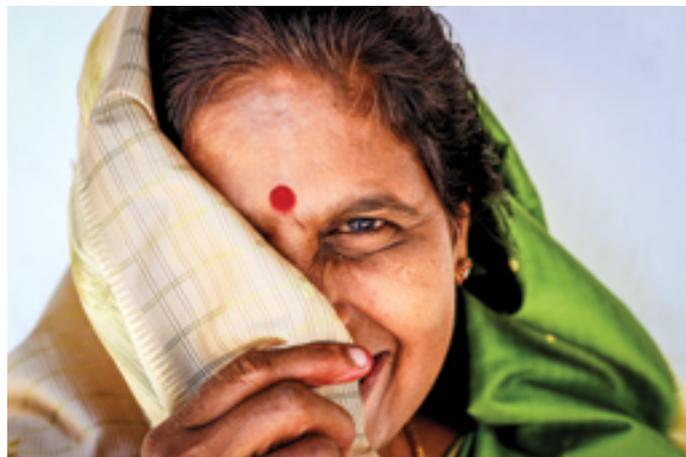




2025

Annual Report



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CEO Message

Ian McInnes
CEO, Tearfund NZ



The world changed in 2025. As Tearfund New Zealand turned 50, aid budgets around the world were slashed even as humanitarian need grew exponentially. Refugee numbers reached record highs, driven by violent conflict. Human trafficking continued unabated in many corners of the globe.

Poverty and injustice are biblical issues that compel each of us to act. I am deeply grateful for the thousands of Kiwi supporters and churches who walk alongside communities in need, across the 37 countries we serve. Our trusted local Christian partner networks share our gospel calling in some of the hardest places, working with determination and courage.

Together, we reached more than 135,000 people in need. Some received urgent, short-term relief. Many others continue to be supported over successive years, making steady progress to sustainable livelihoods as they tackled their root causes of poverty.

In tumultuous times, this faithful service brings real transformation where it's needed most: a sponsored child realising their full God-given potential, a displaced war survivor overcoming trauma and finding hope, or a farming household increasing yields to put food on the table, with surplus to sell.

Specialist partners, many with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade backing, help us achieve incredible results on some of the toughest issues. During the year, 77 human trafficking prosecutions brought justice for survivors, 12,000 coffee trees were replanted following Pacific cyclones, and climate-resilient agricultural programmes were established in vulnerable rural communities.

Increasingly, and with growing intention, Tearfund is empowering local churches in the communities we serve overseas, as they reach into their own neighbourhoods and bring real transformation across all areas of life. This emerging Church and Community work reflects our long-held belief that lasting change is strongest when led locally through the Church.

Looking towards 2030 and beyond, Tearfund is focused on deepening impact while strengthening our foundations for lasting change.

By investing in what works, including child sponsorship, private giving and new partnerships, we can respond boldly to injustice, disaster and poverty. Grounded in strong accountability, local church-led transformation and our Christian faith, together we're building this work to endure. With you, our Tearfund whānau and partners, we move into the years ahead with confidence and hope.

Whether God prompted you to act yesterday, or 45 years ago, as he did with Richard and Judith, I thank you for your obedience to God's calling to love your neighbour. Fifty years on, Tearfund's work in our broken world is needed more than ever. Yet the hope, dignity and transformation made possible through your faithfulness remains truly inspiring.

God bless you abundantly!



📷 Tearfund UK's slogan that drew the world's attention, 1967.
Photo: Tearfund

“Tearfund provides practical ‘on the ground’ solutions with love and compassion. We have been supporting these needs for 45 years.’

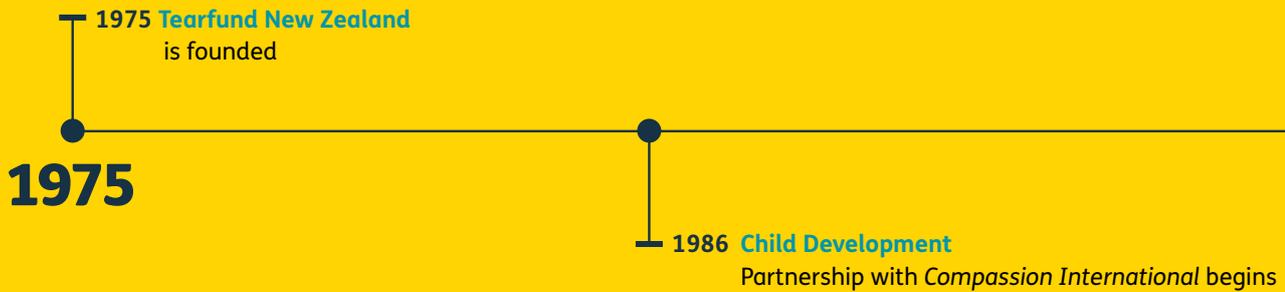
Richard and Judith Smith,
long-term supporters



You are part of an unfolding journey of hope

Celebrating 50 years of walking together in God's redemptive story.

Each moment below marks the point God invited us into a new work – and you said yes.



📷 Compassion sponsored children.
Photo: Tearfund

“When Tearfund came, we didn't have a plan. We didn't have a strategy. But we had one thing: we wanted to serve people. Tearfund helped us turn compassion into action.’

Share and Care, Nepal



📷 Women's group, Nepal.
Photo: Tearfund



📷 Poverty Cycle events, 2011-2016. Photo: Tearfund



📷 Compassion sponsorship booth at For King and Country concert. Photo: Tearfund



Thank you for every prayer, every gift, and every time you chose mercy.

Today, your faith in action continues to bring hope, dignity, and justice, for people in poverty around the world. Your generosity is still opening doors, through trusted local partners and through the Church, to bring hope when and where it's needed most.



