



Annual Report 2016-2017

WEC UK's review
of the year



About us

WEC UK exists to take the good news to the peoples and nations who have yet to hear it: the good news that Christ came to bring forgiveness of sins and peace with God, and to displace hatred with love.

Our mission

To work together with the UK church to mobilise, train, send out and support workers who will see churches established and flourishing amongst the remaining unevangelised peoples of the world.

Our vision

Crossing cultures to make disciples

Starting churches where there are none or few

Sharing the vision of the whole church, to the whole world

Praying to see Jesus known, loved and worshipped

Our values

Being devoted to Christ

Relying on him

Denying ourselves to follow him

Serving together in love

Our strategy

Engage in the task of sharing the gospel

Disciple as many as possible so they become whole-hearted followers of Christ

Mobilise people in the UK to have a global worldview

Recruit new members for both the UK and overseas

To support our workers so they are growing in life and ministry effectiveness

Expand prayer networks for ministry both in the UK and overseas

The future is bright

As we reflect on the past year, we look back on a long and arduous journey – the sale of our old headquarters and relocation to regional bases and new hq. It has, at times, been extremely challenging, but phase 1 of the journey is now complete, we know the hard work has been worth it, and we are thankful to God for His faithfulness to us.

We are excited that WEC is now reorganised so as to have a presence in several urban areas of the UK. The UK has changed since we moved into Bulstrode, 50 years ago. With ever-increasing ethnic and cultural diversity, the nations are truly on our doorstep, so now is the right time to reorganise ourselves in a way that enables us to reach unreached people groups all over the country. In simple terms, our workers are now surrounded by the people we seek to reach. The completion of the sale of Bulstrode represents a deeply strategic and significant moment in the history of WEC International. We now look forward to the unfolding of a new season in our work.

The past year has also included some real ministry highlights. It's so rewarding to read reports from our workers all over the world of lives changed and of highly innovative projects to share the good news. For example, who but our team in Ghana would have thought of evangelism through a computer school? We hope you enjoy reading these reports as much as we did.

The future is bright for WEC International. Of course there are challenges – there always are in mission. But there are also exciting opportunities; opportunities which few of us would even have imagined ten years ago. Our aim remains the same as ever: 'To see Christ known, loved and worshipped amongst the unreached peoples of the world'. Only our structure and processes have changed, in order to make us more effective in achieving this aim. With our workers' creativity and courage, and with the blessing and favour of God, we believe WEC's ministry will continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you so much for your support.

John and Pauline Bagg
WEC UK Directors

“People need to experience Christ’s love in action to convince them that the message we bring is true.”

People need to experience Christ's love in action to convince them that the message we bring is true. Especially here in Ghana, relationships are more important than anything else and these are most often judged on the level of compassion shown to others.

I was privileged to help one elderly lady who had fallen into a fire. The fingers of her left hand were so badly burnt, they needed to be amputated. When I visited the lady in hospital, she was very fearful, so we prayed she would know the presence of Jesus with her. I will never forget the smile on her face when we visited one day after the operation. I said, 'Jesus is our healer' and she immediately replied with great conviction, 'I know'. Clearly Jesus had answered our prayer and made himself known to her.

June

“The new discipleship group now has 14 Iranians and two Kurds. About 12 of them are now following Jesus.”

Neighbours Worldwide aims to reach unreached ethnic groups in the UK. Ultimately, we want to lead people to faith in Christ and disciple them. We have been prayer-walking our area for two years, and God has really answered a number of our prayers recently. For example, He has brought an Iranian family to our regular English classes, who in turn brought others along. Through making friends with these folks, we discovered that some of them were started on the road with Jesus, and we had the joy of bringing them to our church and forming a new discipleship group that now has 14 Iranians and two Kurds. About 12 of them are now following Jesus, and I had the privilege of baptising some of them. We are delighted at how our church is welcoming and serving these new believers.

John and Audrey

“God doesn’t want superheroes; he wants obedience!”

I’m using my skills as a qualified English teacher to help in a school for vulnerable children, on a short term mission to southeast Asia. The best part of this is without a doubt the people I’ve met. The team are amazing and developing friendships with local people has been a huge blessing.

I’ve come to realise that God’s plan does not rely on me and how good I am. This is fortunate, because moving to another culture really shows how much you have to learn. It’s humbling that, despite my failings, God decides to use me. I’ve learnt that God doesn’t want superheroes; he wants obedience. That’s something we can all do, wherever we are, but it’s certainly something I’ll still need to work on when I get home.

