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ONE MILLION LIVES TRANSFORMED
I’m always writing to you a little ahead of time. In order to meet those printing deadlines and to factor in the brilliant design work, Engage needs to be ready ahead of schedule. But if this year has taught me anything, it’s how little we know looking ahead. And how uncertain it can all feel planning things, even just weeks in advance!

That’s been the struggle lots of you have expressed to us as you’ve written in or chatted to the team on the phone – trying to navigate the complexities of church, work and family life in a global pandemic. But, wonderfully, we’ve also heard another message. That you trust God’s provision for the year ahead. That supporting appeals, like the BMS Coronavirus appeal and Operation: Chad (read more on page 14!) has reminded you that you’re part of the mission. And that attending live events like Anatomy of a Crisis and Operation: Chad Live has made you feel right back at the centre of things.

I really hope Issue 49 of Engage reminds you of how much you have achieved, no matter how uncertain things have seemed. And of the difference you’ve made in the lives of those around the world for whom poverty, illness or injustices mean life always feels uncertain. (Find out more in our incredible ‘One Million Lives transformed’ update on page 6!) Praise God that he’s used you in incredible ways, even when life feels unsure. Even when it’s only in hindsight that we see the big picture!

God bless you,

Hannah
Editor

Write to me at magazine@bmsworldmission.org
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HUNDREDS OF UK CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO THE BEIRUT EXPLOSION

You replaced broken windows and delivered hot meals. You provided emergency accommodation and helped traumatised children. You stood with the people of Beirut. And you made a difference.

At least 200 people were killed in a massive blast that decimated the port area of Lebanon's capital Beirut on 4 August 2020. A further 300,000 people were left homeless after the explosion, with thousands of others injured and grieving the loss of loved ones. At the time of the disaster, the people of Lebanon were already in the midst of an economic crisis, and cases of Coronavirus were on the rise.

In a moment of great need, over 300 individuals and 32 church families responded to BMS World Mission’s Beirut appeal, giving generously to support people whose lives were shattered by the blast.

People like four-year-old Malak. Malak’s home was severely damaged in the explosion and her family lost all their possessions, staying instead in emergency accommodation provided by BMS’ partner in Beirut. After the blast, Malak experienced significant regression in her development. She went from being a happy and vibrant child to being withdrawn, silent and distracted.

You helped support a playground for children like Malak, staffed by counsellors and volunteers. Day by day, this loved little girl has begun to express herself through art and play. Her anxiety and distress are reducing and, while Malak plays and talks with volunteers at the BMS-supported playground, her mother is having some respite to work through her own trauma.

“Seeing children expressing their feelings while having fun and smiling for probably the first time after the explosion is enough to bring joy to my heart,” says one of the trained volunteers.

Thank you for making Malak smile. Thank you for standing with the people of Beirut. Thank you for giving to the BMS Beirut appeal.

How you helped the people of Beirut

£104,000 raised to provide:

- Emergency accommodation
- Hot meals and food parcels
- New windows and doors
- Psychological support
- Playground for children experiencing trauma
- Hygiene items and blankets
CHRISTMAS AS A TIME TO REFLECT
Kang-San Tan

Our mission has always been to share life in all its fullness with all peoples – but enabling others to know Christ, alleviating suffering and improving the quality of life for so many around the world remains an unfinished task.

Christmas, more than a private celebration, is a time to reflect on God’s plan for the whole world, to participate in the coming Kingdom of God and to be renewed by a hope that God is not absent, but still actively at work in our broken world.

So, we pray for a post-Covid world as we welcome in the new year with Mary’s prayer, “I am the Lord’s servant… May your word to me be fulfilled” (Luke 1: 38). We rededicate our mission commitment to the world with ‘An African Schoolgirl’s Prayer’: “O You who are our great Chief, light a candle in my heart, that I may see all that is within, and sweep the rubbish from your dwelling place”.

The Nativity shines God’s light and hope on our human stories – including yours and mine. Facing an unfinished task begins with a spirituality of generosity and expectation for the salvation of the world.

Thank you for journeying with us thus far. Will you renew your journey with BMS World Mission this year?

