



Müllers
ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022

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Müllers exists to...

Strengthen the church to meet the needs of the vulnerable by Inspiring Faith, Nurturing Family, Resourcing Ministry and Transforming Communities.

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR



£215,000

of our own money, raised by prayer and used to free children from poverty



£1.1 million

restricted donations processed and given to SKI partners



92 Leaders

equipped, resourced and mentored by our coaches, networks and training



51,250 children

impacted by the work of our SKI partners around the world



1,125 pupils

learnt about George Müller's amazing story through lessons we delivered



1,800 guests

inspired by visiting the George Müller Museum set in the original orphan homes



Introduction

from Derek Powell, Chair of Trustees

For nearly 200 years, Müllers has sought to glorify God by caring for vulnerable people. Although contexts, cultures and circumstances may change, the vision of our work, as expressed by our founder, remains the same: “That it may be seen that God is faithful still and hears prayers still.”

Through a year that saw so much change and uncertainty—multiple lockdowns, increasing living costs, and even war in Europe—our first response was to pray. All of George Müller’s extraordinary work came from a foundation of a prayer and intimacy with God, and it never let him down. It is from this basis of prayer that all the work you will read about in this report has been achieved.

The resources, people, encouragements, finances, successes and impact have been made possible through our God who provides for our needs as we seek to “strengthen the Church to meet the needs of the vulnerable.”

We continue to adhere to George Müller’s principle of never asking for funds but relying on prayer and the generosity of others to resource our work. As you will see from the finances, God continues to provide.

I hope you will enjoy reading a summary of our work from March 2021 to February 2022. I hope that it will inspire you to pray for the people we are seeking to serve. More significantly, I hope it will enable you to see that, even today, “God is faithful still and hears prayers still.”

INSPIRING FAITH

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

It is a privilege for us to carry the needs of our partners to God each day in prayer and we are continually humbled by the way He answers those prayers. Here are just a few of the answers that have been shared with us.

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We were deeply moved by the hardship in 5 hostels for people suffering with leprosy. We reached out to God for his help. We were able to provide a bed for every person in the leprosy hostel. We also supplied bandages, ointments, nutritious meals and the gospel of Jesus. The Love of God shone through that day. We continue to work with the community and pray for them.

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We supported a Hindu widow who was living in poverty and through our support she chose to be a secret believer in Jesus. She had to sell her house and was in great agony for her two children. We prayed together with her for the situation and the Lord answered the prayers and gave her a small house for her family. Her faith has been strengthened.

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We were saving up the funds needed to start our school building project but coronavirus struck and we used all the money to take care of the most vulnerable in our community, so we had nothing left. We prayed to God for a miracle and God gave us double the amount we had originally saved and we were able to start the project.

DAVE FIELDER

Training Team Manager, Yorkshire Camps -
In partnership with Müllers since 2015

Based in a fabulous old manor house in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, Dave and his team run camps throughout the year for children from the ages of seven to 18. These camps are a great mix of Bible teaching, discussions, songs, games and sporting activities and they give children a chance to explore faith in a relaxed environment.

The challenge of lockdown was met with an online programme that included a weekly Bible study on Zoom for those whose churches weren't providing anything. Up to 40 young people attended each week and many parents said what a lifeline it had been for many of them.

Tim (not his real name) has regularly attended camps over a number of years. He rarely looks like he's enjoying it as he struggles to interact with the other young people, and never engages with the Bible content. This year he will finish school and be too old to return in September. On his last camp here we were throwing a rugby ball around together and he asked me, "How can I come back here when I'm too old?" I was amazed that he'd want to return. This was a wonderful reminder that being part of a community where young people are noticed and cared for is powerful. He's not a believer as far as we know, but we pray that his time with us here is sowing seeds that will bear fruit one day.

Please pray for:

- Physical and spiritual protection for the hall and the team.
- Camps post-lockdown have seen fewer children from unchurched homes. Pray for our school residents as they impact children who won't otherwise hear of Jesus.
- For people to make commitments and grow in their faith while at the camp.