Tom

“As I’ve gone along, it’s been more and more confirmed that this is the right thing for me.”

Liz is preparing for a long term mission placement in south Asia:

Funnily enough, I was born in south Asia! My parents were workers there until I was seven or eight. I never thought I’d be going back to work there. This opportunity has only come up in the past year, but as I’ve gone along, it’s been more and more confirmed that this is the right thing for me.

I really feel that God’s broken my heart for vulnerable women; women who are marginalised, being trafficked or being kidnapped, for example. And there are many vulnerable women in this part of Asia. It looks like I’ll be working in one of the main cities. There’s a particular community centre, which offers sewing classes, an after-school club for the kids and a few other things. I’ve got a feeling I might be involved with that.

Liz

“I wanted people to get a taste of what God is doing around the world and to pray for its many needs.”

“Prayer is so important, but people lead such busy lives and there is often a feeling of information overload. I saw a need for a ‘bite-size’ resource to help people pray for the world: something easy to read and which they could realistically use regularly. I wanted people – especially families – to get a taste of what God is doing around the world and to understand how to pray for its many needs. That’s what inspired me to write *40 Days 40 Bites*, a family guide to pray for the world, with fun facts, testimonies, Bible verses and simple prayer points. It’s so encouraging to see it in print and to know it’s being used! I try to keep abreast of news from around the world and what God is doing in different places. And I’m hoping to produce a sequel to my book soon!”

Trudi

“We’re committed to supporting our workers in Africa, professionally and personally”

As WEC’s Africa Area Directors, we’re committed to supporting our workers in the region, professionally and personally. This year, we visited all of our teams and attended their annual conferences. We also kept in close contact with the team leaders through Skype, WhatsApp and e-mail.

We were involved with planning and delivering Africon 2016, the area conference held in Ghana in October. The conference was a real highlight of the year. It provided our teams with spiritual input from our International Directors, Gbile Akanni (a very distinguished christian speaker from Nigeria), and from the International Director of CAPRO, an African mission agency. We were especially blessed to have the participation of six of the presidents of WEC-related churches in Africa.

David and Margie

Who we helped in the UK at a glance



WEC workers in the West Midlands are leading regular christian discipleship groups for immigrants, using the First Steps course. Six Eritreans and 16 Iranians are benefiting from this input and growing in their faith.



440 young people and adults attended WEC's summer camps. While at these events, the campers received challenging Bible teaching and were inspired by missionary speakers who shared what God is doing around the world. Naturally, the camps also offered a lot of good fun!

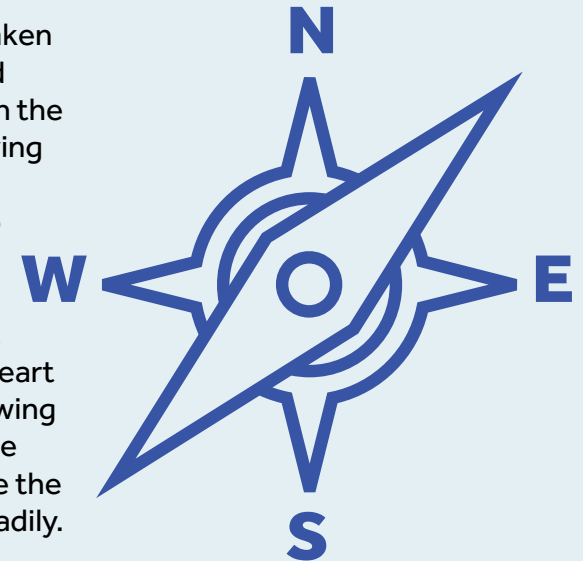


The Radio Worldwide team has travelled to Thailand, Egypt, the Netherlands, Rwanda, Ethiopia, India, Togo and Tanzania, to train local Christians in broadcasting and radio production skills. Through these efforts, many students have been equipped to use media to spread the gospel.



In Ghana, a WEC-run computer school is helping school-leavers to prepare for further education. Alongside teaching valuable computer skills, the tutors build relationships with the students, give them the opportunity to find out more about the christian faith, and encourage them to develop godly character.

This year, WEC has undertaken a process of reordering and reimagining our presence in the UK, which has involved leaving our old headquarters at Bulstrode and relocating to regional bases all over the country. This is a benefit to WEC and to the public, as it places our workers at the heart of urban communities, allowing us to meet and serve people where they are and to share the christian message more readily.



