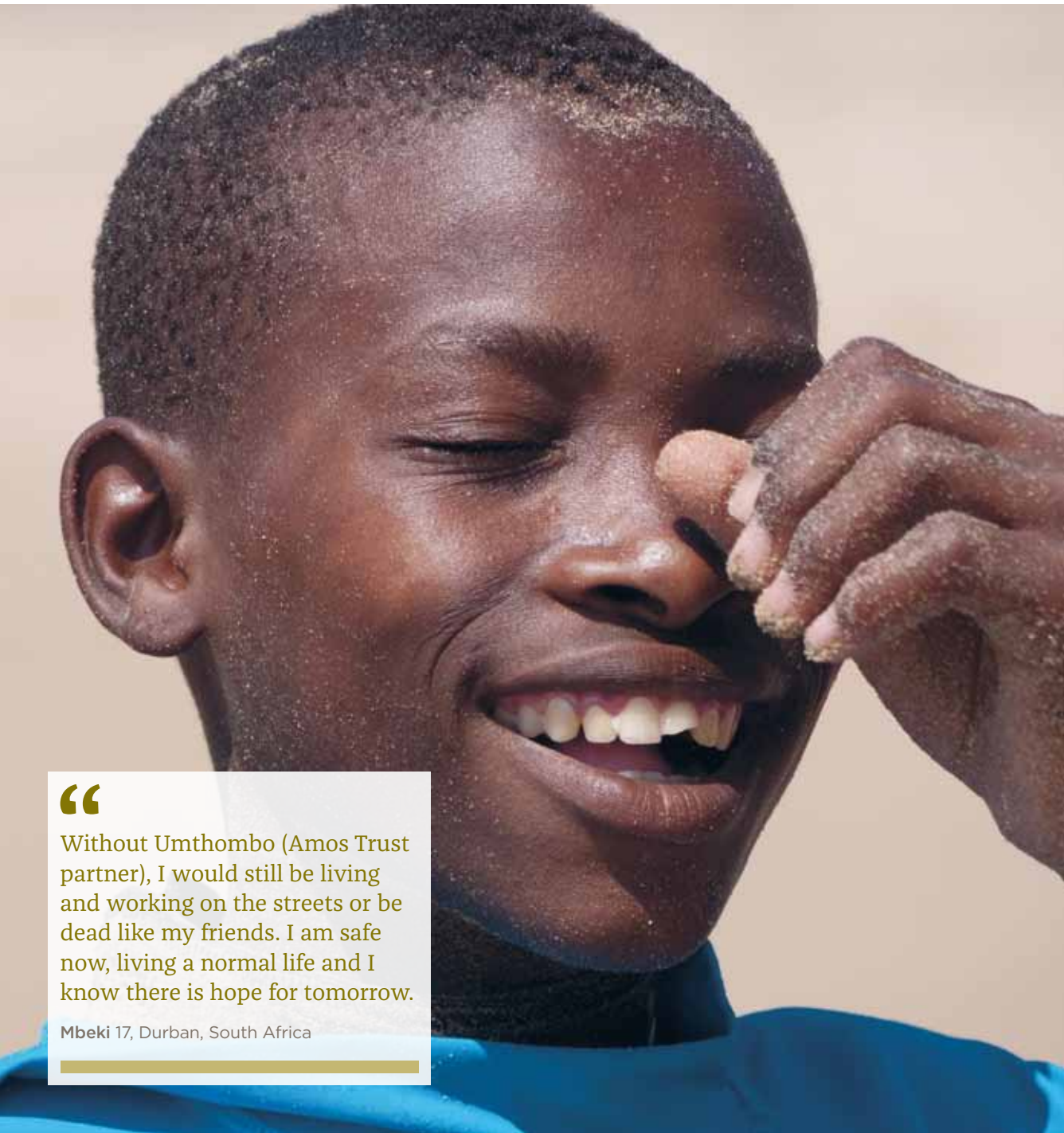


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justice and hope for the forgotten





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Without Umthombo (Amos Trust partner), I would still be living and working on the streets or be dead like my friends. I am safe now, living a normal life and I know there is hope for tomorrow.

Mbeki 17, Durban, South Africa

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Amos Trust has for the last 30 years, been driven by a belief that men, women and children of all creeds and cultures are called to be partners in co-creating a world where peace and justice prevails.