“I’m grateful for the financial and moral support from Tearfund. No job can be accomplished without your help. We’re encouraged by your prayers that make me realise I am not alone.”
High, *LIFT*, Thailand



📷 Smallholder dairy farmers in Sri Lanka now have a sustainable livelihood. Photo: Tearfund

TONJ, SOUTH SUDAN

WESTERN EQUATORIA, SOUTH SUDAN

Transforming communities through their local church



**BREAKING
NEW GROUND**

Brand new cause
in South Sudan

At the heart of Tearfund's work is a simple belief: people know their own communities best. **Church and Community** brings this belief to life by walking alongside local churches as they support those around them, in some of the world's most challenging contexts.

In June 2025, we began working with two trusted partners in South Sudan. Together, we are equipping local pastors to pray, plan, and lead their congregations in practical action, as they respond to the greatest needs in their communities.

Through Scripture-based training and practical tools, churches are identifying priorities, restoring relationships, and strengthening their communities by building on local strengths and resources. This is grass-roots love-in-action at its finest.

Proven results, life-changing outcomes

As we break new ground in South Sudan, we're drawing on solid research. *Tearfund UK* has partnered with Church and Community programmes for more than 20 years, which:

-  brings positive, **whole-life transformation**
-  creates **sustained, far-reaching change**
-  creates **high social return**
-  strengthens the **local church**

The research shows that when the church works with the community in this way it has a transformative impact. It is an effective and sustainable solution to overcoming poverty.'

Tearfund UK



Community Health and Empowerment school activity, South Sudan.
Photo: In Deed and Truth

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PARTNER NGOS

150

PARTNER CHURCHES IDENTIFIED

50K

PEOPLE TO BE REACHED*

Pray for:

- Our two partners in South Sudan connecting with church leaders, forming relationships and setting up frameworks for them.
- Greater community connection between congregations as they pray together for their communities, and discern how to best serve.
- Communities to be reached. That they would experience the love of God through the practical help they receive.

*Target based on population where the churches serve.

Email us to request
our research
or learn more,
info@tearfund.org.nz





Children released from poverty in Jesus' name

A child cannot choose where they are born, but together we can change the story of what happens next.

Around the world, children born into poverty face constant hunger, poor health, disrupted schooling and the constant risk of exploitation. Hope can feel out of reach.

But Kiwi sponsors are standing in that gap, through Tearfund's child development work with *Compassion International*.

In their community's church, children have nutritional and medical care, a safe place to learn and play, and the opportunity to hear the Good News.



* Tearfund New Zealand works with *Compassion* in 25 countries. Statistics are based on New Zealand sponsors.



📍 Children learning, thriving and playing at the *Compassion* centre, Tanzania. Photo: *Compassion*

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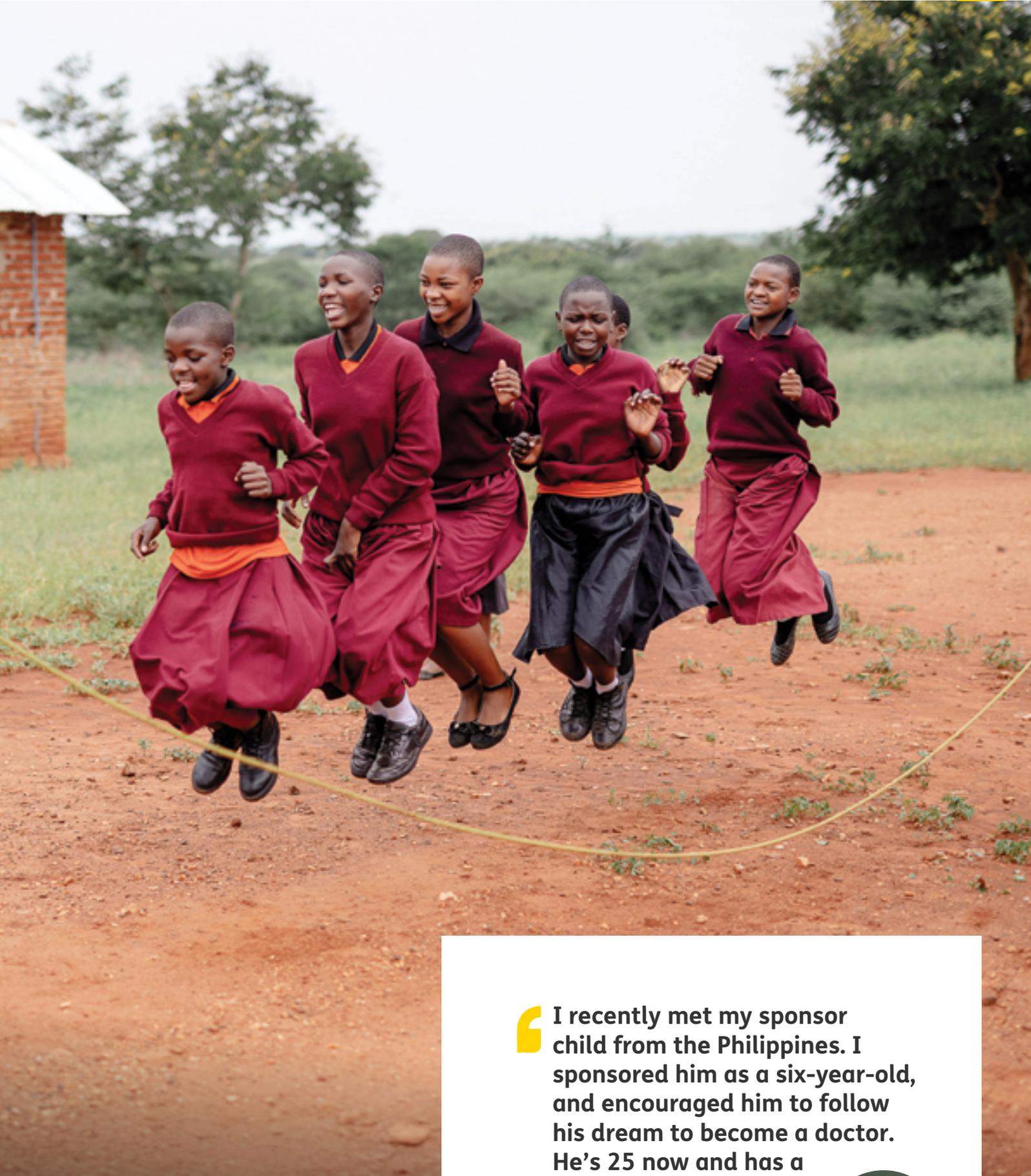
COUNTRIES*