BUSINESS SUCCESS FOR MOTHERS IN TUNISIA

Lydia* is a professional baker. Esther* sells handmade jewellery and kaftans. Rana* is rearing sheep and growing crops. Jennifer* is running a juice stand. And Mona’s* beautifully decorated baskets have been ordered for weddings.

Lydia, Esther, Rana, Jennifer and Mona are five of the 20 women you have empowered to run flourishing microenterprises in their communities. These marginalised women, from the coastal region of Tunisia, had no family support. Now, thanks to BMS-supported training, they’re better integrated into their communities and better equipped to raise their children with dignity and in a safe environment – creating, budgeting, selling and thriving.

Names changed

GETTING FLOOD RELIEF TO KASESE

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You have transformed ONE MILLION LIVES across the globe since 2016. From the many, many people whose lives you’ve changed – thank you!

Words: Sarah Stone

Five years ago, BMS World Mission launched an ambitious strategy. We wanted to transform one million people’s lives by the end of 2020. Those five years are almost over, and we’re delighted to tell you – with God’s guiding and your support – more than one million people will have been reached with life-changing help!

You’ve equipped the Global Church to reach out and share Jesus’ love with one million people in some of the world’s least evangelised, most marginalised and most fragile places. Take a look at the faces on this page to remember some of the amazing people you have supported, prayed for and shared the gospel with over the last few years.

There are quite literally hundreds of thousands of stories we could tell you! Here are a few of our favourites from the last five years. It brought us such joy to look back at these transformed lives – we hope they bring a smile to your face, too.

We haven’t quite reached the end of our five-year strategy yet, but in upcoming issues of Engage we’ll let you know exactly how you reached a million people by supporting BMS’ church, development, education, health, justice, leadership and relief ministries. We will also give you an update on what BMS’ new strategy will look like going forward. It’s really exciting and we can’t wait to see how God uses us all to transform even more lives over the next five years!
Natalie (or should we say, ‘Captain Kindness’), has just celebrated her 14th birthday! We first introduced you to Natalie and her foster mum Jikki in our 2017 Harvest appeal Wonderfully Made. Natalie has foetal alcohol syndrome and was abandoned as a baby. Your support of BMS meant Natalie received the one-to-one support she needed to develop AND you played an important part in finding Natalie a loving, long-term foster family!

The queen of kindness is thriving – and she and her family are so thankful to you.

On Saturdays, Natalie still comes to the BMS-supported Hope Home in Thailand, giving her the opportunity to play with her friends, Tada and Phil, and providing her foster family with some respite. “Natalie now attends a special school for children with intellectual challenges, and she is loving it,” says BMS worker Judy Cook. “She is also learning to play the piano and is very dedicated to learning her pieces well. She still loves all things red!”

We introduced you to Susan in Issue 44 of Engage. Susan is unable to walk and tried to flee the conflict in her home country of South Sudan by crawling. She was eventually rescued by a Good Samaritan who brought her across the border into Uganda. When the BMS-supported team found Susan, she was living in the middle of nowhere. She hadn’t made it to an official camp and so wasn’t eligible for UN food relief. You helped save her life by providing her with emergency food rations. And perhaps even more importantly, you helped train the pastoral activists who regularly visited her and prayed with her – saving her from total isolation and loneliness.

“When the team come to visit me, they share the Word of God with me, and they pray with me. That is how I get my strength,” Susan told us.

Susan’s incredible faith is unwavering. You helped her find a community of believers, and life-saving support.
Umed

Remember this little guy? Back in 2018, you helped save his life – and his mum’s, too! Umed and Ziba were two of the stars of *Life’s First Cry*, BMS’ 2018 Harvest appeal. Without the work of BMS partners in Afghanistan, they might not have survived childbirth. By supporting BMS, you have equipped men and women in Afghanistan’s mountains to safely take care of pregnant women, deliver babies, and look after newborns in their first few hours, days, weeks and months of life.

In a country that still has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world, you are helping mothers and fathers save their babies’ lives. That’s something worth celebrating. Umed is alive. What a gift.

Malick and Sara

This brother and sister had to flee Syria when their house was bombed to rubble. Arriving in Lebanon with nothing, they missed two years of education – until you stepped in. In Issue 42 of *Engage*, we shared with you how you helped them get back into education through a learning centre just outside Beirut.