Rev Lucy Winkett Chair of Trustees, Amos Trust

Amos Trust is a small creative human rights organisation that:

- challenges injustice
- builds hope
- creates change

We work with vibrant grass-roots projects that develop local solutions to global issues.

Our work focuses on promoting the rights of street children, building sustainable rural communities and creating a just peace for Palestine.



amos street child

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To treat a child as less than human, is like spitting in the face of God.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Amos' street child partners have developed highly focused, local responses that give children the opportunity and psychosocial support they need to leave the street and be reintegrated into families. They also provide ongoing family support, educate local communities on why children are on the streets and challenge governments to implement laws and policies that realise their rights.

SOUTH AFRICA

Umthombo

The advocacy work of the former street children who set up Umthombo, their pioneering surf programme and inaugural Street Child World Cup, have transformed the treatment of Durban's street children.

Their work is so successful in reintegrating street children into families and supporting them to stay at home, that they are developing a range of preventative programmes with teenage mothers trapped in street life.

BURUNDI

New Generation

New Generation grew out of the genocide and civil war that swept Burundi between 1993-2005.

Dieudonné Nahimina was orphaned in the genocide, he saw that among the orphaned children on the streets of Bujumbura, the ethnic divides that caused the conflict were not present.

He set up New Generation to allow these children to reach their full potential and become leaders of a new Burundi.

INDIA

Karunalaya

Karunalaya's work seeks to ensure that the legal rights of street children, pavement dwellers and the impoverished local communities are realized.

The street based education, drama and sports programmes; shelters for girls and boys; HIV testing and support for young women in the sex industry and reintegration of children who ran away to Chennai on the railroads, form the central part of their integrated approach.



amos communities

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An elephant and a chicken were friends but when the chicken had to sit for days on her eggs waiting for them to hatch the elephant was impatient and wanted to help. So she gently lifted her off and took her place. Unfortunately, too much development work is like this — crushing the communities that it seeks to assist.

Gilberto Aguerre CEPAD, Nicaragua

CEPAD’s belief that even the poorest communities have the ability to become agents of change, informs Amos Trust’s approach and is at the heart of our work.

NICARAGUA

CEPAD, Teustepe

Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. Most of its population still live in isolated rural communities that experience the worst impact of climate change.

For the next five years we are partnering with CEPAD, to empower seven communities in Teustepe with the skills, knowledge and community resilience required to address their own problems. Much of this will focus on education, training and empowering women.

“We have been waiting for you as we have been waiting for the rain in May.”

Julio Cesar Ramirez
Los Ranchos, Teustepe, Nicaragua

INDIA

Tamarind Project, Tamil Nadu

There are 300 million Dalits in India. Dalit is the name taken by those who were called ‘untouchable’ under the Hindu caste system — it means crushed or broken. Today many of their basic rights are still denied and Dalits face an ongoing level of discrimination.

Amos Trust works alongside local Dalit projects promoting education initiatives and gives a platform for Dalit human rights activists and Dalit Liberation theologians.

“How can you claim your rights if you do not know what they are? Education changes this.”

Rev Dr Jacob Devadson
Tamarind Project, India




amos palestine

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Hope is not found in the promises of politicians or the latest round of peace talks. It is in those who refuse to give in to hate and despair and commit themselves to a future in which everyone who calls the Holy Land home has equal rights and equal opportunities.

Sami Awad Director, Holy Land Trust

Amos Trust works closely with Palestinian and Israeli peace activists and partners with local grass-roots projects that promote non-violent initiatives to challenge the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

PALESTINE 


West Bank

In Bethlehem we partner with:

Holy Land Trust's leadership training, young people and women's programmes and the annual Bet Lahem Live Festival.

Wi'am Reconciliation Centre's work to address the stress and despair that the occupation causes among the Palestinian community.

Al Rowwad's Art Centre's promotion of 'Beautiful Resistance' among the young people from Aida refugee camp.

PALESTINE 

Gaza

In Gaza City we partner with:

Near East Council of Churches' (NECC) psychosocial support and vocational training programme. Young people in Gaza have been the innocent victims of three wars since 2009 and many have experienced acute trauma.

The ongoing Israeli blockade, dense overcrowding, shattered infrastructure and high unemployment means that many lack any real hope for the future.

Al Ahli Hospital's breast cancer screening programme. The use of irradiated shells by the Israeli Defence Force resulted in a rapid rise in cancer rates. This programme seeks to end taboos about breast cancer and ensures early identification and treatment.

challenging injustice

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When we were first approached, I didn't take it seriously — who is going to help us rebuild our home? But when I realised it was serious, I regained my hopes and dreams.