MUSEUM AND SCHOOLS

There was a lovely moment in October when the original school bell that hangs in the museum was rung 56 times in one day. It was very loud but also special because it meant that school children were allowed to visit us again! During the periods of lockdown and restrictions we have been busy "Zooming" into lots of classrooms for online lessons and telling the story of George Müller, but there is nothing like the excited chatter and astonishment of schoolchildren being here in person. Feedback on all aspects of our schools work is consistently good from both students and staff. One headteacher who had been considering taking George Müller off the curriculum decided instead to increase the topic for next year because the teachers had been so positive about the visit.

Museum visits increased steadily throughout the year as COVID-19 restrictions eased and people's confidence grew. Families enjoyed spending time at the museum for craft events during the school holidays and members of the public discovered the history of the New Orphan Homes for the first time. We are reviewing how we engage young families, and pilots of new ideas have been well received.

We have also welcomed history groups and seniors groups. One of the benefits of the pandemic was the opportunity to share the story of George Müller online to different groups of people, including speaking at a dementia café and a children's group in the USA.

This year we told 1,125 school children all about George Müller

355 children visited us digitally

388 children had the museum visit them

382 children came to the museum

(And accompanying adults)

We had **1,800** members of the public visit us between lockdowns.

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**Thank you so much,
I was as engaged as the children.**

Year 2 Teacher

I PRACTICAL THEOLOGY COURSE

Dostoyevsky's observation that 'People have grown accustomed to having everything ready-made for them, they're used to depending on the guidance of others, having everything chewed up for them first,' continues to ring true in both wider society and sections of the Church. The easy answer, the social media-friendly soundbite, the off-the-peg opinion are all too easily accessible.

However, following Jesus and living obediently under the Gospel are too important—and require too much of us—to allow us to fall into such lazy behaviour, which offers no hope to those who need it most. Müllers seeks to strengthen the Church to meet the needs of the vulnerable and the Practical Theology Course plays an important role in this by helping students to think for themselves about who God is, about his Living Word to us in Scripture and about what faithful Spirit-inspired obedience to that Gospel Word looks like in a society desperate for light, love and life.

As the tide of COVID-19 receded it was great to welcome a new cohort of 14 students from 11 different churches back into the building. The students attended lectures in the mornings and worked through blended learning material in the afternoons. Each session is designed to help them grow deep roots in the hope that they will lead more fruitful lives for the Lord.

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I've been reminded and had reinforced by the course that the Lord does not want a bunch of robots, but thinking, enquiring, choosing, convicted hearts and minds. I have felt convicted that it is the Christian duty to prayerfully learn and try to understand, even though we will never get to the bottom of everything.

(Lilly, Bristol)

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I am coming to understand that I am sent to be a witness to those around me, wherever I am, and that this doesn't mean I have to have all the answers, just that I need to rely on God for them and that's enough.

(Jo, Bristol)



Thank you for your prayers for this important part of the work of Müllers.

I NURTURING FAMILIES

SIMON AND RUTH POTINU

Papua New Guinea (PNG) – Partners with Müllers since 2014

“When we came to PNG, some things were laid on our hearts: the ministry of Encouragement and Empowering Life. When a life is being encouraged, comforted and helped out practically, then the person is empowered to live his/her God-given life with its eternal purposes for now and eternity.”

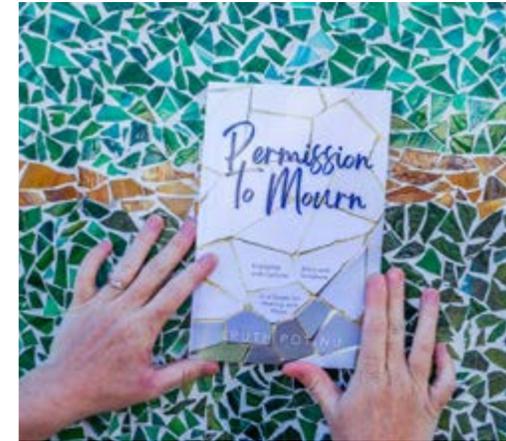
Simon and Ruth’s work of encouraging their community to thrive has taken many forms over the last year: improving the roads; setting up water tanks to collect rainwater; and continuing to teach sewing and baking skills to their Widows’ fellowship. Additionally, Ruth has somehow found the time to write a book entitled ‘Permission to Mourn.’ This is a resource for those grieving and encourages all believers to make space for mourning in a healthy manner and not rush through times of grief.

