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WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

When the goal's to be
no longer needed

**Jeero's extraordinary
journey**

**Flo & Frankie
knew**

100 children. One church
What happens when
a church says yes?

And **Nathan drew**



I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.'

1 Corinthians 3:6-7



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Inside out

STORY IAN MCINNES



“Stay in your lane,” we’re sometimes told.

I was told to stay out of politics, an unwritten rule for many aid workers. Yet in January 2026, National MP Greg Fleming and Labour MP Camilla Belich co-sponsored a Private Member’s Bill introducing Modern Slavery legislation. Tearfund’s Claire Gray had worked on this for years, including with Greg and Camilla. It’s a powerful example of what can happen when people work together across traditional divides.

‘Business and charity don’t mix.’ I was told that, too. Yet Flo & Frankie’s jewellery range directs 15% of every sale to women in Nepal. Owner Chrissy Conyngham writes of growing their giving as the business grew.

In Sri Lanka, our partner is helping protect children while supporting low-income families to collect, produce and market over NZD \$2.2 million in milk sales, with technical support from New Zealand’s dairy sector.

Across our work, we see partners help one another where they have skills to share. Datu Mkakadingding is an agricultural specialist who takes what he’s honed running *GreenMinds* in the Philippines. He trains communities with our partners across the Pacific; in Fiji, the Solomons and Vanuatu, assisting gardeners to improve their crops of peanuts, chillis, and other high-value produce.

Churches are reaching into communities where state services are struggling or non-existent. In South Sudan,

more than 8,000 church volunteers are going village to village, home to home, ensuring children are sleeping under malaria nets and practicing good hygiene. This opens the door for conversations with parents about social and spiritual wellbeing. Tearfund’s Church and Community work is an exciting new focus for us.

Churches are reaching out to other churches too. Grant Harris, Senior Pastor at Windsor Park Baptist Church, has led by example. He and his wife sponsor children in the Philippines and have helped mobilise their church family to sponsor 100 more. Partnerships like this are not quick, but they run deep. “Much of this kind of work is slow Kingdom work,” says Grant.

I couldn’t agree more. Legislation to keep slavery at bay is Kingdom work. Business serving communities is Kingdom work. Churches transforming communities is Kingdom work. Everyday conversations matter. Melwyn in our contact centre often prays with supporters as they talk about their world and the causes they care about. Our lives are deeply intertwined. God is interested in the whole of life, and all of it sits under his dominion: our passions, money, skills, enterprises, neighbourhoods, and even our laws.

The expertise Tearfund has developed over years to tackle poverty works best alongside the gifts, skills and experience of others. The body of Christ has many parts; I love seeing them come together in powerful, living ways that multiply God’s mission on this glorious but troubled earth.

When we work together, we can solve problems that are too big for any one of us; too big even for just one sector

When hope took a seat: Jeero's story

“It was the light at the end of the tunnel.
It changed everything about me.”

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Jeero and Nora celebrate their wedding day in Uganda.
Jeero's story is one of hope, perseverance and new beginnings.
Compassion

Jeero says faith shaped his life, and supported him when tragedy struck.

When teachers came looking for Jeero, they often found his seat empty.

Few things mattered to him more than learning, but each time school fees went unpaid he was sent home.

“I really loved school,” Jeero says. “Sometimes I would hide under the desks or ask my friends to hide me because I didn’t want to miss class.”

Growing up in a community in Kampala, Uganda, where many families struggled to afford the basics, Jeero knew hardship. Rain leaked through the roof of the unfinished house where his family lived, sometimes forcing them out of bed during storms to sweep water off the floor. Most days, their one meal consisted of maize porridge and beans, and meat was a rare luxury. Footballs and toys were fashioned by hand from whatever materials he could find, and endless games were invented with neighbourhood friends. But behind their childhood laughter was a reality his mother faced every day: providing for her family often felt impossible.

For Jeero, school represented possibility. He dreamed of a future beyond the circumstances he saw around him. But what Jeero remembers most clearly is not what his family lacked, but the faith that filled their home.

His mother was a committed Christian who devoted her life to ministry. Jeero remembers her travelling to villages and sharing her faith wherever she could. Despite the challenges they faced, she never stopped believing.

That faith shaped him. Even as a young boy, he carried big dreams. Watching his mother struggle only

strengthened his determination. He often told her that one day he would build her a house and buy her a car.

Keeping Jeero in school was a constant struggle. School fees were beyond his mother’s reach, so he was regularly sent home from class. Yet she never stopped searching for a way forward, and she never stopped praying.