Our year in numbers

24

the number of

NEW

**SHORT TERM
WORKERS**

**WHO ATTENDED
OUR ORIENTATION
COURSE
AND WENT
ON THEIR
MINISTRY
PLACEMENT**

in 2016

**THE NUMBER
WHO WERE
TRAINED IN SKILLS
TO IMPROVE THEIR
TEAM BUILDING,
LEADERSHIP OR
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPEMENT**

77

**TWENTY
NINE**

the number of believers
from a muslim
background baptised
by WEC workers in
the East Midlands

170

the number of
three-minute dramas
our radio team
produced for children's
programmes in 2016

THE NUMBER OF MUSLIM

children

taught Maths,
English and ICT
by attending
a Holiday School

in Ghana, Africa

40

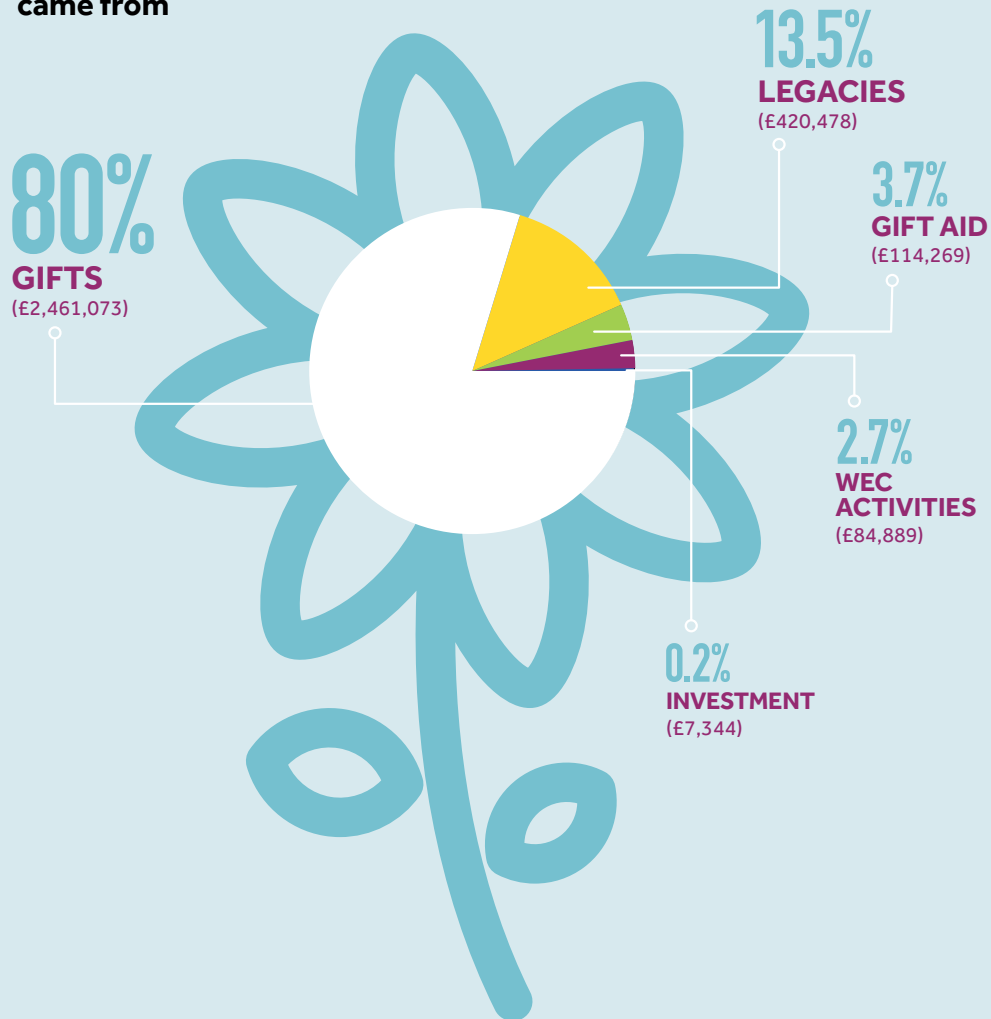
50

2016 marks the
50 years that our
medical clinic in
Sibanor, Gambia,
has now been
running,
demonstrating
God's love and
compassion by
meeting the
holistic needs
of local people.