4,483

LOCATIONS

7,562

KIWI SPONSORS



“ I recently met my sponsor child from the Philippines. I sponsored him as a six-year-old, and encouraged him to follow his dream to become a doctor. He’s 25 now and has a degree in psychology.”

Trish Spooner,
child sponsor, Nelson



9,870

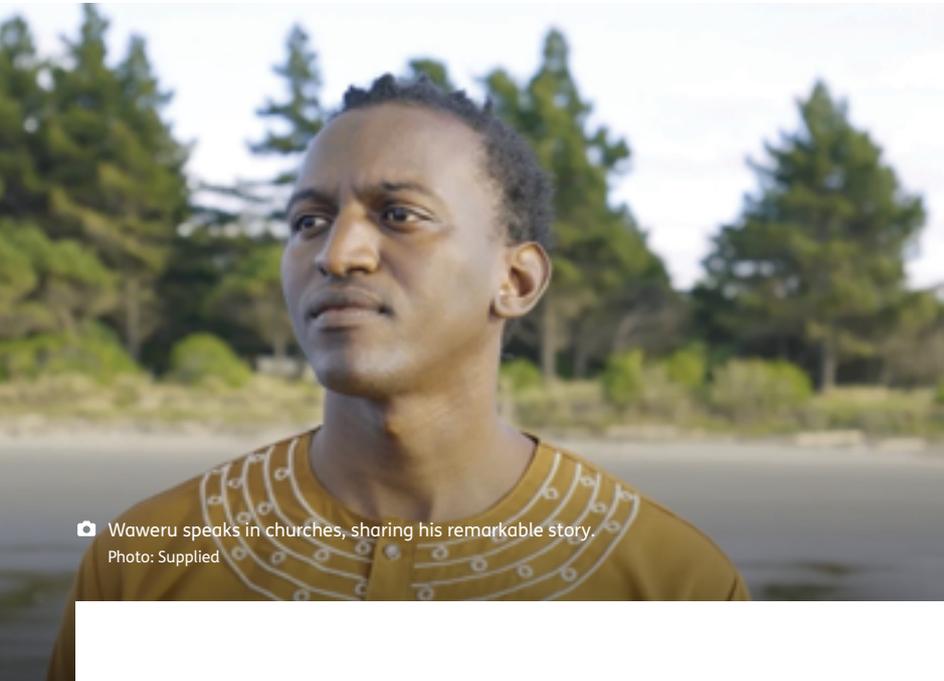
CHILDREN SPONSORED BY KIWIS



Waweru's journey of hope

Waweru Kanene never knew his dad. He was a week old when his mum left him in the care of grandparents already raising a dozen children. Home was usually a two-room tin shed in a crowded and often violent Nairobi slum community, where hunger shaped his childhood. **“I hoped for one meal a day,”** he says. **“My other hope was to live until I was 21.”**

He says life turned around when he was seven. Waweru was sponsored into a *Compassion* programme and began to thrive. He learned life skills, completed secondary school and university, discovering God's call on his life to become a pastor.



Waweru speaks in churches, sharing his remarkable story.
Photo: Supplied

Support from my sponsor, David, meant I could get a uniform and go to school. Every Saturday I attended the programme and had two meals there. I got medical care any time I needed it at the clinic.'

Waweru Kanene, sponsored as a child

Today, Waweru pastors in New Zealand, with his family. Having experienced the power of sponsorship himself, they now sponsor a boy from his old community. Waweru speaks in churches about how that support lifted him out of poverty and gave him purpose.

Waweru's story shows how love and faithful support can change a child's future, and touch generations to come.

Sponsoring a child through Compassion is distinctively



Teaching and caring for children in isolated tribal communities, Philippines.
Photo: Compassion



CHILD-FOCUSED

Your support surrounds a child with long-term personal care. They're known and supported to grow in confidence, opportunity, and wellbeing. They've got just one sponsor - you!

CHURCH-BASED

You empower local churches who know their communities best. We walk with children long term, providing physical and spiritual care so children can thrive.

CHRIST-CENTRED

Thank you for helping children of all faiths see Jesus' love and hope in practical ways; nurturing their purpose, resilience, and relationship with God.



Looking ahead:

More opportunities for sponsors and churches to visit their sponsored children, and expanding our country offerings to include Malawi, Zambia, Cambodia and Myanmar.

**Say yes!
Change a child's
future**

Sponsor a child



Families are moving from vulnerability to opportunity

And your generosity is making it possible.

Communities facing vulnerability are building new opportunities through small-scale agriculture. Thanks to you, more than 29,600 men, women, and young people are supported by our partners to strengthen their livelihoods and move towards economic stability. Farmers are improving their practices, building resilience to a changing climate, and gaining practical skills that help households increase income, restore dignity, and provide for their families with confidence and hope.

Farming and Enterprise partners strengthened livelihoods across five countries. In the Solomon Islands and Fiji, projects also reduced modern slavery risk.