One day, while at the market, she heard about a local church-based child development programme.

She rushed home and took Jeero to a nearby project, only to discover registrations had already closed. Rather than accepting defeat, they walked to another church where enrolments were still open. By the time they arrived it was getting late, but staff agreed to complete the paperwork and told them to go home and wait.

Then they prayed.

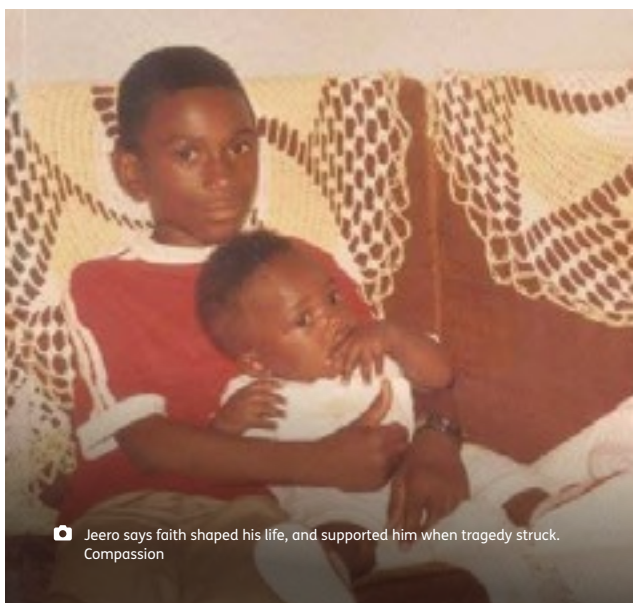
Jeero remembers his mother holding onto hope even when she could not

see a way forward. “We kept on praying for a month,” he says. Then the phone call came.

“It was a Monday. They called with the good news that I had a sponsor in the project. I was the most happy person that day.”

Being sponsored meant Jeero could remain in school, but what he found through the programme reached far beyond education. “It was the light at the end of the tunnel,” he remembers. “It changed everything about me.” The centre became a place where he was encouraged, challenged and given opportunities to grow.

There were games and friendships, mentors and opportunities to lead. Through Bible studies and mentoring relationships, his confidence began to grow.



“God was part of life, he has always been part of my story.”

The local church became a place where he felt known and valued.

Most significantly, Jeero's faith began to grow. "I got to know more about God," he says. "I learnt how to pray. It gave me hope and faith. It was the turning point of my journey with God. The local church became part of my family."



changing. The more he experienced the encouragement of mentors, church leaders and people who believed in him, the more he wanted to offer that same hope to others.

Jeero completed a degree in Child Development and Children's Ministry, and a Master's in Public Administration.

"For 15 years now I've been in front

That support became even more important when tragedy struck. When Jeero was 13, his mother was murdered, leaving him to navigate one of the most difficult seasons of his life.

The people around him continued to walk alongside him. Church leaders encouraged him. *Compassion* project staff helped care for his practical needs. His sponsors Jonathan and Rebecca continued writing letters and cheering him on from the other side of the world.

That turning point would shape the course of his life. Over time, Jeero realised his childhood dreams were

of vulnerable children and young people, connecting them with different activities that impact their lives, and making sure they get to know God," he says.

Two years ago, he accepted a role in New Zealand, settling here ahead of his family. He now works with children with intellectual disabilities in Hawke's Bay.

The boy who dreamed of changing his mother's life discovered a bigger calling along the way. Today, Jeero spends his days helping children grow in confidence, develop their potential and know they are valued.

And now, that's exactly what he has become.



Waiting for letters

Letters from his sponsors Jonathan and Rebecca were really important to Jeero.

"They really communicated. They wanted to know my story. They wrote to me, asked about me, how I'm doing, how school is, my life at home. They were interested in knowing my story. I became part of their life."

Knowing that someone on the other side of the world cared about his life encouraged Jeero through some of his most difficult seasons.

Years after Jeero left the Child Sponsorship Programme, he found Jonathan and Rebecca on Facebook. It was a long-held answer to prayer when they were able to attend his wedding in Uganda. "At last I met these two good souls who spoke hope into my life."



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Seeing change take root in the Solomon Islands

After nearly 30 years of supporting Tearfund, Dr Phil and Helen White travelled to the Solomon Islands with members of the Tearfund team and other supporters to witness the anti-modern slavery work of local partners first-hand.



GUEST WRITERS
DR PHIL AND HELEN WHITE

What we encountered deepened our understanding of both the challenges people face and the quiet strength of local leaders creating change from within. One of the first things that surprised us was how isolated many communities are.