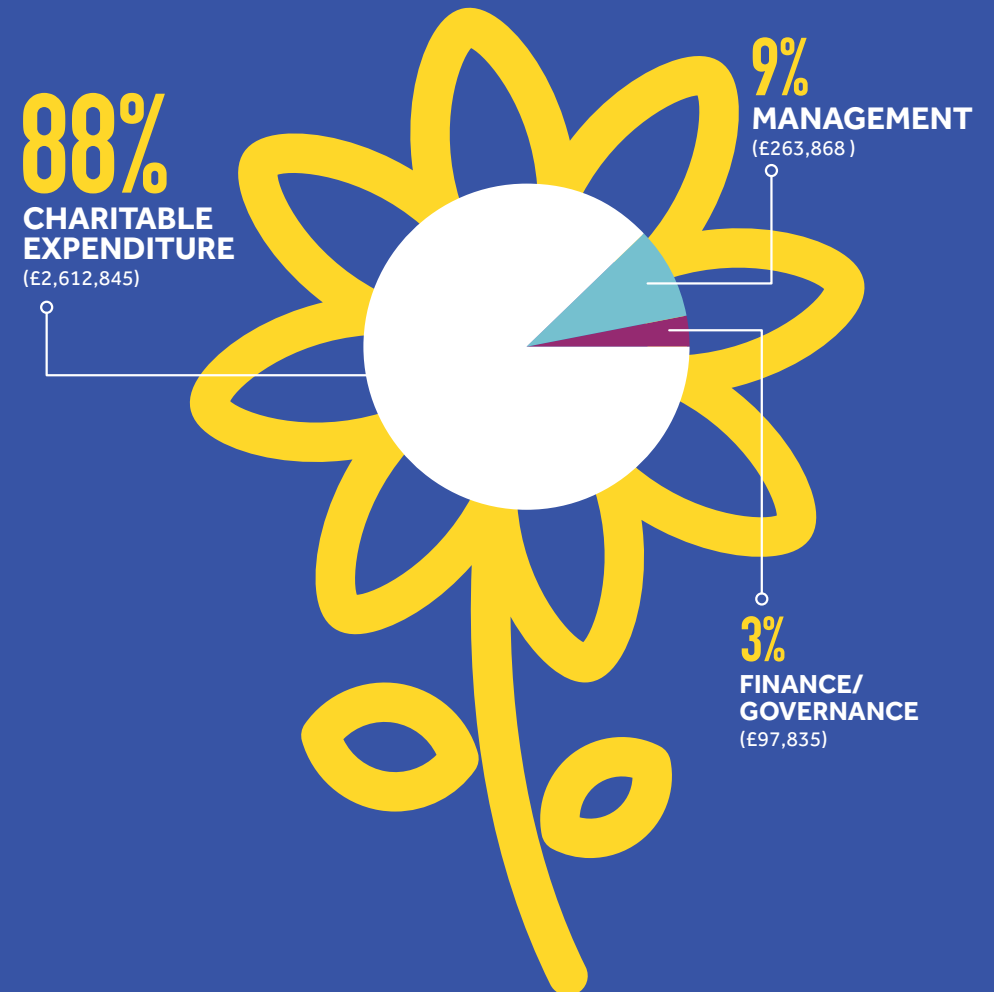
The accounts at a glance

We are very grateful to God and to you for your support in 2016-7. Funding was provided through donations, legacies and investments. Our income was a total of £3,088,053 We spent £2,974,548 on all of our activities.

Where our money came from



How your money was spent



This is an extract from the full set of financial statements of WEC International UK comprising of the Trustees' Report and Accounts which were approved in December 2017. The summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of WEC UK. For further information the Annual Report and Accounts should be consulted – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>.

Thank you!

We are thankful to God for his faithful provision over the past year. In all our needs, God has once again shown himself to be sufficient.

We are thankful, too, to everyone who has encouraged us, prayed for us and given to resource our work.

All of the efforts to reach the unreached mentioned within these pages are only possible because of your support. Thank you.

Finally, we are thankful to everyone who has served with us in the noble task of sharing the good news of Jesus with people who do not yet know him. The work continues, but the gospel is still good news, and our God is still faithful.





WEC International UK
PO Box 6461,
Coventry CV3 9NR

twitter.com/wecuk
facebook.com/WECUK

Registered Charity
Numbers 237005 England & Wales
SC037715 Scotland

wec-uk.org