Through the work of the centre, Sara and Malick experienced love and kindness – and their mother Roshina met Jesus and became a Christian! Their whole family finally feels human, loved and important again, after years of feeling hopeless, rejected and afraid.

By supporting BMS, you helped restore Malick and Sara’s childhoods, and gave them a chance to build their futures. AND you introduced their family to Jesus. You really did transform their lives. Thank you.

Keep your eyes peeled

We’ll be updating you on plans for our new five-year strategy in 2021, as well as keeping you posted on what you achieved from 2015-2020.

Your work continues

You’re transforming lives every day through your support of BMS! Read inspiring stories of people you’re helping every week with our weekly Email Update. Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/stay-informed to sign up today.

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Harvest the hair

With a pun as good as ‘Harvest the Hair’, and a cause as worthy as BMS World Mission’s 2020 Harvest appeal, Operation: Chad, Ben Wilson realised he was onto a fundraising idea too good to ignore! That’s what kept this inspiring youth pastor committed to letting the kids at Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe shave his head at their All Age Harvest service earlier this year, despite the nervous butterflies!

“I was really second guessing myself on the day but seeing how much was raised and watching the videos about Operation: Chad really put it into perspective – it was well worth it,” says Ben. That, and the chance to inspire the next generation about what it means to carry on God’s mission around the world. Ben’s efforts far exceeded his fundraising target of £500 for incredible life-saving medical work in Chad. Amazing work Ben! We can’t wait to see what you do next.

Colouring for Chad

Thank you so much to all the congregations up and down the UK who held Operation: Chad services this autumn! We’re so encouraged by how many of you chose to pray and to raise money for Guinebor II hospital in Chad this harvest, supporting the amazing staff bringing hope and healing in their work there every single day. So many of you found inspiring ways to bring fun and creativity to your services despite the restrictions. These gorgeous activity sheets were completed by Lisa and Emma from Totterdown Baptist Church in Bristol – if only all hospitals were this bright and colourful!

Find out more about the difference you’ve made on page 14 of this issue. And if you feel inspired to join the medical mission, it’s not too late to give. Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/oc to find out more.
The Strange Blessing of Zoom

Coronavirus, secret believers, and the underground Church

Words: Hannah Watson

This year, you probably tasted for the first time what it was like to be unable to walk into a church building. But for secret believers around the world, this was nothing new. As UK Christians grappled with meeting as God’s family online or in support bubbles and small groups, from Egypt and Palestine there comes a very different story. It’s one of how the effects of lockdown have allowed the underground Church in the Middle East to flourish. Baahir and Mahmoud* describe their coming to faith, God’s call to return to their own people, and the challenge of meeting persecution with uncompromising love. Read their testimonies and be challenged by the strange blessing of Zoom, the joy of meeting at home, and the miraculous freedom we have to live out our faith without fear.

*Names changed to protect identities.
Baahir

I memorised the Qur'an when I was 13 years old. I’m from a strong Islamic family here in Egypt – I prayed in the mosque five times a day. When I was 20, I started thinking more seriously about God, and after searching out Islam for two years, I decided to leave it forever, and I became an atheist. With my friends from Arab countries, from Europe, from America, we worked on atheism pages on Facebook. I was on them every day, speaking against God and against religion. I did that for five years. But at the end of the journey, I felt alienation… like I couldn’t ‘know’ myself. I thought, ‘Baahir, you don’t believe in God… you believe this life came from randomness… so, why is there life here, Baahir?’

I went to the Count it Right conference in Egypt, with many thousands of people from Arab countries, from Europe and America. I met with two Egyptian Christian thinkers and I thought, ‘Wow – I like their minds… I like their ways – they know philosophy like me!’ I met with those people many times to talk about God. I also spoke with God and said, “Please show yourself to me. Many religions talk about you, and all religions say: ‘I’m right! I know the truth.’ I feel I can’t know you myself… I need you.”