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COUNTRIES

80%
INCOME GROWTH

4,900
FARMERS TRAINED

9,319
HOUSEHOLDS



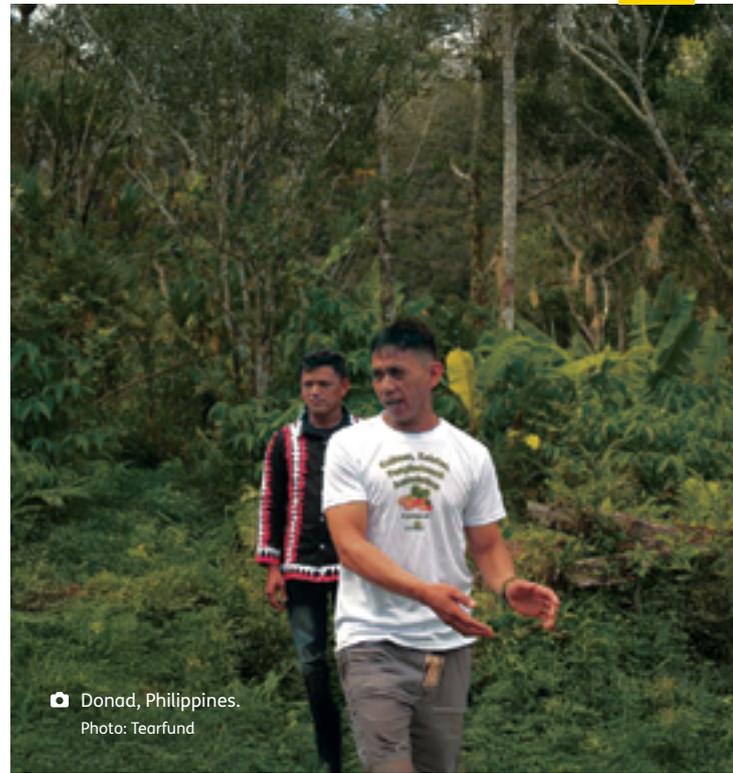
📷 New dairy skills to increase milk production makes a big difference to smallholder farmers, Sri Lanka.
Photo: Tearfund



As a result:

-  **Harvests** improved
-  **Livelihoods** strengthened
-  Risk of **exploitation** reduced
-  Resilience to **climate shocks** increased

Hope is being restored. As people rebuild, and make choices for tomorrow, confidence replaces fear, and possibility grows.



📍 Donad, Philippines.
Photo: Tearfund

29,600

SUPPORTED

Donad leads a rural Filipino village; a forest hunter turned community catalyst for change after support from our partner in the Philippines. Poverty drove Donad to the city, but he returned and saw his community's vulnerability to exploitation by rebels. Today he works in his village with *Greenminds* - training farmers in alternative steady income streams; organic peanuts, herbs and stingless bees - skills that now bring the community renewed confidence and a buying back scheme that ensures a guaranteed market for their harvests.

“I can only express my deepest thanks to everyone who supported this project. *Greenminds* have provided immense help to our village and shaping who we are today.”

Donad, farmer, Philippines



📍 Replanting with native and food-bearing trees after deforestation, Vanuatu.
Photo: Tearfund



PHILIPPINES

- 40% of households saw income increase
- 57% growth in sales revenue
- 6,590 people benefited



SRI LANKA

- 6,100 farmers trained, 17% new
- 783,467L milk collected
- 2,272 farmers got fair milk prices



NEPAL

- 210 households earned up to NPR 100,000 (NZD 1,250)
- 210 households achieved 8-12 months food security
- New sustainable income increased access to education and medical care



ETHIOPIA

- 4,600 smallholder farmers supported over 3 years
- 240 village savings and loans groups started
- Includes women and people with disabilities

Building climate resilience

NASITUAN, VANUATU

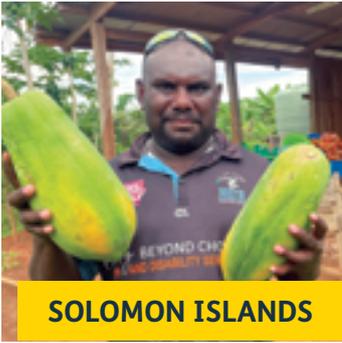
HOMES OF HOPE, FIJI

GREENMINDS, PHILIPPINES

Remote communities are becoming confident to take practical steps, adapting and becoming resilient as weather patterns shift.

Your support has seen *Greenminds*, our Philippines partner, mentor our Pacific partners by sharing their experience in climate-smart gardening and community-led training.

OLA FOU, SOLOMON ISLANDS



- 247 people directly supported
- 1,458 benefited
- Improved practices and new approaches adopted, youth leadership developed



- 56 farmers, and 8 leaders trained
- 12,000 coffee, 1,800 native seedlings planted
- 10ha of invasive vines cleared
- Over NZD45,000 worth of farmers' produce was sold



- 54 Master Gardeners trained
- 1,402 can now access clean water
- 548 people benefited from improved drainage
- Training youth in remote island communities to develop sustainable income sources

Looking ahead

Expanding our climate finance work across the Pacific, in particular on Tana Island in Vanuatu.

Growing diverse crops in ways that protect the soil, use water wisely, and develop resilience to extreme weather.



“Greenminds are the ones that motivated us and helped us to see the potential in the communities.”
Paza, Ola Fou, Solomon Islands

17,375
PEOPLE BENEFITED



📷 Tackling human trafficking by supporting survivors and addressing exploitation in supply chains.
Photo: Shutterstock

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PARTNERS

77

JUSTICE CASES ADVANCED

372

SURVIVORS SUPPORTED



Stand with people seeking freedom

“Tearfund supporters help me know we can do it. We can help more survivors. I want them to know that their support from far away makes an impact in people’s lives here in this country in Southeast Asia.”

