



God's love.
Your legacy.
Lasting transformation.

Everything you need to know
about leaving a gift in your
will to Tearfund.

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‘God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.’

1 John 4:16

Thank you.

On behalf of everyone at Tearfund, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude that you are considering including a gift for our work in your will. Your generosity will enable us to reach more people around the world with the love of Christ – a love that transforms lives:

Families freed from cycles of poverty. Children receiving an education that sets them up for life. Churches strengthened and equipped to lead change. Communities empowered to take their future into their own hands. All of it leading to transformation that lasts for generation after generation. And all of it done in a Christ-centred way through our network of local church partners around the world.

Thank you – your support makes work like this possible. I’m very grateful that you’re with us on this journey.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Harris'.

Nigel Harris
Tearfund CEO



The love that changes everything

How a gift in your will can lead to lasting transformation

For more than 50 years, Tearfund has been following Jesus where the need is greatest – serving communities with spiritual hope and practical help. We believe an end to extreme poverty is possible, and that we all have a part to play.

A gift in your will to Tearfund will make a tangible, lasting difference:

- You'll be helping us respond quickly to disasters and conflicts, supporting vulnerable people throughout the recovery process.
- You'll be enabling our local church partners to mobilise resources and lead their communities out of poverty.
- You'll be empowering individuals and churches to speak out as we challenge unjust policies and practices at a local, national and global level.

Churches inspiring change

Ibrahim lives in Mali with his wife and five children. They never had much money, but then during the coronavirus pandemic, he lost his job. The family found themselves sinking deeper into poverty.

'I needed to do something,' Ibrahim tells us. 'But what if there are no more opportunities?'

Then, one day, Ibrahim heard how Tearfund's local church partner had set up a market garden nearby. His pastor registered Ibrahim for a plot of land. He now feeds his family from the vegetables he grows there, as well as selling some so that he can earn an income. Their lives have been transformed. 'It has changed the way I look at things a lot, and inspired me to be fully empowered,' shares Ibrahim.

Gifts in wills make transformation like this happen – around the world, day after day, month after month, year after year. They help ensure that families' needs are met in a long-lasting way, and that future generations will have the resources they need in years to come.



The love that lasts forever

Having a will gives peace of mind, knowing that it ensures your family and loved ones are provided for, as well as giving you the opportunity to remember causes you care about.

If you're amending an existing will, we're immensely grateful that you'd consider including us within it. If you're making a will for the first time, it is simpler than you might think and need not be expensive. We recommend that you have your will written by a solicitor or qualified will writer – who can guide you through the process to ensure that your wishes are correctly recorded.

There are three main ways you could include a gift in your will to Tearfund:

1

A share of your estate: you may wish to leave Tearfund part of your estate after other specific gifts and debts have been paid. This type of gift (known as a residuary legacy) has the advantage that it will not be eroded in value by inflation over the years.

2

A cash gift: you may wish to leave Tearfund a stated sum of money. You can ask your solicitor to index-link this kind of gift (known as a pecuniary legacy) to safeguard its value.

3

A specific item: you may wish to leave Tearfund a particular item such as a property, shares or jewellery.

We suggest the following wording for a residuary legacy:

I GIVE _% of the residue of my estate to Tearfund, Reg. Charity no: 265464 of 100 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE, for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Tearfund for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

We suggest the following wording for a pecuniary or specific legacy:

I GIVE to Tearfund, Reg. Charity no: 265464 of 100 Church Road, Teddington, TW11 8QE the sum of £_/specific asset or item for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Tearfund for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge for the said legacy.

If you have any questions, please contact our friendly Legacy Team via telephone or email. 020 3906 3422 • legacies@tearfund.org

‘And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.’