At the same time we are still afraid for the tragedy to re-occur, I'm anxious on that front. I'm happy yet at the same time afraid.

Waafa whose home was rebuilt by Amos

Amos Trust took its name from the Hebrew prophet Amos, in response to his call to 'Let justice roll down like a river.'

We therefore see that an essential part of our role is to initiate and help shape popular campaigns.



A just peace for Palestine

We believe that the only way Israel will enjoy lasting peace and security is when Palestinians receive justice and their human rights are respected.

We highlight Israel's use of home demolitions to dispossess and collectively punish Palestinians, by taking groups of Amos supporters to work with local communities to **rebuild demolished homes**.

We raise awareness of the illegality and impact of the Israeli Separation Wall by taking teams of UK runners to take part in the **'Right To Movement' Bethlehem Marathon** and international artists to perform at Holy Land Trust's **Bet Lahem Live Festival**.

We established the **Kairos Britain Network** to share information and practical ways for Churches to respond to the call from Palestinian Christians.

We support the international calls for: an arms embargo, the boycott of companies that benefit from the occupation and recognition of a Palestinian state.

Winning rights

To amplify our partner Umthombo's call for an end to police round ups and the abuse of street children, we set up the inaugural **Street Child World Cup** in 2010 in Durban, South Africa, with teams of street children from 8 countries.

It was so successful that we set up a separate new charity called Street Child United to take this work forward to Rio De Janeiro in 2014.

In Rio, children from our partner projects joined street children from all around the world to declare that 'No Child should have to live on the streets'.



building hope

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When you see the situation and meet the people, it gets to you. You want to get involved because these people who have been so hospitable and so inspiring are living with an injustice that we helped create.

Norman Minter

Amos Trust believes that it is the small steps of many that lead to change and we encourage our supporters to hear directly from our partners, and to be creative in choosing how they respond.



Each year we work with our local partners to run a variety of trips to let people visit and spend time with them and find out more about the context in which they work. These include:

- taking part in the Bethlehem Marathon
- making an alternative pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel
- joining our culinary and cycling tours
- experiencing a fact-finding trip to Nicaragua
- taking families to visit our street children partners
- volunteering with one of our partner projects

Not everyone can visit our work on the ground so we regularly bring our partners to the UK. In 2014 playwright Justin Butcher responded to our visit to Bethlehem by creating the **Bethlehem Unwrapped** festival at St James's, Piccadilly that

featured a full-size replica of the Israeli Separation Wall outside the church. There were performances from comedians and musicians including world-famous violinist Nigel Kennedy.

In that same year:

- 120 people held concerts and talks
- 45 people took part in sponsored and fundraising events
- 60 people volunteered with us in our office or at festivals and at other events
- 40 people aged from 14-74 cycled across Britain on the annual Amos Road Club bike ride

To support these activities we produce a wide variety of resources that capture the creativity, spirituality and theology that underpins our work. We also enter into a range of collaborative projects to ensure that our resources are used most effectively.



creating change

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I have supported Amos for many years now. I have consistently been inspired by their vision, moved by their commitment to their partners, welcomed as a friend and know that they used what I have given to make a real difference.

Peter Ashwell

At the core of Amos are the individuals who support us. For over 30 years our work has been built on this support, whether that be:

- regular committed giving
- one-off donations
- leaving a gift in your will
- getting involved in fundraising activities

Large or small, each donation makes a real difference and we encourage you to get involved and help create the change that we are committed to.

We are also deeply grateful to the numerous churches who support our work, who invite us to speak, use our resource packs and make sure that our partners are not forgotten. In 2014 the Diocese of London provided Amos with a permanent new home at St Clement's Eastcheap.

We are delighted to welcome companies to join our community. The sponsorship of Old Mutual and Fat Face for our *Surfers Not Street Children* UK Tour, allowed us to support this exciting new street child advocacy project.

We are also deeply grateful for those Trusts who support us. Comic Relief's support of Amos Street Child sports programmes has transformed not just the children's lives, but also our partners' capacity to respond.

Join us by pledging your support at amostrust.org/give or by emailing office@amostrust.org so that together we can build on 30 years of success.

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Please get in touch if you would like to find out how you too can become involved in creating change.



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There are two flames
burning in the human heart
all the time. The flame of
anger against injustice, and
the flame of hope that you
can build a better world.

Tony Benn

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