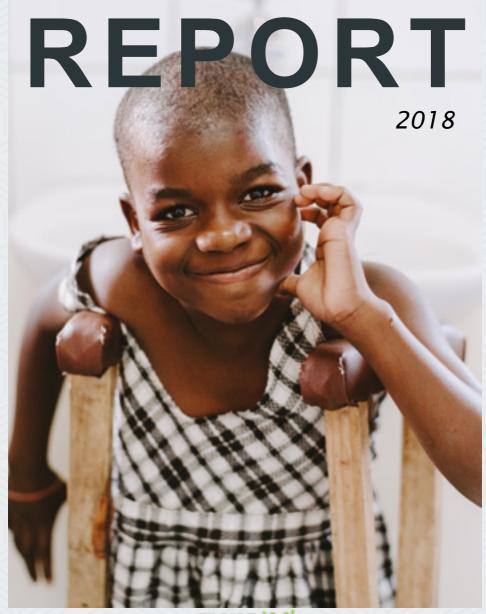
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### Letter from our Chief Executive

Welcome to the 2018 CURE International UK Annual Report, and what a year it has been! I am so pleased to share CURE's fantastic achievements, supported by our faithful supporters and donors.

We are especially proud of this year's projects to increase CURE's future capabilities to serve even more children:

- We built a new guesthouse in Niger, increasing our capacity to treat patients needing long-term care.
- In Zambia, a new training centre will facilitate continuing education programmes for our staff and medical programmes all over the country.
- We have several projects underway in Ethiopia, Kenya and the Philippines, expanding hospital infrastructure and services, in order to treat more patients.

We are so proud to be part of the CURE network; bringing hope and healing to thousands of children around the globe each year. I'd like to thank our donors and supporters who have helped us to provide this life changing work.

Please join us in celebrating our achievements, as you too, are a part of these success stories coming out of our hospitals and medical programmes each and every day. - Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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### ABOUT CURE UK

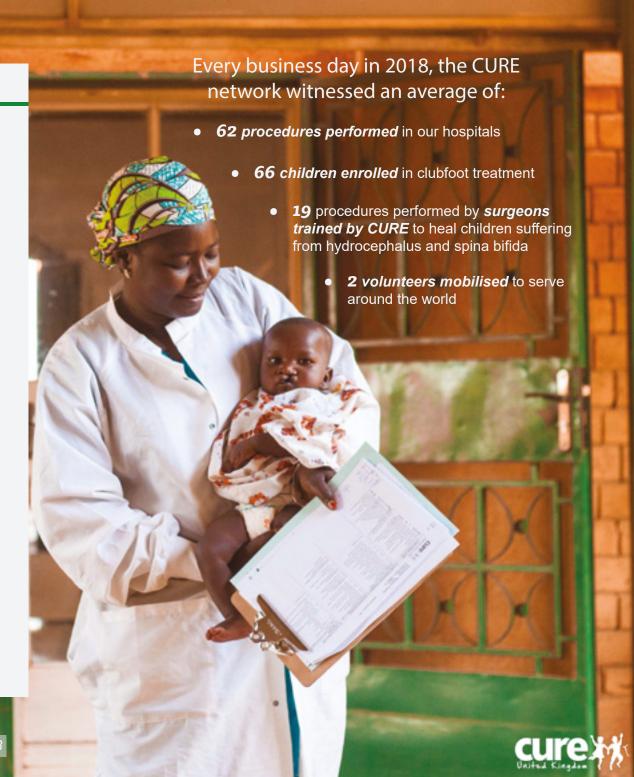
CURE works in developing countries to transform the lives of children with correctable disabilities through surgery and compassionate care.

CURE provides hope and healing to the places that need it the most. The countries where we work consistently rank among the lowest in the world on the United Nations Human Development Index, where we estimate that there are 49.9 million children, who are suffering needlessly from correctable disabilities.

The children we serve have conditions like clubfoot, bowed legs, cleft lips, untreated burns, and hydrocephalus. Without treatment, they will have little hope for a future. Many will die from their condition.

That's why CURE exists. CURE International is a Christian non-profit organization that operates charitable hospitals and programmes where patients receive surgical treatment regardless of gender, religion, or ethnicity. We say healing changes everything not only because it brings an end to physical pain but because it means restoration of dignity, protection from abuse, and inclusion in family, school and culture.

CURE UK is an independent UK charity, providing fundraising support to it's sister charity, CURE International; the leading provider of specialist paediatric surgical care in the developing world.



"I'm happy because I'm walking well, and I will get to school without struggling. People were gossiping and laughing at me, saying that I was crippled. But now that they have operated on me, I can walk far. I will start school next week, and I want to be a nurse so I can also help my friends who have disabilities."



#### **Meet Elizabeth**

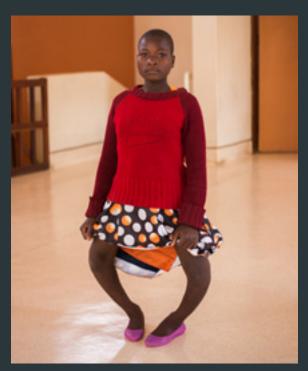
A 14-year old girl from Malawi

"OH, THE CRIPPLE! GO THROW HER INTO THE BUSH!"