LIFT Investigator, Thailand

Modern slavery is closer than we realise, and it thrives where poverty, unsafe work, and broken protection systems leave people vulnerable. Through your support, our local partner helps communities resist exploitation, support survivors on their journey to recovery, and strengthen justice systems so offenders are held to account.

In 2025, your generosity helped thousands of people move towards safety, dignity, and freedom.

- **Fiji:** Strengthening community-based protection
- **Solomon Islands:** Strengthening local governance and bylaws
- **Vanuatu:** Strengthening community-based protection and survivor support
- **Myanmar:** Combating forced marriage and forced labour
- **Cambodia:** Supporting survivor recovery and protection
- **Thailand:** Supporting survivor recovery and access to justice

11,060

PEOPLE EQUIPPED WITH TRAINING



I felt hopeless and scared of everyone. I wanted to run away because I thought no one cared about me. But now, I feel safe and warm.'

BoBo*, survivor of forced labour, Cambodia

*Name changed to protect identity.

Finding safety, dignity, and hope

When BoBo* was sexually exploited by a family member in Cambodia, her world collapsed. The 11-year-old withdrew. She stopped eating and struggled to learn. Bobo's mum reported the abuse as soon as she became aware. He was arrested the same day – and she began her long journey to healing.

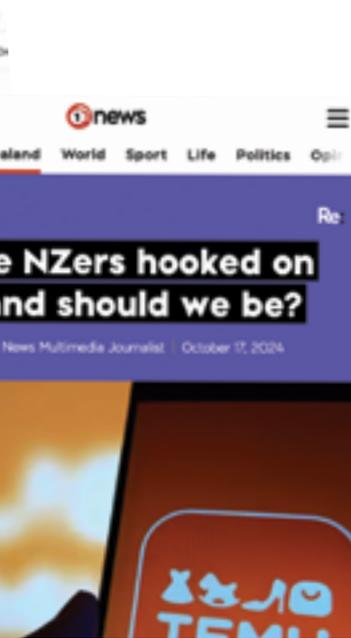
Bobo was supported by Tearfund's local partner, *Hagar*. With trauma-informed care, psychosocial counselling, food support, school materials, and legal assistance, her fear eased. Bobo began eating regularly, returned to school, and her confidence began to return.

Justice followed. With legal support, the perpetrator was sentenced to 10 years in prison and ordered to pay compensation. **Today, through your generosity, BoBo is safe and walking towards a future shaped by hope and restoration.** As well as restoring safety and dignity for survivors, your generosity strengthens justice systems so exploitation is challenged and accountability follows.

Looking ahead:

Continuing to provide targeted technical support to our Modern Slavery partners to strengthen their advocacy work, helping improve justice systems and protection for survivors in the countries where they serve.





Advocacy for a fairer future

Speaking up together for justice, dignity and protection.

Advocacy is only possible with the support and voice of people like you. Together, we speak up to decision-makers and challenge systems that cause harm, from exploitation in global supply chains to environmental damage that affects vulnerable communities.

This takes persistence, prayer and a public voice, but that's how lasting change begins. Advocacy is one way we can live out our faith, helping influence decisions and shape systems so both people and our planet are better protected.

18,800

TEARFUND ADVOCATES TOOK ACTION, TWO LAWS PROGRESSED



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Looking ahead:

With our supporters, advocating for a united approach to create robust modern slavery law that delivers real protection for vulnerable workers. A government announcement is expected at this time of this reporting.





Your compassion matters in a crisis

Families received urgent help in their time of greatest need.

Because our partners live in the places they serve, they can act swiftly and with deep cultural understanding.

When emergencies strike and already-vulnerable people's lives are turned upside down, entire communities are impacted. Your compassionate generosity makes an immediate response possible.

Our trusted local humanitarian partners deeply understand their communities.

Together, we listen and act, empowering local people with the skills and resources they need to survive, restore what has been lost, and rebuild their lives with resilience, dignity and hope.

From the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh, to war-torn Gaza and drought-affected Ethiopia, your support is making a real difference for people devastated by catastrophic events far beyond their control. Thank you for helping to equip our partners around the world and reminding fragile communities they are not forgotten.



Working with local partners to meet the most urgent needs for vulnerable communities, South Sudan.

Photo: Tearfund

23,582

HELPED TO REBUILD AFTER CRISIS

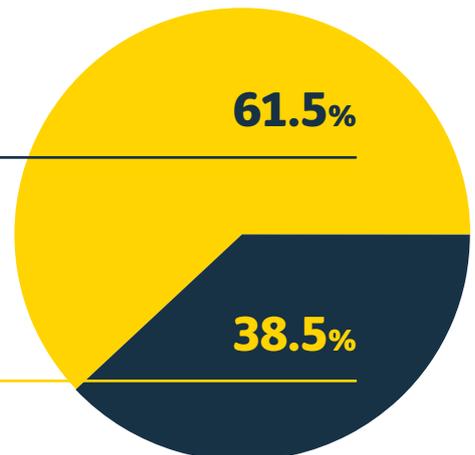
Your impact

Recovery and resilience

61.5%

Emergency response

38.5%





40,189

RECEIVED EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID

63,771

ASSISTED WITH VITAL AID AND SUPPORT



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.'

Galatians 6:9-10



East Africa Hunger Crisis

As Ethiopia enters its fourth year of relentless drought and hunger crisis, Kiwi supporters have not turned away. Your faithful giving has made it possible for our partner *Terepeza Development Association (TDA)* to stay the course. Our trusted Christian partner has deep roots in local communities, ensuring support reaches families with care, dignity and hope.

TDA is currently the only humanitarian agency responding in this area.'