One new area of growth for the Potinus is an opportunity to spend time with the Young Adults at the university, chatting to them about godly marriage. Through building relationship with these students Simon and Ruth were able to help a young woman who became pregnant during her first year of studies. She was fearful of telling her family but they encouraged her to do so.

She spoke to her whole family and later on included her family in talks with the future father’s parents. Eventually, both sets of parents agreed that the young couple should take responsibility to raise the child together. They became parents to a wonderful baby girl and the young woman has returned to her second year of university studies. This is a lovely example of how the young adults are beginning to trust and talk to them about the challenges they face in living with trust, wisdom and godliness.

Prayer Points

A new ministry base to accommodate Simon and Ruth’s growing family and ministry needs. They would particularly like to have somewhere for the Widows’ Fellowship to meet each week and be taught practical skills.



FIVE TALENTS

Five Talents operates in ten countries throughout Africa, promoting literacy, numeracy and financial stewardship as well as supporting savings schemes and offering business skills training.

All of its programmes are delivered by experienced partners in each project country, as these are the people who understand members' needs and aspirations and have the community's trust. This has been key to Five Talents' growth over the last 20 years.

Savings Groups

Savings Groups offer tailored approaches to help members learn, earn, save and invest together to build a brighter future for themselves, their families and their community.

Each Savings Group comprises 15-50 members who each bring a set amount to save determined by the Group.

Depending on the type of programme, members can save flexibly or deposit fixed amounts to qualify for loans. This is a sign of commitment and helps embed the idea of putting aside money for savings and repayments, which creates a safety net for emergencies and times of crisis.

In Baringo, Kenya, one of the people to benefit from these groups is Jen, a married farmer with four children in primary school. Joining a Savings Group enabled her to take out a loan and build a modern small kitchen house, things that she would not otherwise have been able to do.

COVID-19 continues to spread in many places where Five Talents works, but Savings Groups have continued to meet, albeit with protective measures in place. Five Talents is thankful that its Savings Groups have remained resilient, and are more relevant than ever.

Please pray for:

- **Fuel and food prices are rising sharply as a result of supply problems brought about by the war in Ukraine.**



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Taking Pictures, Changing Lives Foundation

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Many community members are coming to seek help from me on how they can improve their business and the economic situation of their families.

Dorothee, Savings Group Member in
Burundi

Bristol Youth Ministry Network/Kids Ministry Meet-ups

The consequences of the global pandemic have been heavily felt amongst children and young people. 50% of 16 to 25-year-olds say their mental health has worsened since the start of the pandemic.¹ 69% of adolescents said they felt alone “often” or “sometimes,”² and 55% of parents say they feel lonely, up from 38% pre COVID-19.³ On top of this, youth services have experienced a 70% funding cut over the last decade, resulting in the loss of more than 750 youth centres.⁴ With a presence in every community, we believe the Church is well placed to tackle these issues at grassroots level. For this reason, Müllers seeks to bring together those whose Christian faith influences them to work with children, young people and families for mutual support, resourcing, encouragement, and training:

59 different people attended our Bristol Youth Ministry Network (BYMN) events as we looked at topics such as how to include young people with additional needs, how to stay in youth work for the long haul, young people’s engagement with the climate crisis, how to care for young people’s mental health, and how to ensure innovation in youth ministry.

Following the success of the BYMN, we launched an equivalent group for Christians serving children and families. Our first meet-up in October was a great time of prayer, chatting, worship, teaching and resourcing.

Feedback from Network meet-ups

“**I found this morning’s event so helpful in terms of networking. The segments of hearing from other organisations and what they do were incredibly helpful... there were so many positives to take away.**

“**I wanted to thank you so, so much for your support and encouragement over the years. I have absolutely loved the BYMN meetings. It is such an amazing resource and place of encouragement and it gives a great sense of belonging to something bigger. The sense of unity across the city is so evident when we meet up and it feels so God-centred.**

Going forward, we will continue to facilitate these events, blessing and resourcing those who work with children, young people and families.

