

# Your service builder



## Releasing the power of the local church

This handy guide is designed for you to build your own service. We know every church is unique, so feel free to follow the outline exactly, or chop and change it to suit your church.

We ask that when you choose to use it, you would prayerfully consider donating a gift to Tearfund's work in whatever way works best for your church.

Thank you for helping to support people living in some of the poorest communities in the world.

## Social media

In the weeks leading up to your service, we'd love you to make use of our church social media pack. It provides simple messages that you can cut and paste and share online to let your congregation know what to expect. Plus, you'll find lovely photos of Rene and Odile to post alongside the messages.

## Web links

You can put website links up on the screen for people to look up during the service or copy down to take home and look up later.



## Welcome and opening prayer

To add to your warm welcome, we've created a selection of prayers that you may find helpful.

Mention that the theme of the service is 'Releasing the power of the local church', and that there'll be an opportunity to give to the work of Tearfund.

## Readings

Choose members of your congregation to read these at some point in your service:

**John 10:10**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**Psalms 68:32-35**

**Isaiah 40:31**

We have selected these four readings as they speak profoundly of God's promises to his people. As you read the story of Rene and Odile, you will hear how today the couple are living and breathing the promises God speaks about through these verses in the Bible.

📷 Above: Edwige has received training from her local church and is now setting up her own business to support her son.

**‘In the past, it was difficult for us to make money. We couldn’t send the children to school, pay for the transportation fares. We couldn’t send them to hospital or buy the medicines for our children.’**

**Rene, Ivory Coast**



☛ Rene and Odile are farmers in Ivory Coast. Through taking part in Tearfund’s Bible-based training, the couple learnt new techniques to grow and develop their pineapple business.



## Appeal slides

These slides provide all the background info you need on Tearfund’s appeal. You can show these in your service and talk through them, or allow people to read through them in their own time.



## Video

Bring your message to life with this video which tells the story of Rene and Odile from Ivory Coast.



## Talk

We’ve included a short ten-minute talk within this pack. To access the talk, visit [tearfund.org/churchtalk](https://tearfund.org/churchtalk)



## Prayers

We’ve created a guide for setting up a

prayer room at [tearfund.org/prayerguide](https://tearfund.org/prayerguide).

But you can also take the prayers from the slides to use in your service. You can pray communally as a church, as small groups or as individuals.



## Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to share Rene and Odile’s story with your congregation. As always, we’re right here if we can help with any further information. You can reach us by email at [churches@tearfund.org](mailto:churches@tearfund.org)

☛ Following Church and Community Transformation training at their local church, Rene and Odile have almost completed building their new home in the village of Loukoukro, Ivory Coast.

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