Bereket, TDA CEO, Ethiopia

In 2025, you provided hope to 13,006 people:

-  **17.5 tonnes of oil**
urgent food support
-  **520 tonnes of maize**
urgent food support
-  **981 goats**
families livelihoods rebuilt
-  **600 households**
drought-resistant seeds



Watch Bereket's thank you video

Watch video

Critical supplies of maize and oil provided, after four years of failed rains, Ethiopia. Photo: Tearfund

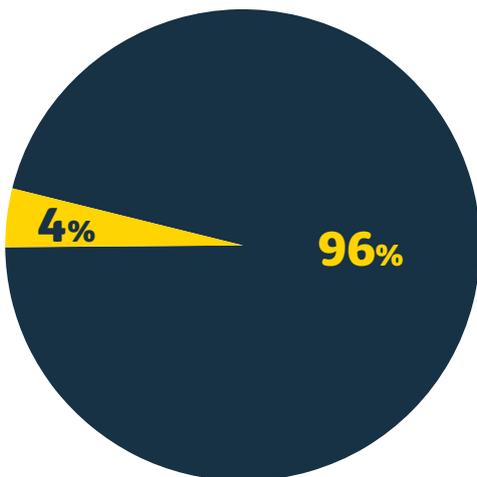


More than a bandaid

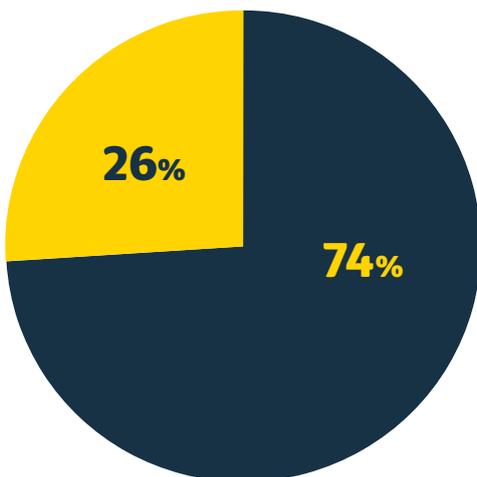
Thanks to your growing generosity, alongside vital MFAT funding, we have been able to move beyond short-term, life-saving emergency food distribution. Investment in longterm sustainable solutions, such as the distribution of goats, seeds, and training has helped rebuild lives. **As a result, in the past year, this highly effective approach has enabled 70% of households to move beyond receiving aid and provide for themselves.**

- Emergency food
- Seeds, goats and training

2023-2024



2024-2025



Myanmar earthquake

On 28 March 2025, a powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar. At least 2,719 people were killed, and thousands reported injured or missing. Whole communities were displaced, without shelter.

You helped meet urgent needs for 11,000 people:

- Clean water
- Emergency shelter
- Mosquito nets
- Solar lamps

We could act urgently because Kiwis like you responded without hesitation.

Tearfund has begun a new long-term plan to combat human trafficking in Myanmar, working with one of the trusted local partners who also responded to this emergency.

‘The force that a quake like this releases is about 334 atomic bombs.’

Jess Phoenix, Geologist



Emergency supplies for families displaced by Myanmar’s earthquakes. Photo: World Concern



Partnership that brings impact to life

Faith is expressed through relationship. Generosity is multiplied through partnership.

For many of our strategic partners, generosity is an expression of your faith in action. Some of you chose to step closer. You travelled to understand the work to end human trafficking in Thailand. Others sat with Bereket as he shared the reality of Ethiopia’s hunger crisis, or listened as Prema spoke with courage about breaking silence around abuse in the Solomon Islands.

These moments together did more than inform. They deepened compassion, strengthened trust, and reminded us that walking alongside local leaders empowers them.

Your generosity is often matched through *New Zealand Government MFAT* grants, bringing even more freedom, restoration and wholeness to communities facing injustice.



Modern Slavery cause supporters meeting the LIFT legal team, Thailand. Photo: LIFT

‘We found the evening to be very informative. The interactive activity was enlightening and gave a glimpse into the important work that LIFT undertakes to help fight against human trafficking.’

Sarah Brown, supporter, Whanganui

Thailand | Partner visit

A group of nine Tearfund supporters travelled to Thailand to experience the depth and complexity of modern slavery work with our partner LIFT. By stepping into real investigative processes, they gained first-hand insight into the courage, skill and persistence required to uncover exploitation.

Moved by what they witnessed, some supporters later opened their home to others, hosting a digital immersive event where their guests took part in a live investigative workshop led by LIFT. Together, we followed a simulated case, analysing clues, tracing suspects and understanding what it takes to pursue justice.



Tearfund on tour – 50 years of partnership

During Tearfund New Zealand's 50th year, supporters across the country were invited into a deeper experience of the partnerships they help make possible. Trusted local leaders shared first hand stories which brought global challenges closer to home.

