YOUR LEGACY.
THEIR GIFT OF
life
Thank you,

I know the work of Tearfund means a great deal to you and I want to thank you personally for considering to include a gift to Tearfund in your will.

As we follow Jesus, we are determined to go wherever the need is greatest. For many people around the world, the effects of poverty, hunger, war or conflict are overwhelming. But, even in the most difficult of circumstances, there is always hope. There is always Jesus.

Thank you for being with us on this journey as we seek to show God’s love and grace, reaching out to those in need with hope and compassion. We couldn’t do what we do without our faithful supporters.

Your legacy could be the gift of life where the need is greatest; helping us to provide long-term solutions and offering hope to those who need it most.

With heartfelt thanks,

Nigel Harris
CEO
Tearfund was born in 1968 in response to desperate need, as coverage of worldwide suffering sparked a spontaneous outpouring of compassion among UK Christians.

In 1972... Tearfund first worked overseas, sending nurses to Bangladesh to work for the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship to provide relief in the floods disaster.

Tearfund was integral in pioneering the sales of Fairtrade products with the start of Tearcraft in 1975, selling jewellery, cards, homewares and handcrafted gifts from countries including Bangladesh, Thailand and Peru.

In the 1980s... Tearfund set up the first post specifically for responding to disasters. In 1994, we created a Disaster Response Unit, establishing Tearfund as a principal thought-leader in disaster relief. This was a significant milestone in Tearfund’s history.

Our work has taken us to places far and wide, including responding to the Rwandan genocide in 1994, the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, earthquakes in Haiti in 2010 and Nepal in 2015, and the Yemen and East Africa humanitarian crises in 2016 and 2017.

We have supported more than 13 million people following disasters.

With 50 years of helping those in need and a history of excellent practice, Tearfund is among the country’s top ten emergency relief agencies.

Over the years... thanks to the prayer and generosity of our faithful supporters, thousands of local churches having been impacted and envisioned. Long-term development remains at the heart of what we do: following Jesus where the need is greatest, bringing hope and life for generations to come.

More than 32 million people have benefited from our community development projects.

The very principles of compassion, humanity and practical action that Tearfund was founded on are still very much at our core today. To all those who have supported us over the years and to everyone who has been a part of the journey with us, we say thank you.
**Our vision...** is to see all people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential.

**Our mission...** is that we follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crises and partnering with local churches to bring hope and restoration to those living in poverty.

We are closer than ever to ending extreme poverty and your legacy gift could make all the difference. We won’t stop until poverty stops.

**A LIFEl OF HOPE**

Your legacy gift could bring life-changing help for a family like Faris’s, devastated by war.

Faris, his wife and their eight children had to flee to safety when the so-called Islamic State stormed their town. With little more than the clothes on their backs, the family found safety in the town of Kirkuk, but with no belongings, no money or job, life was a tremendous struggle.

But, through Tearfund’s long-term commitment to working in Iraq, Faris and his family have been supported through cash distributions to help them meet their immediate needs.

Faris says,

‘Tearfund’s existence was a solution for us; if you weren’t there, we wouldn’t know what to do. Thank you.’

And, in spite of the challenges, Faris remains hopeful,

‘I hope the future is good; all my wishes are my kids finishing school.’

We are called to follow Jesus where the need is greatest – and sometimes that is to the most troubled and toughest places on earth. For Faris and his family, and many others who continue to be affected by conflict and war, legacy gifts could mean a brand new, hope-filled future.

**WATER OF LIFE**

Whenever legacy gifts are entrusted to Tearfund, they are used around the world wherever the need is greatest. Your gift could help transform a community like Kamegeri.

Kamegeri in southern Rwanda is a place affected by extreme poverty and a severe lack of clean water. Many people suffer from ill health as a result of diseases and infections from poor hygiene and sanitation; children often miss school because they have to walk for miles to collect clean water; and people are unable to grow crops and food for their families.

But, thanks to the faithful prayers and generosity of Tearfund supporters, we have now installed a water pipeline transforming the lives – and futures – of those within the community.

For the community in Kamegeri, access to clean water has been life-changing. One resident, Angelina, says,

‘Now my children will not miss school going to fetch water.’

Another says,

‘Now people will be healthy, they will work and produce more food, be able to sell a surplus of their produce and engage in different business. Water affects life in every way... people without water have no life at all.’

Gifts in wills mean that we can be involved with more projects just like the one in Kamegeri; helping to ensure that everyone’s basic needs are met in a long-lasting way, and that future generations will have the resources they need in years to come.

‘We have chosen to leave a gift in our will. Tearfund has great impact in the lives of some of the poorest people, and the thought that we will have left a positive legacy behind is something to celebrate.’

**IN ALL ITS FULLNESS**
‘One person cannot change the world – but you can change the world for one person.’

George Hoffman, founder of The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund Committee, later named Tearfund
A life
POURED OUT

Gordon and Rosemary Landreth have a legacy that, over the course of nearly five decades, has changed the lives of many. As part of the Evangelical Alliance Relief Committee – later named Tearfund – Gordon and Rosemary were a part of the Tearfund journey from the very beginning. As a couple, they remained faithful in prayer and support.

Jenny and Sue, Gordon and Rosemary’s daughters, say,

“We are grateful for all that Gordon contributed to Tearfund and are thankful that his legacy can bring hope and continue to share Jesus’ love where the need is greatest. We pray, as the next generation, that we may continue to work in partnership with Tearfund and strive to fight poverty and bring hope, freedom and lasting change.”

At the heart of who we are and what we do, Tearfund is an organisation that seeks to be Christ-centred, compassionate, truthful, courageous and servant-hearted.

We are very grateful to each person who chooses to leave a legacy to Tearfund, ensuring that their lifetime of faith, love and generosity lives on.

Kathleen (Kay) Allen and her husband, Bob, supported Tearfund for many years. As a young midwife in the 1940s, Kay’s compassion for those in need was evident: she bought bags of coal out of her own wages to take to needy families to provide heat in the winter. Her family says that Kay was pleased that, as well as relief work, Tearfund seeks to give people the skills and start-up to support themselves.

As a prayer warrior all her life, Kay lived a life of generosity; and today, her legacy is continuing to change the lives of those in need all around the world.
Making your will

Having a will gives you peace of mind for the future. It gives you the opportunity to provide for your family and loved ones, and to support the causes you care about.

As personal circumstances change, it’s important that you review your will to make sure it still accurately reflects your wishes.

Making a will 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. A solicitor will be able to guide you through the process to ensure that your wishes are correctly recorded.

If you would like help finding a local solicitor, Tearfund can provide a list of firms in your area or details of Christian solicitors. Please contact our friendly legacy team using the details on the back of this folder – they will be very happy to help you.

Including a gift to Tearfund in your will

We are incredibly grateful to each person who chooses to include a gift in their will to Tearfund; it’s a legacy of life, across the world, for generations to come.

There are three main types of legacy gifts:

1. Residuary legacy
   a share or percentage of your estate after other specific gifts have been made.

2. Pecuniary legacy
   a specific sum of money, which you can ask your solicitor to index-link to safeguard its value.

3. Specific legacy
   a particular item such as 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.