct-Dec 2019	2,953	-	-	2,953	832
Jan-20	1,530	-	-	1,530	148
Feb-20	695	-	-	695	1,750
Mar-20	835	-	-	835	95
Apr-20	2,194	-	-	2,194	325
May-20	1,130	-	-	1,130	241
Jun-20 Jul-20	880	-	-	880 1,055	94
Aug-Sep 2020	1,055 594	-		594	590 251
Sub total	11,866	-	-	11,866	4,326
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	_	_	_	_	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,866	-	-	11,866	4,326
Net of receipts/(payments)	287			287	74
	201				, 4
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end			-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	287	-	-	287	74

Section D Statement	of assets and liabilities at			
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments	A	01/	
	account(s))	Agreement Error Unrestricted	OK Restricted	OK Endowment
		funds	funds	funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Dotailo	asset belongs	-	- (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
B4 Assets retained for the	Details	asset belongs	-	(optional)
charity's own use			-	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print	Name	Date of
behalf of all the trustees				approval
	Lamptey, N.		Lamptey	15-Sep-20
	L. Podiephatshwa	Lorraine Po	odiephatshwa	15-Sep-20
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