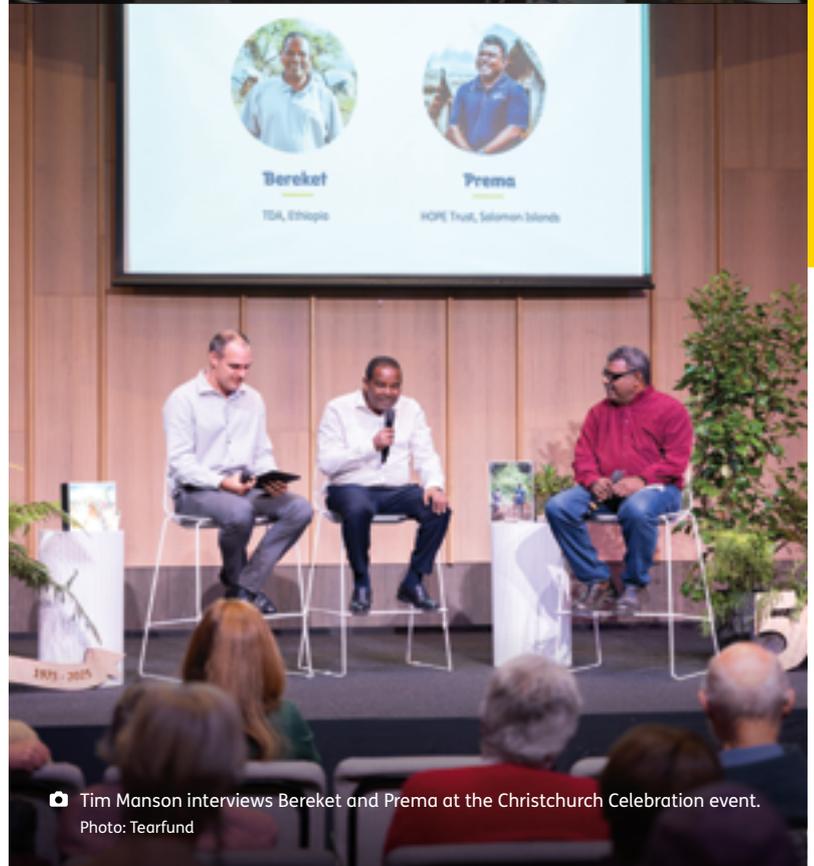
Meeting Kiwi partners, *Terepeza Development Association (TDA)* CEO Bereket Tassew and *HOPE Trust* CEO Prema Maeato shared insights from their work in Ethiopia and the Solomon Islands. They inspired us with their courage, trust and long-term commitment to partner with their communities for lasting change. The 50th Tour celebration began in Christchurch, continued through intimate gatherings in Dunedin, Wellington, Tauranga and Hamilton, and culminated with supporters in an Auckland event. Together, we gave thanks for five decades of partnership, looking ahead to the work still to come.

‘We enjoyed the Tearfund catch up in Dunedin [meeting] the team members who were there, along with other local Tearfund supporters.’

Helen and Mac Robinson,
supporters, Dunedin



Supporters gathering in Auckland.
Photo: Tearfund



Tim Manson interviews Bereket and Prema at the Christchurch Celebration event.
Photo: Tearfund



Tearfund team on tour, Wellington Airport.
Photo: Tearfund



Partnerships with purpose

Business and philanthropy driving global impact

Across business and philanthropy, partners play a vital role in Tearfund’s work around the world. Your generosity helps strengthen our response, enabling timely action in moments of crisis, bringing hope and lasting change for communities facing poverty and injustice.

Alongside financial support, strategic stewardship helps deepen impact, support innovation and strengthen collaboration on a global scale. Many donors tell us this is a meaningful way to put their values into action, standing with vulnerable communities in ways that honour dignity, build resilience and reflect God’s heart for justice and restoration.

Partnering with Tearfund aligns your generosity with your values.

By giving as a business or philanthropic partner, you help resource locally led solutions, respond when crisis strikes and stand with communities as they build resilient, hope-filled futures.

We invite you to join us in this shared calling to see justice restored and lives transformed. Contact emily@tearfund.org.nz for a conversation, or more information.

Looking ahead:

Together with individual supporters and businesses, we’re growing opportunities to raise awareness and funds for urgent needs, including upcoming events like April’s Donate to Dine in Tauranga, in support of SAFE.



“The purpose of starting the store was to create something that could give back and make a difference — a tangible project empowering women. When we heard about Tearfund’s partner in Nepal, their work and background, we knew it was something we could really get our teeth into.”

Chrissy Conyngham, Flo & Frankie Founder



“We’re proud to be partnering with Tearfund through our *Miracle Tree Charitable Trust*, investing to protect vulnerable communities from human trafficking, abuse and exploitation, to improve their livelihoods.”

Greenlane Medical Specialists



“We love to support Tearfund because it gives our business a higher purpose. It connects business to justice, hope, and practical action that brings lasting change. It is a privilege to be able to do our small part.”

Kaye Gardyne, HVS Motors



“We’re deeply committed to child protection. It’s why Tearfund and *Compassion* work through local churches to verify that every child in the programme is known, loved, and accounted for.”

Ocula



“Tearfund opened my eyes to a world that I had been pretty blind to. That’s why I created *The Freedom Fund*; a portfolio of investments with eligible gains paid straight to Tearfund to fight human trafficking.”

Amova Asset Management



“We have a responsibility and calling to aid those in vulnerable circumstances. Working with Tearfund means we can reach children across 13 coffee growing nations and support them in their community needs.”

Empire Coffee



The Big Quiz Night

is back!



36
NEW CONGREGATIONS

102
CHURCHES SIGNED UP

So much more than a fundraiser

At its heart the Big Quiz is a church relationship builder.

Through the Big Quiz Night, people were gently introduced to global justice issues and saw how their shared action can make a difference. These growing relationships are opening pathways for churches to engage with Tearfund in a way that fits them best.



Fun and quizzing were the perfect mix at Mairangi Bay Baptist. Photo: Supplied

“The Big Quiz was so fun. People really got into it. I can see why more and more churches are signing up.”
Soul Church, Matamata



From the top to the bottom!

From Kaitaia to Gore, people gathered in churches across New Zealand to connect, laugh, and learn together.



Gracecity Church hosted Big Quiz for the first time. Photo: Supplied

Who is the new Quiz King or Queen for 2026?

- A: Simon Barnett
- B: Sela Alo
- C: Petra Bagust

Follow on or sign up your church to host, to find out!