Even close to the capital, Honiara, villages were remarkably remote. Within half an hour's drive, decent roads and electricity ran out. Some villages could only be reached by four-wheel drive vehicles, and even then, with difficulty.

We learned that police fuel supplies can be unpredictable, making it difficult for officers to reach remote villages when they are needed. As a result, communities often rely heavily on local leadership and by-laws to keep people safe. It helped us understand why the work being led by *HOPE Trust* matters so much.

Travelling alongside members of the Tearfund team and other supporters, we felt excited, and if we are honest, a little nervous too.

We were warmly welcomed by Prema, Paza, and their colleagues from Tearfund's partners here, *HOPE Trust* and *Ola Fou*. Over the next few days, we visited villages, listened to local leaders, and started to understand more of both the challenges people face and the work being done to strengthen communities.

One of the things that challenged us most was seeing how stretched local systems can be. We also saw first-hand that foreign aid is not always targeted at locally agreed needs.

Driving by the main hospital in Honiara, we were told that supplies of everyday items such as paracetamol, dressings, and IV fluids were unpredictable. We were also deeply affected by the number of young patients recovering from leg infections or amputations linked to complications from diabetes. We visited a brand-new hospital building funded from overseas that could not open because there were not enough trained staff or resources to operate it. For us, it reinforced the importance of organisations like Tearfund working alongside trusted local partners who understand what support is genuinely needed.

As we travelled, we were impacted by how vulnerable some communities are to risks of abuse alongside the opportunity that also comes with large logging, mining, and foreign commercial operations. For instance, a family without electricity may face pressure to accept arrangements that put their children at risk, in exchange for something as basic as solar panels.



The reality of isolation

Many Solomon Islands communities are separated by long ferry journeys, limited roads, and unreliable infrastructure, making local leadership and support systems especially important.



After three decades of supporting the work tackling modern slavery, the Whites saw first-hand the impact of their generosity. Supplied

Yet alongside these realities, we also witnessed hopeful signs of change taking root. We heard a high school student share what they had learned about internet safety through training provided by *HOPE Trust*. In another village, young people spoke enthusiastically about farming techniques introduced through *Ola Fou*.

We also met staff members serving with *HOPE Trust* and *Ola Fou* despite being separated from their own families and villages by a three-day ferry journey. Their commitment deeply moved us.

One moment stayed with us in particular. We witnessed a woman confidently speaking in a village hall with several village chiefs present, something we were told she would previously not have felt able to do because of traditional culture. It may have seemed like a small moment, but to us it represented something much bigger. Real change was taking place steadily and from within the community itself.

It was a real privilege to witness first-hand that lasting change grows from within communities themselves.

Sharing the journey with other Tearfund supporters also gave us time to reflect on what partnership really means, and the importance of listening to local communities and leaders. We came away deeply grateful to the teams from *HOPE Trust* and *Ola Fou* for their hospitality and leadership, and with a stronger belief that lasting change happens when local communities are trusted and equipped to lead the way themselves.



Partnership in action

Tearfund supports local organisations already embedded within their communities. In the Solomon Islands, *HOPE Trust* works with communities to strengthen child protection, raise awareness of exploitation, and support local safeguarding systems. *Ola Fou* helps young people and families strengthen food security and livelihoods through practical farming initiatives and community development.

**Together, our work helps reduce vulnerability
and strengthen communities from within**

The daughters' letter

In a rural school in Nepal, a group of girls stood together around a large banner, carefully writing their names beneath a message they hoped would shape their future.



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This was not a small moment. It was a quiet act of courage.

For generations, early marriage has shaped the lives of girls in many Nepali communities. It is often seen as the expected path, woven into family life and long-held tradition. To question it is not simple. To speak against it takes courage. Yet here, these girls chose to do exactly that.

Each girl signed her name, choosing a different future

The banner became a public letter. Then, one by one, each girl went home and wrote to her own parents, putting into words something that had remained unspoken for too long.

Why this moment matters

In many rural communities across Nepal, child marriage remains common. Families carry deep responsibility for their children's future, and decisions are shaped by economic pressure, tradition, and limited choices. For girls, this can mean leaving school early and stepping into marriage before they are ready.

But something is beginning to change.

These schoolgirls are naming their hopes and dreams while respectfully asking their parents to consider a different future. For decades, *Share and Care Nepal* has been walking alongside communities, building trust and creating space for change to grow within families. Because of your support, moments like these are made possible: where girls can find their voice and speak for their own future.