¹ The Prince’s Trust Tesco Youth Index 2021, www.princes-trust.org.uk.

² Loneliness during COVID-19, www.mentalhealth.org.uk

³ New research shows half of parents of under 5s are struggling to cope www.home-start.org.uk.

⁴ Out of Service: A report examining local authority expenditure on youth services. 2020, www.ymca.org.uk





The Mix Autumn Celebration, Sept 2021

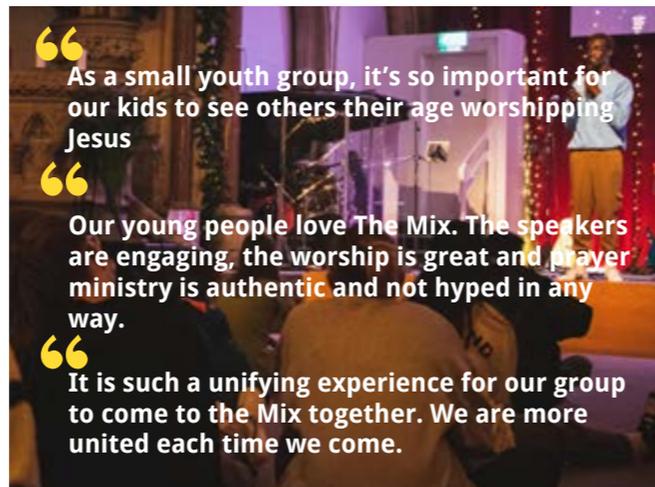
RESOURCING MINISTRY

Ministry Support

The Mix

The Mix is a quarterly event for the 11-18s of Bristol to **celebrate with others, worshipping, hearing God's word and having life-changing encounters with Jesus**. For more than 25 years, The Mix has been serving the city to raise up a generation of life-long disciples who impact their communities. Müllers supports the Mix by providing leadership, governance and funding.

With lockdown restrictions in place, most of the events in 2021 were hosted online, enabling individuals or youth groups to access the teaching, worship and prayer via YouTube. We have been blessed to be joined by some of the best youth preachers from across the city and country this year, who helped us celebrate Easter and led our summer event. In the autumn we returned to meeting in-person again, which set the pattern for our Christmas event. **An average of 118 people joined us for these two face-to-face times, with both events seeing young people making commitments to Jesus.**



“As a small youth group, it's so important for our kids to see others their age worshipping Jesus

“Our young people love The Mix. The speakers are engaging, the worship is great and prayer ministry is authentic and not hyped in any way.

“It is such a unifying experience for our group to come to the Mix together. We are more united each time we come.

The Mix is not a youth ministry in itself, but seeks to support and resource churches across the region, and its leadership team reflects this cross-church focus. Müllers chairs this group, not just to deliver the events, but to invest in these young leaders, modelling ecumenical partnership. To find out more about the events, visit www.themixbristol.co.uk.



Leadership mentoring

Leadership of independent churches can often be a lonely and isolating context. When crisis hits or problems arise our church leaders need support and encouragement. Müllers mentors senior church pastors of the region to see churches flourish. Resources are offered that connect independent churches to wider supportive networks and enable fruitful outreach. Mentees comment how grateful they are to receive Müllers' support, given the limited opportunities that exist for this oversight and assistance. We believe healthy leaders are a key part of growing healthy churches and we are delighted to support the local Church in this way.

Monthly Resource Email

The needs of our communities are increasing and churches with a heart to help can be paralysed to act, either from not knowing how to help, or being overwhelmed with the need. Müllers highlights helpful opportunities to Bristol Christians that enable churches to serve their communities effectively and with integrity. To sign up to this mailing list Visit mullers.org/contact and fill out a form or call 0117 924 5001.

Fiona Gifford

Fiona is currently serving with YWAM in South Africa, and feels called to **build up, strengthen and encourage the body of Christ, through making disciples of all nations - teaching and leading them into the ways and word of God.** In addition, she mentors younger YWAM members around the world.