Isaiah 58:10

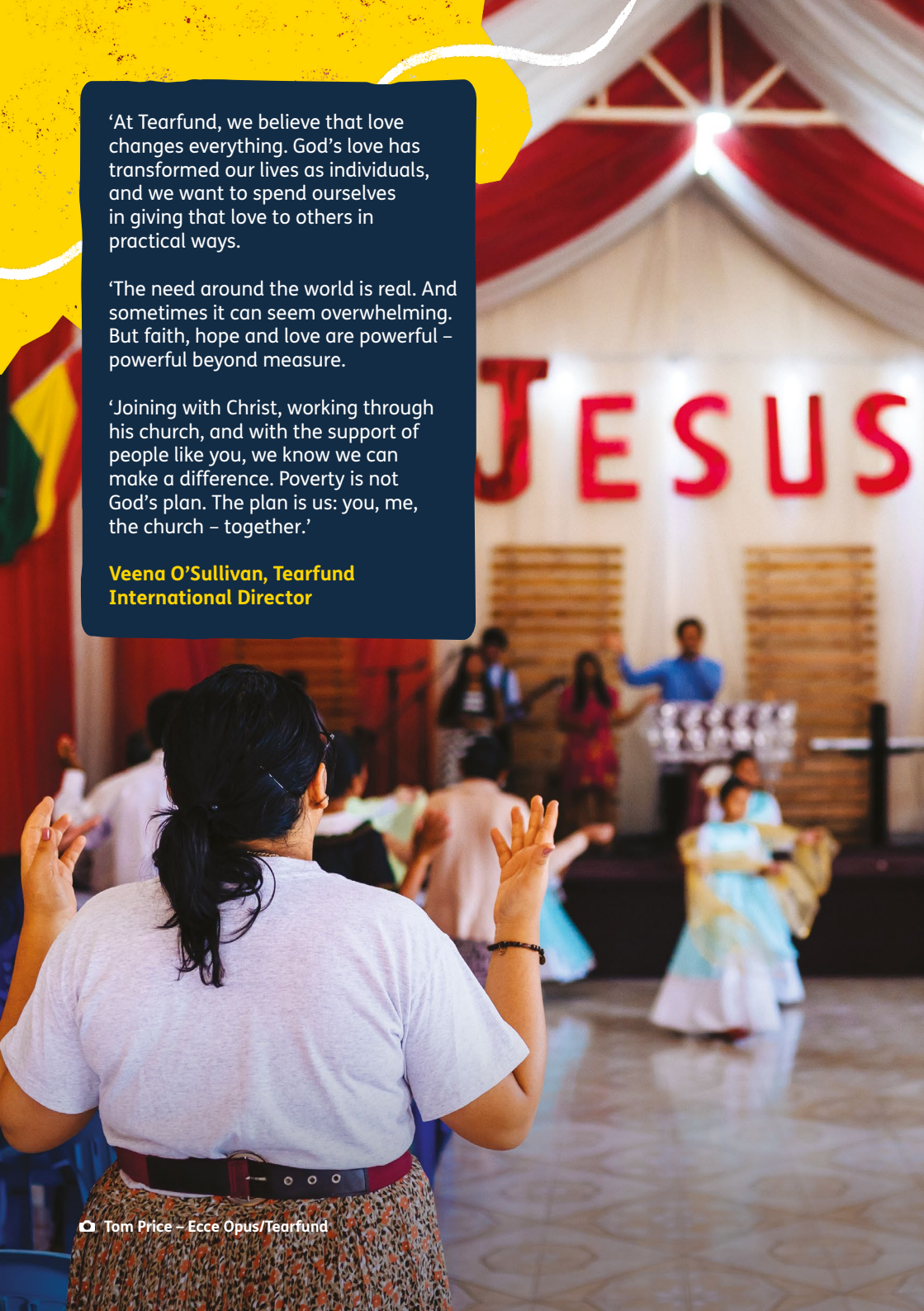
‘Tearfund has been an important part of my life... I felt it was appropriate to mark that in my will. All things I have learnt over the years from Tearfund have helped develop my Christian faith and trust in God. God has blessed me, so it’s passing on the baton of blessing to an organisation you know is walking in the way you’d want to walk after you’ve gone.’

Val, Tearfund supporter

‘We’ve chosen to leave a legacy to Tearfund. I suppose people our age naturally start to think about what they will leave behind... For us, the thought that we will have left behind something positive through the effect Tearfund has in the lives of some of the poorest and most needy people is something to celebrate.’

Zena and Andrew, Tearfund supporters






‘At Tearfund, we believe that love changes everything. God’s love has transformed our lives as individuals, and we want to spend ourselves in giving that love to others in practical ways.

‘The need around the world is real. And sometimes it can seem overwhelming. But faith, hope and love are powerful – powerful beyond measure.

‘Joining with Christ, working through his church, and with the support of people like you, we know we can make a difference. Poverty is not God’s plan. The plan is us: you, me, the church – together.’

**Veena O’Sullivan, Tearfund
International Director**



**'Give thanks to the
God of heaven. His love
endures forever.'**

Psalm 136:26

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