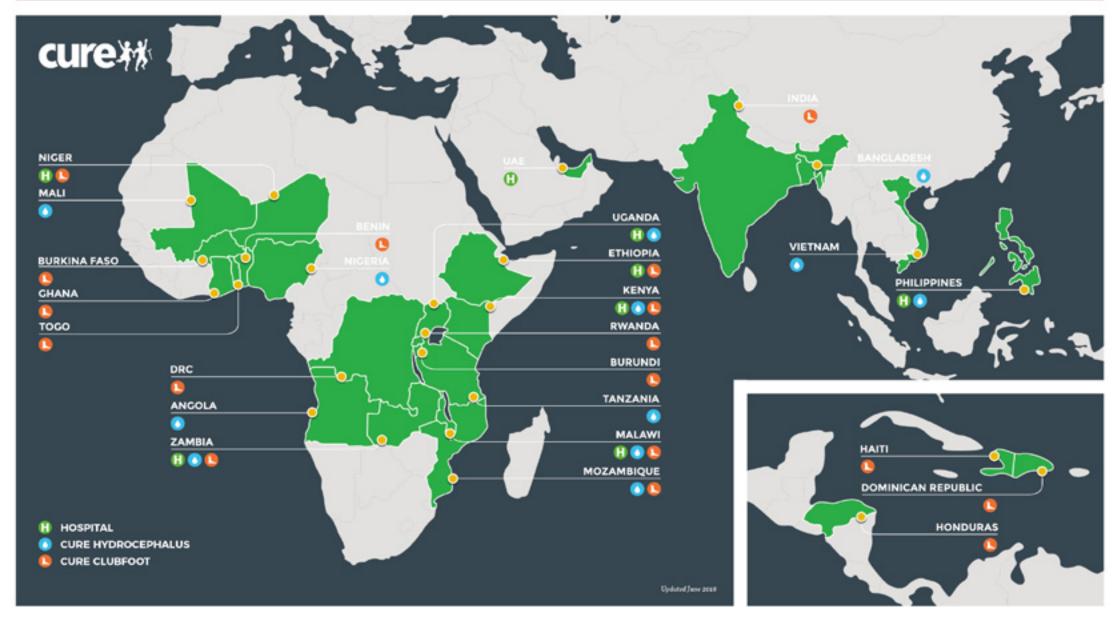
That's what Elizabeth heard when she ventured into the village. Her bowed legs made walking difficult and painful, so much so that she often missed school. Then there was the emotional pain she endured from people staring at her, talking about her, ridiculing her.

Fortunately, her loving family found out about CURE Malawi via one of our mobile clinics, who then brought her to our hospital for treatment.

Now, Elizabeth can walk to school free from pain and shame.







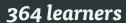
Where we work ...

Our **nine** hospitals and **411** partner treatment locations gave us the opportunity to serve in **27** countries in



## Where we work cont...





**FTHIOPIA** 

THROUGHOUT 2018, THE HOSPITAL HOSTED 364 MEDICAL STUDENTS. FELLOWS, AND RESIDENTS, TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ETHIOPIAN DOCTORS

### 6 suction machines

DONATED BY TOYOTA OF MALAWI, THIS ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT HELPS TO CLEAR OUT WOUNDS DURING OPERATIONS.





NIGER

A SECOND GUEST HOUSE WAS COMPLETED AT OUR NIAMEY HOSPITAL, ALLOWING US TO HOST MORE PATIENTS WHO NEED LONG-TERM TREATMENT.















### 10 years

BANGLADESH

THIS YEAR, CURE HYDROCEPHALUS AND SPINA BIFIDA CELEBRATED 10 YEARS OF HEALING IN BANGLADESH!



90% OF THE POOREST THIRD OF HUMANITY LACK ACCESS TO BASIC SURGICAL CARE. WE'RE OUT TO CHANGE THAT

CURE HAS PERFORMED MORE THAN **196,000** PROCEDURES SINCE 1998 **CURE HOSPITALS 2018** 

287,370 PATIENT VISITS

**16,240** PROCEDURES

**230** MOBILE CLINICS CARRIED OUT TO CLOSE THE GAP IN ACCESSING CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS

**588** VOLUNTEERS MOBILISED



# Meet Janet CURE Malawi's first physiotherapist

With 15 years of experience at CURE Malawi, Janet has seen firsthand the importance of training.

"When you look at CURE, we work more as a team than other hospitals. We talk to the doctors and to the Spiritual Team; everyone takes a part. I've worked with different people from different professions, and all of them have had an impact on my life because I was able to learn from them. Coming here has challenged me. It has helped me to say 'I can't stay on this

level; I need to learn more.' That's what's kept me going back to school. It has helped me to grow academically. It inspired me to look ahead."