Over the last 37 years of serving the Lord in YWAM, Fiona has been privileged to see countless people encounter him and move into ministry. A few years ago she taught Phineas, a gifted communicator with a calling to the least and the lost, on a Discipleship Training School. He now facilitates a frontline street ministry with the homeless in Muizenberg, South Africa.

Fiona is community minded and seeks to serve her neighbours and community alongside her work within the YWAM movement.



A number of young adults have seen a living transformation in their relationship with God, and she has witnessed several making restitution/reparation for previously poor choices made in life - resulting in renewed relationships in family and wider circles. It is so encouraging to see the Spirit continually convicting, challenging, comforting, guiding and restoring that which was lost. The 'pandemic fall-out' has been a struggle for many, particularly with neighbours in her street, and with various friends in local townships. Fiona has helped by contributing in various practical ways.

Prayer Points

- Continued wisdom, flexibility and sensitivity to what the Spirit purposes for each class of students and each individual.
- A listening ear to discern the needs to which she should respond, and continued resources (physical, mental, spiritual, financial) to meet them.
- Give thanks for all that the Lord has graciously done in and through Fiona: soli Deo gloria!



Fiona and Phineas,
YWAM South Africa

Dave Cheeseman

Dave is based in Cumbria, UK, having returned from Andhra Pradesh, India, in 2017. He visits two rural Dalit communities often, partnering with schools to develop educational standards and encouraging the children to overcome the caste boundary. He also works with 27 other Christian Schools in India, alongside the UK charity Education India.

Dave's focus is the Salem District of Tamil Nadu, where over 500 children have lost both parents to COVID-19 and 182 of them are considered very vulnerable. Alongside Pastor Reynold, of the Anderson Educational and Charitable Trust, Dave works to bring some hope and joy to these 182 orphans and offer practical help. Dave and Reynold organised two fun-filled sports days at which the orphans played games, sang songs, and were given much needed clothes and hygiene products. More importantly, each one of them was given hope.



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“Praise be to God. I lost my parents to COVID-19 in the 2nd wave. I used to study very well and also aspire to become a Sports Player. The match which was conducted here through Anderson Educational & Charitable Trust gave me a lot of hope. I was really looking forward to it, but at the same time I was reluctant because of my own inferiority as to how it would go about. But it was a fun filled day; we received medals, cups and many prizes, they gave us many gifts which we were really excited to receive. The staff from Anderson Trust also shared the gospel and the love of Jesus. They taught some beautiful songs and prayed for us. I used to blame God for taking away my parents but I am really touched by your kindness and also got to know that God's heart is always there for me and his love is everlasting and I hope and pray that Jesus will use me for his glory.”

Sports day attendee

Prayer Points

In India people with leprosy live in hostels outside the city limits and are forbidden from entering the city as they are seen as unclean and shunned by society. Conditions in the hostels are often very poor: the heat is extreme with no fans and patients sleep on concrete floors despite multiple disabilities, incredibly painful sores and amputations.

Dave has started to connect with one hostel at which the patients have begun to be treated as equals. Beds have been supplied that raise them off the floor, as well as much needed fans. He has also been able to improve their health by providing medical supplies. He hopes to develop this support to five further local hostels.



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

| BRIGHT HOPE WORLD

When COVID-19 hit in 2020 Bright Hope World was concerned as to how this would impact its partners in Majority World countries as local markets shut down and schools closed. As well as this, businesses struggled, people were unable to access medical supplies, and persecution of believers rose.

Yet 2021 was also a year of hope. Bright Hope World's philosophy has always been to invest in grassroots activity. The organisation encourages communities to work together, such as through small microloans groups. The expectation was that, during COVID-19, these would fold as people used funds to simply live. But, instead, most of these groups have become even tighter-knit and the members have continued to pay back funds so that others can participate.

There has been an amazing response from believers in marginalised communities. A partner in India that had faced increasing persecution from local government officials and police decided to make face masks for the community. Partner members sewed thousands of masks and provided these to people for free. The police, so impressed with this, escorted them through the streets to deliver the gifts. Quite a turnaround!