Conversations that change futures

For many parents, receiving a letter like this is deeply moving. It opens the door to conversations that might never have taken place. In communities where girls have often remained silent in decisions about marriage, their voices are now being heard.

Change like this does not happen quickly. It grows through trust, through relationship, and through the courage of individuals willing to speak. In one rural community, local systems are beginning to reflect this shift, with new initiatives that support girls to stay in school and reach adulthood before marriage. These are small steps, but they point to something larger taking shape.

Because of your support, partners like *Share and Care Nepal* can continue walking alongside communities over time, creating space for these conversations to grow and for change to take root. What began with a group of girls standing together is becoming something more. A quiet but powerful movement toward a future where their choices, their voices, and their hopes are given the space to flourish.

Namaste Dad and Mum,

I am your child, the one who grew up smiling in your arms, who is moving forward carrying your dreams, and who is searching for her future path under your love and blessings. Today, I wish to share something deeply important from my heart with you.

I have seen how much you have struggled for our every happiness. From the first light of morning to the last breath of night, you have kept nothing for yourselves. Because of your sacrifice, love, and dedication, I stand here today, hopeful to become something meaningful, confident that I can achieve something in life.

I am beginning to understand what life truly is, what dreams mean, and the value of my own existence. This age of ours is meant for playing, learning, laughing, and building the foundation of our future, not for marriage. Child marriage tears apart those dreams, leaves the future incomplete, and weakens the spirit.

I want to choose a path of building my life through education, not marriage. I want you to allow me to study, to understand the world, and to even learn from my mistakes. With your support, love, and blessings, I will bring a day that shines pride on your face.

The "Commitment Program Against Child Marriage" conducted at our school by Share and Care Nepal opened my eyes to awareness. This campaign taught me that our future is in our hands and that we have the power to make decisions. Therefore, we pledge: "We will not engage in child marriage, nor will we allow it."

Your trust is my greatest motivation. Please allow me to study and support me in fulfilling my dream. I will not break your hopes; I will make your name shine brightly.

Your daughter

Each schoolgirl wrote her parents a letter asking for continued education instead of early marriage.
Luniya Karki

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A far-reaching initiative in rural Nepal

A small fund is set aside at the birth of every girl, and she can access it when she turns 20 and completes her education.

- ✓ It gives families a reason to pause, and to consider a different future for their daughters.

- ✓ It is a simple idea, but also a powerful signal that a girl's future is worth investing in.

A business built to give

Chrissy Conyngham and the team at Flo & Frankie knew they wanted their business to give back.

“When we were building our business, we did not have surplus income to give,” Chrissy says. “But one of my daughters challenged me.

She wrote a note that said giving should be part of our growth strategy. That shifted something for me. We realised we did not need to wait. We could start now.”

So, they took a step of faith. “We created our jewellery range as a way to build a business that also gives back,” Chrissy says. “It has become a core part of why we do what we do. Our team feels inspired knowing their work contributes to something bigger.”

Every purchase became part of something larger: women in New Zealand supporting women in Nepal to build safer futures for their families.

What struck me most was that these mothers are just like us. They want the best for their daughters. They want them to have opportunities and a better future.’

Chrissy Conyngham, Flo & Frankie

That step led to *Flo Gives Back*, their giving initiative, and *Humble and Heart*, a jewellery range with 15% of every sale going directly to Tearfund’s Modern Slavery work. But numbers only tell part of the story. To understand the rest, you have to go to Nepal.

Chrissy and her three daughters travelled to rural Nepal with the Tearfund team in 2018.

“It was life-changing,” she says. “I will never forget the faces of the women we met.”

They visited several villages in Makwanpur District. Some had been part of the programme for years; others were only just beginning. “The difference between them was remarkable,” Chrissy reflects. “Women who had received



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Chrissy's story

small amounts of seed funding had built businesses. Their daughters were now able to access education, something that was not possible before.”

These are remote communities. Many families have no reliable income. Girls walk two hours across steep terrain just to reach school, if they can go at all.

The girls dream of becoming nurses, doctors, and teachers. “Even through language barriers, their pride and excitement were clear. They showed us their crops, their livestock, their children’s progress in school.”

“This is not about handouts,” Chrissy says. “It is about equipping women with skills and opportunities that transform their futures.”

Through Tearfund’s partner *Share and Care* Nepal, women come together to pool savings and support one another. “Before engaging with these programmes, many women felt invisible,” Chrissy reflects. “They lacked confidence and influence in their families and communities. Through Tearfund’s work, they are trained in leadership, financial skills, and group accountability. Women take turns leading meetings, managing finances, and reporting back.”

