



# CRY IN ACTION

Building a Better Future for Children

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## OUR MISSION

**CRY believes in a world where all children and young people are able to fulfil their God-given potential.**

We work in 28 nations and with 33 partners, to meet the practical needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised children, to help them grow up in safety, and with the support and resources they need to survive and thrive.

We work through church partnerships, training and supporting local leaders who understand the communities they work in and are best placed to deliver care for children at risk, whether it be because of poverty, oppression or abuse.

Our projects focus on Education, Healthcare & Nutrition, Community Building, Emotional Support and Homes & Support.



Education



Healthcare  
& Nutrition



Community  
Building



Emotional  
Support



Homes &  
Support

# NOTE FROM THE CEO

## Dear Friends,

Thanks for reading this and being part of our continuing efforts to build a better future for children and young people.

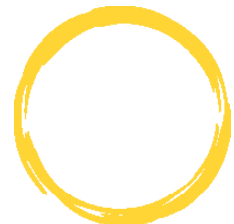
Last year I visited **Zimbabwe** and was really amazed by the impact that the school we support is having there. It is where our Christmas appeal will be focussed this year, so you will see more about it in the following pages.

However, there are two new exciting things to tell you about too. The first is in **Nigeria** where we are now helping to give street, and other underprivileged children access to education and vocational skills. The school will run in the evening to enable those doing basic jobs to attend.

Secondly, our partners in **Istanbul** are very active among the many refugees entering Turkey from Syria and Iraq. Most of them cannot find work, or if they do it is very poorly paid so they need food and basic accommodation which we are able to help provide.

I really want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It makes such a difference to the many children we are privileged to work with.

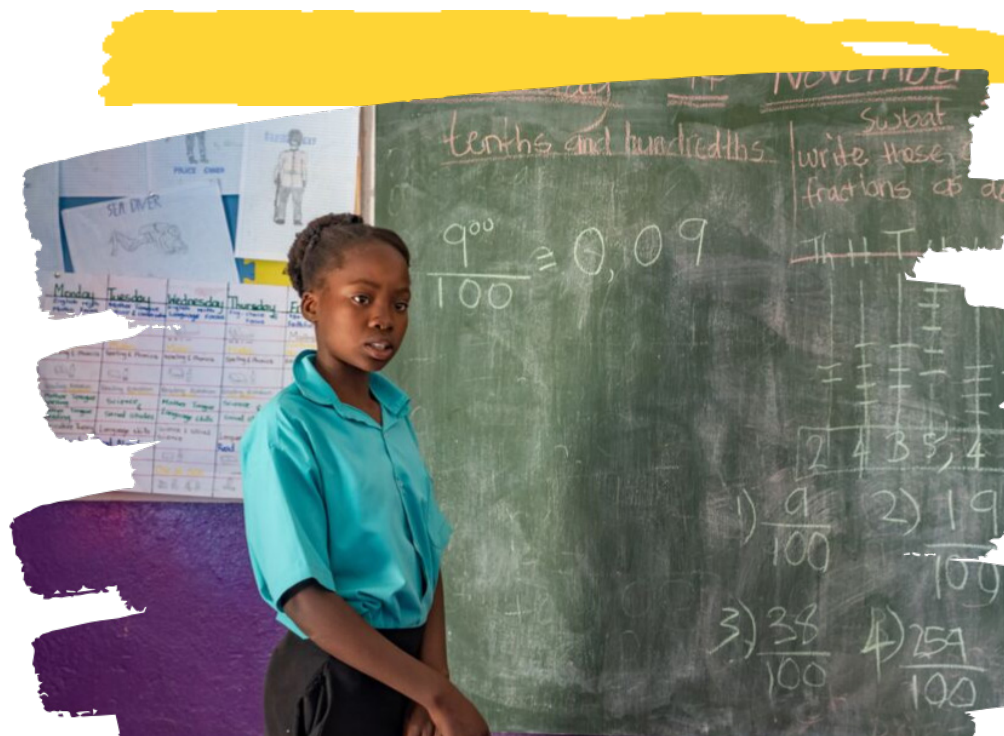
**Chris Tait**  
CEO



# TANZANIA

School can be really difficult for some children. Even with great teachers, good classrooms and a supportive social network, some children will find learning really challenging. Poverty and hardship are huge barriers to learning and children who grow up in extreme poverty often trail behind their counterparts.

In Zimbabwe, this is now made even more difficult due to the economic situation. Since 2008, the country's currency has been in constant turmoil as they attempted to solve the problem by introducing a dual currency system. Now, in 2019, Zimbabwe has reestablished their own currency but this has dramatically increased inflation. Families are in desperate need of food which they cannot afford. Wages are not enough to cover even a doctor's appointment ("A first-time doctor's consultation is now Z\$1,800 - more than a teacher or nurse earns in a month" (BBC News, July 2019)), much less school fees, and unsurprisingly unemployment rates are high.





But together we can help. We can enable children to attend school and be fed. Our school provides a quality education with meals provided. It aims to develop students with character, resilience and thinking skills that will best prepare them for the rapidly changing world in which they are growing up. The school does this through a tried and tested approach where students are taught by mentors (untrained teachers with a passion for education). The lessons are taught in small groups, and unlike mainstream education which relies on rote learning, are highly interactive and engaging. The mentors do more than just teach - they engage with the children's families and communities, taking a systemic and holistic approach to their learning. They are not only concerned with their academic progress, but also their moral, social and spiritual development. They provide food packs for the families who are struggling during the economic difficulties and poverty that surrounds them.

**Look out for our Christmas campaign coming soon, raising money to sustain this project as it builds a better future for children in Zimbabwe.**

# NEW PROJECTS



## Istanbul, Turkey

War continues to consume many countries in the Middle East, forcing families to flee to neighbouring countries. Fears for their country, their lives and their futures follow them into the new country they now call 'home'. After living in Turkey for a while, they often cannot find work or if they do it is very poorly paid. They are not eating sufficiently and consequently children are malnourished, their accommodation is very basic, often with unsanitary conditions, and children's health and education needs are not met.

Our work in Istanbul welcomes these refugees and provides food and basic necessities for families. We want to ensure children's needs are met and their health is restored. Our vision is to help refugees build new lives in Turkey through skills provision and work.

## Lagos, Nigeria

"We started Sure Foundation Education Trust to support underprivileged children get a basic education. We observed thousands of homeless children who cannot make it to regular school. This school addresses this need for education." (Project Partner)

This is our mission; to provide a primary and secondary school for children who cannot afford education in a state school. We have started an evening school to allow children to work in the day to earn money for their families. This would be their permanent future if not for the vocational training we are providing (such as tailoring, hairdressing, weaving, carpentry and bead making) which allows them to have careers and earn more money for a more comfortable life. The education we provide will also help children to move onto colleges or universities if they want to take their learning further.



## Thank you...

To CRY Jersey, our sister charity, who always work incredibly hard fundraising for children who need it most. They have raised £69,000 so far this year which has gone to many of our projects to ensure they are efficiently and effectively run.

To the team of 4 who took part in the Prudential Ride London in August to raise money for CRY. They did amazingly well and raised £3,000 to support our work in Haiti (photo)



To you, if you give to us monthly. Your commitment to us has not gone unnoticed and it enables us to continue the work we do around the world.

To anyone who has ever donated used stamps to us, selling used stamps raises over £5,000 a year for CRY.

However you've helped, thank you. Your support through giving, prayer and fundraising enables us to build a better future for children.

# THANKS



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