Perhaps the greatest blessing seen in the last year is in agriculture. Bright Hope World has undertaken extensive training in a programme called 'Foundations for Farming', which is based on Christian principles. As thousands of families learnt how to grow crops more effectively, they have seen the amount of food they generate increase as much as tenfold. This has enabled them to become a thriving community rather than just surviving. As COVID-19 hit Africa, the ability of families to grow their own food and provide for themselves became a literal lifesaver. We are extremely grateful to God for this programme and strategy.

Whilst encouraged by what they see around the world, two years of development have been lost. **Please pray** for Bright Hope World staff as they look forward to travelling again to see what amazing work partners are doing in their communities.



DOXA PROJECT

The Doxa Project serves the community of Kwa Murugi in Nakuru, Kenya, with a vision to raise up a thriving community out of the cycle of poverty. This is done through a child sponsorship scheme, with 75 children currently supported through school. These are mostly children who would not be in education otherwise, and who were literally rescued from the streets. For more information about Doxa's work, visit: thedoxaproject.org.

Despite the limitations of national lockdown from a second wave of COVID-19, this year has seen encouraging signs. The team focussed on supporting families with weekly food distributions and helping the children with home schooling. Kim, one of the Doxa leaders said,

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We have been trying to focus on giving people hope and also lifting their spirits as we have noticed many families are being affected mentally and emotionally and then it is seen physically. Many parents are at home with their children, in some families it's a positive and in others it causes problems.

As lockdown eased in the summer, further encouragements followed:

- Doxa maintains water filters in the community, providing clean water and good health for over 100 families.
- A Children's Breakfast Club is full every day of the week, ensuring that all the children are well fed before school.
- Doxa also helps 15 women living with HIV run two farms to grow food for distribution, and has a weekly fellowship gathering.
- The purchase of and relocation to new premises on new land.
- Two new workers—Billy and Lawrence—joined Kim and Joyce to help run the project. Lawrence was the first child helped by the project 13 years ago, which is a wonderful legacy and testimony.

The Doxa team is thankful to God for such an encouraging year and prayerfully anticipate what lies ahead.

Prayer points

- Develop the next five year plan
- Consider how best to use the new land and buildings
- Investigate adding a borehole to their farmland.
- Seek God's guidance for all the work.



BRISTOL CHURCHES CITY FUND

BCCF has seen first-hand how the wellbeing of children across the city of Bristol has been negatively affected throughout the pandemic by lockdowns, school closures, restrictions and social isolation. Inspired by other organisations across the city, BCCF began to pray and plan about how to meet this need.

A decision was made to support existing organisations that were addressing these issues, and this led to BCCF working with Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) to help churches link with schools and address the welfare needs of children. Additionally, BCCF worked alongside Home for Good in partnering with Bristol churches to find loving homes for children in need of foster or adoptive parents.

BCCF also supported three churches in their partnership with TLG and in placing volunteer coaches into schools. The Headteacher of one of the schools supported by the BCCF and TLG reported that after only a short time, 'The church is at the heart of the school!'

Alongside the work above, BCCF provided essential grants to Foodbanks throughout the year, continuing the work started in 2020. This was in response to seeing that the majority of donations to the fund were earmarked for Food Poverty.

With thanks for this provision, some of these grants enabled the employment of support workers to meet the needs of local communities.

BCCF is extremely grateful for the kindness of those who have donated to the fund, which has enabled Kingdom Generosity to be expressed across Bristol. **Please pray** for the development of the Child Welfare initiative and for provision to allow it to develop further.

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Our Foodbank was generously awarded your grant following the COVID-19 pandemic, when referrals to the foodbank increased dramatically. In order to stem the flow of referrals, the new support workers were brought in to address the lack of income causing food insecurity. They have successfully worked with a number of foodbank clients and helped them to get back on their feet. The support workers worked alongside existing Citizens' Advice workers and helped 82 clients complete their Personal Independence Payment Assessment. They also addressed 468 client issues including debt advice, benefits & tax credits, housing and immigration issues.



SKI (Scriptural Knowledge Institute)

The Scriptural Knowledge Institute (SKI) was founded in 1834 by George Müller for those who 'labour for the gospel both at home and abroad,' and it continues to be a wonderful demonstration of God's children showing His love to people all over the world. **With your help, Müllers partners with individuals and organisations around the world continuing this work.** This year, thanks to your support, Müllers has prayerfully supported partners, distributed funds to ministries around the world and continued to make grants through the Orphans of the World and Widows of the World initiatives.