[Host a Quiz](#)



Big Quiz at Lincoln Baptist. Photo: Supplied



Big Quiz teams teams at Mardon Road Church. Photo: Supplied

Big Quiz was a fantastic night! Everyone loved the quiz video - especially seeing the different hosts reading out the questions. I thought it was brilliant that all the resources were provided and it ran so smoothly.'

A Big Quiz participant



Stephen Oundo shares his testimony with New Zealand churches.
Photo: Tearfund

When churches come together

From our beginning five decades ago, Tearfund’s story is woven tightly with New Zealand churches. We’re passionate about being a practical expression of God’s love to vulnerable communities overseas, together. Churches have stepped out in faith and generosity, reaching beyond our shores to walk with communities facing extreme hardship. Through Tearfund’s church partnerships on the ground, congregations here are helping to bring hope where it is needed most.

‘We have always been impressed with Tearfund - your values, standard of work and your commitment to restore creation and help marginalised communities flourish.’

Gabriel Jens,
West Hamilton Community Church

What NZ Churches helped make possible this year:

-  **Children** holistically nurtured through sponsorship
-  **Families in crisis** met with urgent supplies and hope
-  Empowered to protect the **exploited**
-  Equipped with **climate-smart** practices

This year, Justin Suh from South Korea and Uganda’s Stephen Oundo shared first-hand stories of children’s lives transformed through sponsorship.



Justin Suh

Dr Justin Suh's story shows how God's grace can transform nations – one child at a time. Two Kiwi-Korean churches heard from Justin, CEO of *Compassion* South Korea, about the amazing story of how *Compassion* began in Korea in 1953, through one missionary who cared for war-orphaned children. South Korea has become the first nation to receive support through child sponsorship to now become givers of hope for children still living in poverty around the world.

It's as if Jesus is embracing the children. Looking them in the eye, he says, 'God loves you, and he must have a wonderful plan for your life!'

Dr Justin Suh,
Compassion Korea CEO



Justin sharing with Auckland-based Koreans about child sponsorship.
Photo: Tearfund



Child sponsors Jess and Eion McPherson with Stephen, Christchurch.
Photo: Tearfund

Stephen Oundo

Seven Kiwi churches invited Stephen Oundo to share his testimony during his visit, encouraging congregations in their faith.

Now a Senior Pastor, Stephen grew up in poverty in Uganda, raised by a single mother and surrounded by uncertainty. He shared how God used the child development programme at his local church to shape his life and calling. There Stephen received education, medical and spiritual support. His family found stability, and he discovered his purpose through worship and music.

As churches welcomed Stephen and listened to his journey, many were reminded of the difference their prayers and generosity make.

We are deeply grateful to the churches who invited Stephen and Justin to share their faith-filled stories.

Looking ahead:

Mini-mission opportunities for New Zealand churches to see the outcomes of their faith in action. Some trips planned include travel to Uganda, Fiji, and the Philippines.

Continuing to build relationships with churches across New Zealand, sharing our work with congregations, and inspiring church members in practical mission.

Invite a Tearfund speaker

Request a speaker



For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.'

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)



\$3.95

GENERATED FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT ON FUNDRAISING, OPERATING COSTS AND GOVERNANCE



Your giving made a greater impact than you knew

Our complete, audited, financial statements are available upon request.



Donation income by cause

for the year ended 30 June 2025

● Child Development	\$7,422,326	44 %
● General	\$3,012,223	18 %
● Disaster and Conflict	\$2,414,859	15 %
● Modern Slavery	\$1,964,652	12 %
● Farming and Enterprise	\$1,824,130	11 %



What money was spent on

for the year ended 30 June 2025

● Programme Grant Expenditure	\$10,822,308	68 %
● Administration Expenditure	\$2,432,376	15 %
● Promotional Expenditure	\$1,782,142	11 %
● Local Programme Management	\$713,313	4 %
● Education and Advocacy	\$252,815	2 %

22
PARTNERS

27
PROJECTS

37
COUNTRIES

135,221
PEOPLE REACHED



Ensure your legacy lives on

A gift in your Will is one way to reflect God's love, justice and compassion beyond our lifetime.

Planning a bequest through Tearfund will continue on the good work you have started, ensuring the causes that are important to you will be supported in your legacy.

“ I think everyone should have a Will. I have included a gift to Tearfund in my Will to help with support for my sponsored children. I hope the legacy in my Will would support Tearfund's work in even a small way.”

Zenas, sponsor, Auckland

What does the Bible say about leaving a legacy?

Legacy expert, Trevor Thomas, from *Ethinvest*, explores biblical perspective on generosity, stewardship and the lasting impact of faith-shaped giving, in an on-line webinar.

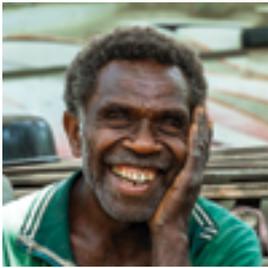
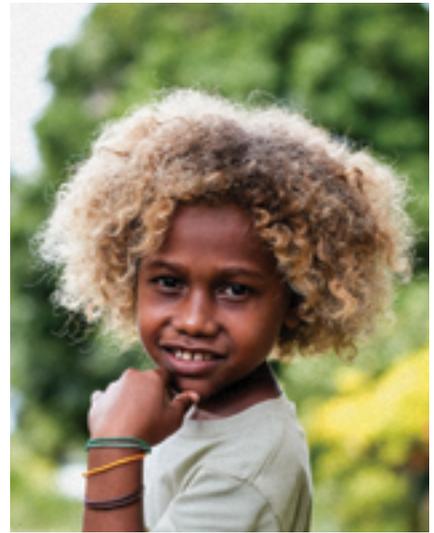
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Get free resources

**Our vision is to see individuals
and communities around
the world transformed by hope,
opportunity and dignity.**





This is our faith in action

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