

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and CEO of Mary's Meals

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow is the Catholic founder and CEO of the international school-feeding charity, Mary's Meals. Named for Mary, the mother of Jesus, its work is to feed children where they learn to enable the education that can help break the cycle of poverty.

Magnus began his career as a salmon fisherman, but in 1992, he and his brother began delivering relief supplies to war-torn Bosnia. After a decade of delivering emergency aid, Magnus discovered his vocation following a meeting with a young man in Africa. In Malawi, he met Edward, the oldest of six children, who only wanted to have enough to eat and to be able to go to school. Those words became the catalyst for Mary's Meals.

Founded in 2002, Mary's Meals began serving 200 children in Malawi and quickly grew. Today, Mary's Meals provides meals to more than 2.4 million children every school day in 18 countries. This simple solution to world hunger has become a global movement inspired by faith and supported worldwide. It invites everyone to share their prayers, time, talent, and resources to help end child hunger.

Magnus is the author of two books, *The Shed That Fed Two Million Children* and *Give: Charity and the Art of Living Generously* and has been recognized by CNN and Time Magazine for his life's work.

Based in Scotland, he and his wife, Julie, are parents to seven children and one grandchild.