Discover more of Janet's story at **uk.cure.org/janet** 



## flow we do it: CURE Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida

Children with hydrocephalus are at great risk. Left untreated, many will not live to see their second birthday. Though hydrocephalus has a variety of causes, the condition often accompanies spina bifida, a birth defect that also presents great risk. Sadly, there are too few, if any, neurosurgeons in many countries that have the highest prevalence of these devastating conditions. Access to care isn't the only problem. The international medical community's primary choice for treatment uses dated technology that has a high rate of failure, a problem only made worse by the lack of access to neurosurgical care in the developing world.

Our CURE Hydrocephalus & Spina Bifida (CHSB) program tackles this problem head on. Neurosurgeons from around the world are trained at CURE Uganda in the most advanced procedures to treat these conditions, including the innovative ETV/CPC procedure, which was pioneered by our surgeons. When successful, ETV/CPC significantly reduces both the rate and severity of failure.

Along with training surgeons, we help establish partner treatment locations (PTLs) at their hospitals. These PTLs offer counseling services for patients and their families, long-term follow-up, and clinical support.

**CHSB 2018** 

**3,589** PROCEDURES AT PARTNER TREATMENT LOCATIONS

2 SURGEONS TRAINED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT OF HYDROCEPHALUS & SPINA BIFIDA

16 PARTNER TREATMENT LOCATIONS IN 12 COUNTRIES





SINCE 2011, SURGEONS **TRAINED BY CURE** HAVE PERFORMED MORE THAN **12,000** PROCEDURES TO TREAT HYDOCEPHALUS AND SPINA BIFIDA

NEUROSURGEONS IN THE US: 1 FOR EVERY 88,000 PEOPLE

NEUROSURGEONS IN EAST AFRICA: 1 FOR EVERY 10,000,000 PEOPLE



How we do it:

CURE Clubfoot

CLUBFOOT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON BIRTH DEFECTS in the world. Our hospitals regularly see children born with clubfoot who have never received treatment. By the time they're brought to a CURE hospital, the best solution is usually surgery — effective, but painful and costly. They could have avoided surgery by going through an inexpensive casting and bracing process soon after birth, giving them straight feet by the time they were ready to walk!

Correcting clubfoot early is the idea behind CURE Clubfoot, a program we launched in 2006. In the past 12 years, CURE Clubfoot has grown to be one of the largest providers of clubfoot treatment programs worldwide. In 2018, we operated the program in 17 countries, working toward an ambitious goal: eradicating clubfoot as a lifetime disability by correcting the condition early. We also provide important follow-up care, ensuring that clubfoot does not become a permanent disability or require complex surgery in the future.



OF THE **200,000** CHILDREN BORN WITH CLUBFOOT EVERY YEAR, 4 OUT OF 5 - A TOTAL OF **160,000** - ARE **ON TRACK TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY DISABLED**, DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF INEXPENSIVE TREATMENT THAT **CAN CORRECT THE CONDITION FOR LIFE**. WE'RE WORKING HARD TO CHANGE THIS SAD STATISTIC.

**CURE CLUBFOOT 2018** 

**17,363** CHILDREN NEWLY ENROLLED IN TREATMENT

**215,265** CLINIC VISITS BY ENROLLED CHILDREN

**14,840** CHILDREN ACHIEVED CORRECTION AND RECEIVED THEIR FIRST BRACE



SINCE 2006, MORE THAN **119,000** CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TREATED AT OUR PARTNER CLUBFOOT CLINICS

### Introducing... HOPE WALKS

Advancing the fight to eliminate clubfoot as a lifelong disability



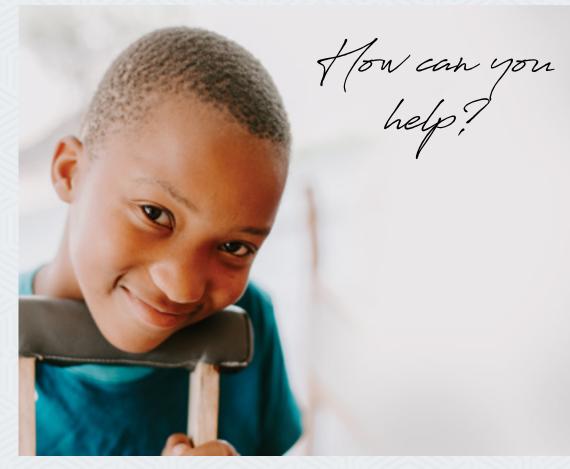


# How we do it: Spiritual Support Team

CURE UK is a Christian organisation and incorporates it's Christian values and practices in a culturally sensitive way. We are there for all people, regardless of ability to pay, ethnic background or religious affiliation.

Our aim is to enable the healing of children from their physically disabling conditions and to set them free from a life of indignity and poverty. In the developing world, the stigmatisation of disability often means that people are shunned by their communities. Through the work of CURE International's Spiritual Care teams, children and their families come to understand the medical reasons for their physical condition. They have the opportunity to learn that they are loved and accepted unconditionally.





Around the world, children with diabilities face rejection, abuse, and an uncertain future.

#### YOU can change that

Just £800 covers the complete funding need to provide a child with an orthopaedic or neurosurgical operation at a CURE Hospital; including diagnostics, after care, food, electricity, counselling and nursing.

Give hope and healing to a child today.

Visit: uk.cure.org/donate



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