Overwhelmingly, our partners locally and across the world have reported that the biggest struggles they have, and the biggest need that they are meeting, relates to the cost of living. Food, fuel, materials, and other essentials have all increased in cost. The exchange rate has dropped. **For all our partners the need is increasing but the finances are decreasing.**

Combining this challenge with the lasting effects of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the other specific issues our partners face, means that it has been a difficult year for them. We give thanks to God that we have been able to support the most vulnerable around the world both in prayer and financially during such a difficult time. To meet these needs, we will be increasing our grants for the year 22/23, which couldn't be achieved without your generosity and His faithfulness.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the Lord to provide the necessary finances to meet these challenges
- Please pray for governments and leaders around the world to recognise the needs of the vulnerable and work to support them

Gifts given in 2021/22

194 SKI Partners, supported by Müllers to serve vulnerable people

£177,298 Müllers own money given to work with vulnerable children (Orphans of the World grants)

£40,480 Müllers own money given to work with the vulnerable elderly (Widows of the World grants)

£1,048,833 restricted funds given to Müllers and passed onto SKI partners

£35,384 distributed in partnership with the Bristol Churches City Fund

£1,314,661 Total distributed through SKI

FINANCE AND GIVING

Total Income for 2021/22
Unrestricted General Funds

£556,438:

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| 1. Investment Income | 64% |
| 2. Rental Income, Mortgage interest and other income. | 21% |
| 3. Donations | 13% |
| 4. Legacies | 2% |

Total Expenditure for 2021/22
Unrestricted General Funds

£511,607

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| 1. Orphans of the World Grants | 35% |
| 2. Widows of the World Grants | 8% |
| 3. Global partnerships (SKI) | 13% |
| 4. Inspiring Faith | 16% |
| 5. Nurturing Families | 6% |
| 6. Resourcing Ministry | 12% |
| 7. Transforming Communities | 8% |
| 8. Governance | 2% |

**Net Gains on
Investments for 2021/22:**

£618,318

(In Expendable Endowment Fund)

The Charity also administered restricted funds of £1,048,833 representing legacies and gifts received for specific Orphans of the World, Widows of the World missionaries and specific local events and projects.

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Taking Pictures, Changing Lives Foundation

LOOKING AHEAD

As the world continues to slowly expand into a fuller post-covid life, our attention increasingly turns to the long-term effects of the global pandemic:

We remain committed to our SKI partners, continuing to support them through prayer, resources, donations and administrative assistance. This enables them to focus on providing Christian hope and wholeness to those in need all around the world.

With the cost of living significantly increasing for many nations, we will focus our efforts on alleviating poverty in the short and long term. To do this we will increase our unrestricted giving budget by 25%, relying on God's provision for us to share with those in need.

We will work to help young people who have been negatively impacted by the lockdowns of the past few years. We will partner with Bristol churches to strengthen their outreach to lonely young people of their communities, hiring youth ministry consultants to coach, mentor and work with churches to run fruitful youth work initiatives.

The war in Ukraine will have long term impact in a myriad of ways and there is likely to be a significant number of children who will have experienced the trauma of fleeing their home and country.

Müllers has felt a call from God to enable the Church to offer care to vulnerable young refugees of any nationality. Therefore, we will be working with our partners across the city and forming new connections to benefit the lives of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children arriving in Bristol.

Finally, we will continue to invest in the Scripture, Theology and Culture course (formerly the Practical Theology Course), refreshing the content, increasing the number of qualifications available and the number of staff to run it. Furthermore, we will pilot a digital version of the course, enabling those who cannot attend in person to deepen their theological foundations at their own pace.

Our hope is that this will inspire people's faith, raise up leaders and equip people for ministering to those in need.

Through these new initiatives, as well as maintaining our current work, we hope by God's grace to continue to strengthen the Church to meet the needs of the vulnerable so that it may be seen that, as Müller himself put it, "God is faithful still and hears prayers still."

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