After I believed in Jesus, I started serving in my church. I told my minister that I’d like to study theology. I couldn’t study in Egypt because my ID lists me as Muslim. But I could study at the BMS-supported theological seminary in another part of the Middle East. Really, God changed me completely there. All the materials, all the courses in general help us to serve Muslims, in Egypt, Sudan, Syria or other countries. All the teachers understand Islam really well, and understand Arab countries. I learned how to teach, how to preach, how to study the Bible well. I serve with a ministry in Egypt now. I have a big ministry on Zoom – we have 40 believers from Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Europe – refugees in Finland, Holland, Germany, America, Egypt. We meet twice a week for two hours for a Bible study and teaching, and we talk about apologetics. We have many courses about church and about how to serve in Arab countries with refugees, how to understand Muslims… it’s a very, very good ministry. It’s very safe. Before, when we went to church in Egypt, we had big problems with security. Now, with Coronavirus – well, thank you God for Coronavirus, really! – now, we are very safe.
and we meet many times, I do courses every day with my leaders.

There are big problems for people from Muslim backgrounds in Egypt [trying to go to church]. You have to leave, and worship underground. People can go to prison. You cannot marry... I can’t marry a Muslim here, and I can’t marry a Christian here, because my family would have a big problem with that. In fact, my family doesn’t know anything about me. Since I left Islam when I was 20 years old, I haven’t been able to say anything... But I can’t live forever [away from Egypt]. That’s what we learn at [the seminary] – how to go back to your country to serve there. I serve online now, and I feel free when I serve online on Zoom and on Facebook. I can’t talk with Muslims in the streets, but I can talk online. Online is very safe for me.

Mahmoud

I was born in a village in Palestine, and I grew up in a Muslim family. We were a more conservative family, compared with others. My uncle and his friends had a vision for me to become an Imam, and they took me to Islamic centres to study Islam.

In my early twenties, I’d swing between being more conservative for a few months, then I’d lead a more ‘normal’ life for a few months. It was like going through seasons for me. If I made more mistakes, I’d think ‘I need to be closer to God’, but nothing really changed during this time. After that, I decided that I wanted to be a good Muslim, so I joined a group of Muslim missionaries. At that time, I met with an American Christian through an English study centre, and I decided that I would share about my religion with her.

During a class I heard the teacher talking about Christmas, and Mary, and Jesus – and I liked that she talked about other religions. So I would talk with her every day after class. One day she said to me, “If you’re excited to hear more, we have a programme that you can join to talk more about Christianity”. I liked this idea, because at the time my goal was that I could understand more about how they were thinking, and then I could introduce my faith to them.

Eventually, I asked for a Bible and started reading from it, because I wanted to know more. One day, I was lying on my bed, and I saw a light enter my room. And then I saw a man, who was behind me. I saw he had white clothes, and light was shining from his face. I asked, “Who is this?” and I heard a voice saying, “This is Jesus Christ”. He brought his hand to my shoulder, and then he left. When I returned to the Bible, the passage was The Sermon on the Mount. I felt like I had been given this message. And after that, I started to feel more and more comfortable, before fully understanding the more complicated issues of Christianity, and accepting Jesus into my life.

Some people felt I’d become crazy, and then they started to threaten me: ‘If you don’t stop what you are doing, we will kill you, we are watching you, we know where you are now’. But at that time, I had no fear, I just wanted to talk! After around two and a half years, I felt I needed to do more to serve my people.

I chose to study at the BMS-
supported seminary located in the Middle East. At first I was speaking out more against Islam than I was sharing and living out my Christian faith! Most of the time I was winning the argument, but losing the debate... Through the study centre, I learned how to communicate with people and how to understand, about culture and community, and I also studied the Bible. All of this helped me to see Muslims as made in the image of God. It helped me to live my Christian faith in my Islamic context without attacking people, and without compromising my faith at the same time. One of the options I thought about was to leave Palestine: ‘I could go to another place, because I have no place here, nobody wants me to stay here, I have a problem with everyone!’ But through my studies and through my prayers, God brought it into my heart to stay with my people.

It’s hard for most Muslim-background believers to go to church. So that’s why I host people in my house, and we meet for Bible studies and to talk, to eat together, spend time together and watch videos. One hour a week at church? That’s not enough for us to know each other, to know each other’s challenges. So I host people at home, and I visit some of them in their houses. I think that’s going to be my ministry in the future. I believe it is good to go to church, and we should do that, but we don’t stop at that. Because of Coronavirus, Zoom is one of the options, but I’m trying to think more about how I can serve where I can. I can serve online, but I can’t stop at that – I feel like people won’t feel satisfied. To go with them through discipleship, for me it has to be face-to-face. In our culture we’re used to meeting and eating together. We should walk with people.

