MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS COUNT

Speaker notes



Athok and her family were forced to flee their home in Sudan

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Around the world, conflict, violence and climate disasters are forcing families apart and destroying their homes.

With a gift to Tearfund, we can show Jesus' love to families who've lost everything.

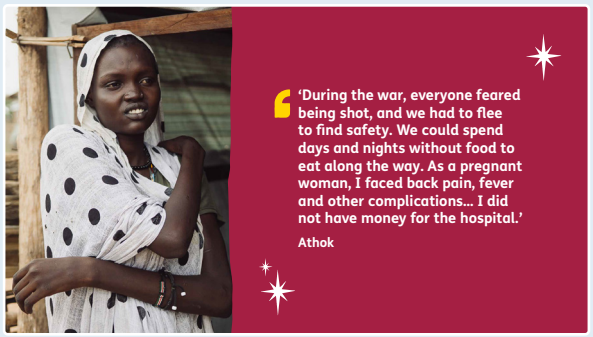
As we worship Jesus this Christmas, we're invited to make it count for more – as we let our worship give rise to practical action.



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Last Christmas, violent conflict broke out in Sudan, and families like Athok's lost everything in a moment.

Athok was separated from her husband in the chaos of the fighting, and she had to run to safety with her son, while pregnant with twins. They walked for three days without food to reach safety at a camp in South Sudan. Sadly, millions of people share a similar story.



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After fleeing, Athok spent two weeks living beneath trees with no safe shelter. She later gave birth to twins in makeshift conditions, wrapping the newborn babies in pieces of a torn bedsheet.

She has been receiving emergency food assistance from Tearfund, which means she is able to eat and produce breastmilk for her babies.



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Pastor William also fled the conflict in Sudan, but kept his faith close to him, starting a small church when he arrived in the settlement camp.

Even amongst hunger, fear and suffering, people found strength as they gathered to pray.



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There is still a long way to go for Athok and her family to recover. For mothers like her, food is just the first step to helping their families survive.

As well as providing life-saving assistance, Tearfund works alongside communities like Athok's for the long-term, building relationships with local churches and community organisations. Together, they don't just meet people's urgent needs – they help them find the strength to change their own lives.

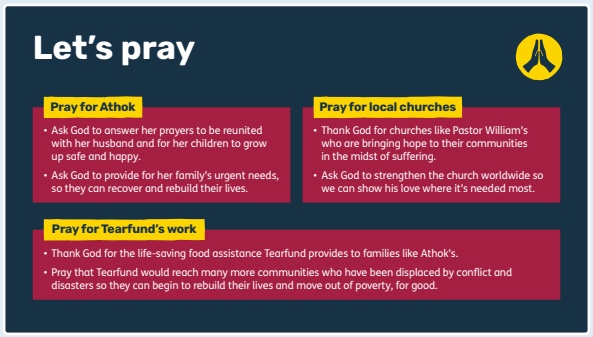


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For more ways to pray for people in extreme poverty, please visit:

www.tearfund.org/churchprayerguides



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Jesus' love leads us to our neighbours in urgent need around the world. To mothers like Athok, carrying their children through danger. Facing hunger, fear and another night without proper shelter. Still finding the strength to keep going.

As a church, we could help provide vital food and emergency shelter to our global neighbours with a gift to Tearfund.



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