Pray for Baahir and Mahmoud, and followers of Jesus in tough situations all over the world navigating the complexities of culture and faith with love.

BAAHIR

- Please pray for the country of Egypt. Many people here have a [negative] perception of Christians. Please pray for those to change.
- There is so much need, so please pray for God to help me, because I can’t say, ‘I need a break!’ So please pray that I will be able to serve God in all I need to do.
- Please pray for me to complete my studies. I hope to study for a Master’s degree, and then do a PhD – God willing! I also hope to improve my English.

MAHMOUD

- Please pray that believers can find a way to serve their communities within the context of Coronavirus. There are many challenges: we can’t meet, there are restrictions, but at the same time, there are good opportunities because people are more open and there are many things we can help people through: a lot of people have stopped working – we can do relief ministry. People are more open now! Many are asking, ‘Where is the world going?’ ‘Is this from God, is it not from God?’ They’re talking about God more than at any other time!
Mohammed Ibrahim Hassaballah

“He couldn’t even move. When I brought him here, I had completely lost hope.”

It’s been five years since Mohammed’s son began to show the symptoms of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Five years of going to hospital after hospital to try and get the help he so desperately needed. Every time they thought he’d been given some transformative treatment or life-changing intervention, it was only a matter of time before Mohammed was back desperately trying to find the best way to help his son.

Then the unimaginable happened one morning in 2019. “My son fell ill. It was as if his body was dead,” said Mohammed. “His throat was blocked, and he couldn’t move, eat, drink, breathe, nothing.” That was when Mohammed made the decision that
Rakié Akaye

Rakié recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

“I came to the hospital on the back of a motorbike. We arrived here at 6 am... my labour lasted 16 hours. It was really painful, and I was scared because it’s the first time I’ve given birth. But I trusted the midwives.

“I’m so happy, and I’m just asking God to keep my baby safe. Guinebor II hospital is just really good. I had a really good welcome and I was well looked after.

“My hopes are that God will look after my son. I really hope that when he’s old enough he’ll be able to go to school.”

Mohammed’s father helps him with his muscle-building physiotherapy.

How you helped Rakié

Chad has the fifth highest infant mortality rate in the world. But your generous gifts to Operation: Chad have been used to support the amazing team of midwives at G2, meaning they can bring even more healthy babies into the world.
It was raining the day Al-Fadil’s life changed forever. His van skidded on the already treacherous roads and flipped over, knocking him unconscious for over an hour. When he woke up, he was severely injured, with a broken arm and leg. But that was just the beginning of the problems he would face.

Al-Fadil travelled thousands of miles from his native Sudan to try and find the right treatment. Nobody could help him, not even during the five months spent with traditional healers who bound his arm and leg tightly. Many doctors told him his leg would have to be amputated. But one day Al-Fadil spoke to his boss who, thankfully, could speak from experience...

“My boss told me he’d had an accident too,” Al-Fadil explains. “When he came to Guinebor II, he recovered really quickly and that’s why he told me to come here.” When Al-Fadil finally came to G2, everything changed. He was able to receive the proper care he needed to heal and to save his leg, without any complications.

“The doctors here are really looking after me,” says Al-Fadil. “I think that by the grace of God, everything is going to be ok.”

NAME: Mahamat Aboss Abdel Karim
AGE: 30 years old
AT GUINEBOR II FOR: Hepatitis and a ruptured liver
JOURNEY: Four days
HOW YOU HELPED HIM: Many people in Chad still turn to traditional medicines when they’re ill which often don’t work and sometimes cause further damage. By coming to G2, Mahamat was able to get the right treatment he needs to help him fully recover.
IN HIS OWN WORDS: “Thank you – I’m feeling much better now. I’m going to tell other people that G2 is a good hospital.”

“‘BY THE GRACE OF GOD, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OK.’

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Marie Djamal
Marie has diabetes and recently came to Guinebor II for treatment.

“Before I came here, I was so weak. I was really in a catastrophic state. I couldn’t even feel anything.

But now, I feel myself getting better. People came to me, they prayed with me. And I’ve woken up. It wasn’t in my own strength. That was in God’s strength.

“I have hope in this hospital... everyone prays. It’s a blessing. Very early in the morning, the doctors, the nurses, everyone comes together to ask God’s will before work... They ask God, they await his strength.

“Before God, I know everything is better. There’s support here. If there wasn’t, maybe you’d fall. But someone here would pick you up, saying “Don’t fall, don’t fall!” They would help you to stand. That’s how I started to get better. Through prayer.”

I HAVE HOPE IN THIS HOSPITAL... EVERYONE PRAYS

How you helped Marie
Your support for G2 maintains the hospital as a shining Christian light in the Chadian desert. Not only are you enabling staff at the hospital to keep providing quality healthcare to the local community, you’re enabling them to keep praying for their patients as they introduce people to Christ.

YOU PRAYED.
YOU GAVE.
AND YOU SAVED LIVES.

You were able to raise an incredible £163,000 so far for the Operation: Chad appeal. Thank you! Because you gave, you can be sure that you’ve made a difference to some of the most vulnerable people in Chad. And if you’ve been inspired by these amazing stories, there’s still time to give! Visit www.bit.ly/opchadgive to help even more people in the Sahel get access to vital healthcare.
All of us in India are suffering with lockdown... people are dying, businesses have been destroyed. But in all of that, the Lord is working. We have been very badly hit because the villages we work in are very remote. On a normal day, they don’t have adequate resources. And during lockdown it’s much more difficult for people to get even the most basic necessities like food and medicine. We heard some disturbing stories of parents taking leaves from the trees and boiling them and giving them as food to their children. It really broke my heart to hear that.

But through all this, we had the opportunity to present them with hope. We were able to take food from village to village, family to family. And at that point we were not wanting to share our story or preach the gospel, we just wanted to be there to help them. But as our people were outside, people started asking, “Why are you doing this?” And very soon we understood that this is actually an open door for people to hear the gospel. So we started sharing.

But as this was happening, we were hit with another calamity: Cyclone Amphan, which really devastated us in West Bengal. Houses were devastated, villages were flooded. In the middle of all of that we were able to work with the villages. We went out with solar lights and tarpaulins to give people shelter. And we’re getting ready to repair over 150 homes and help some of the villages rebuild.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you’ve been doing, blessing us as you continue to support BMS. We just want to give God praise for all of you. We’re praying that in your own neighbourhoods, in your own churches, the door will be opened for thousands of new people to come in. May God bless you and may you continue to grow the Kingdom of God together.

Thank you,
Benjamin Francis
LETTERS FROM... THE UK

A beautiful magazine

I have received the current edition of Engage, etc; I have gone thro’ it very quickly but will read it at length later. CONGRATULATIONS on such a beautiful magazine. It’s lovely as are the other inclusions.

I’m going to enjoy reading them and using the prayer calendar.

Blessings on BMS.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Taylor

Part of the mission

Dear all,

I love getting my copy of Engage. You make me feel like part of the “mission” team and keep me up-to-date and my prayers well-informed.

Thank you so much.
Your sister-in-Christ,
Joan Hammond

Get in touch!

If you’ve been inspired or challenged by anything you’ve read in Engage, have been busy raising money for us, or have anything else you want to share, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch using one of the methods on page two!

Inspirational care

Thank you for the DVD, it was inspiring to watch all the excellent help and attention all the patients are being given at Guinebor II hospital.

You will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers every day.

May God bless you all.
With kindest regards,
Marcene Crocker

A note from the editor: Thank you so much Marcene for being part of that work in your generosity and in your prayers! I hope the Operation: Chad update in this issue is a great encouragement to all our readers who watched the DVD.

Operation: Chad goes live

I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed last night’s Microsoft Team Meeting discussing Operation: Chad.

Thank you so much for drawing it to my attention... it was so interesting and a real insight into the lives of those serving at Guinebor II hospital and the involvement of home staff in putting the videos, etc, together.

As someone who used to be involved in National committees, Candidate Boards and also promoting BMS in various churches it made me feel almost ‘at the centre’ of things again!

Please thank Hannah for putting it together.
Every blessing,
David Butler
Could you give hope...

... in a way which keeps on giving?

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A young pupil at BMS’ preschool education project in Mozambique caught in a moment of thoughtful reflection.