With a small start, families build something sustainable. One goat becomes two. Income grows. Children are fed, clothed, and sent to school.

“Sitting with these mothers, you see their love for their children,” Chrissy says. “It is the same love we all share. With the right support, they can protect their daughters and create safer futures.”

“Tearfund works with local partners; people who understand the culture, language, and community.

They are deeply committed and work directly alongside the villages. This makes the impact more meaningful and sustainable.”

There were no new cases of early marriage, trafficking, or domestic violence reported in these communities, according to *Share and Care*’s 2025 review. Eleven girls received scholarships and completed schooling. Around 1,500 people have participated in awareness programmes on trafficking, unsafe migration, and gender-based violence.

More than 200 households have started small businesses or livestock initiatives. Over 70 women trained as counsellors are now supporting others.

“That captures the heart of this work,” Chrissy says. “It is tangible. It is generational. It is lasting change.”

For Chrissy, Nepal has never left her. “It remains a big part of our motivation to ensure our business thrives and is a vehicle for giving to others in need.”

“I am no longer merely surviving. I am thriving with hope, strength, and determination to build a better future for myself, my family, and my community.”

Programme participant

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**Flo & Frankie set out to build a business—
What they built was something more**

Justice rolls like a river

STORY CLAIRE GRAY

If you've ever wondered, 'Does advocacy really make a difference?', then this story is for you.

When the Modern Slavery Bill passed its first reading in Parliament earlier this year, some people saw a sudden breakthrough. But from where I sat, it didn't feel sudden at all. It felt like watching a river wear through rock, little by little, until a new path emerged.

There's a Scripture verse that has stayed with me throughout this journey:

Let justice roll on like a river.'
Amos 5:24

I love the image of God's justice as a river because rivers can transform landscapes. Their movement can seem slow, almost imperceptible at times. But over time, they reshape what once seemed immovable.

That's what this advocacy journey has felt like as we've tried to bring more of God's justice to people affected by slavery and exploitation.

So, let me take you back to where this first started for me.

After four years of research through our Ethical Fashion Report, we reached a sobering conclusion: voluntary action by companies wasn't enough. Some businesses were leading the way, genuinely trying to understand and address exploitation in their supply chains. But unfortunately, they were the exception.

And so, we made a decision: New Zealand needed modern slavery legislation, something that would create a level playing field and ensure that doing the right thing wasn't optional.

The momentum grew as, together with Trade Aid and World Vision, we helped deliver a petition to Parliament signed by 37,000 New Zealanders. Later, thousands more people made submissions as the Government explored what modern slavery legislation in New Zealand could look like.

But advocacy journeys are rarely straightforward. There were moments when progress slowed and it felt like nothing was moving at all. At times, it was discouraging. And this is where advocacy can feel hardest; when it seems like you've done everything right, and yet nothing quite moves. But a river doesn't stop when it meets resistance. It keeps on moving.

A new coalition Government was in power, and the pathway forward for modern slavery legislation became far less certain. Luckily, rivers don't rely on one pathway.

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Why this matters

Modern slavery is not just an overseas issue. Products Kiwis use every day, like coffee, electronics and clothing, can be linked to exploitation in global supply chains.

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READING



Parliament's Order Paper on 29 April 2026 was a milestone moment for human trafficking in New Zealand. Tearfund NZ

When the terrain changes, they find another route. So, in late 2024, a group of experts drafted a model law for New Zealand. If the system wasn't advancing the work, the work would still advance.

By 2025, momentum was building again as Modern Slavery Bills were introduced into the private members' ballot from opposite sides of Parliament. Behind the scenes, people kept working patiently across political and organisational lines. Slowly, something began to take shape.

Finally, the moment we had been hoping for arrived. In January 2026, Greg Fleming (National) and Camilla Belich (Labour) co-sponsored a single Private Member's Bill.

And then, on 29 April, the Bill reached its first reading. Listening to the speeches, I found myself thinking less about that moment, and more about all the moments that had led to it.

“ This Bill has been the work of many, and it has also been many years in getting to this House and getting to the stage of first reading.”

Camilla Belich, Labour

Greg Fleming reflected something similar. He said that without the persistence of advocates over the years, this simply wouldn't have happened. That it is, in a very real sense, proof that advocacy works.



Looking forward

There is still much work ahead. But this milestone is worth pausing to reflect on. I printed a copy of Parliament's Order Paper for Wednesday 29 April 2026 so that on the days when my hope is low or the obstacles feel insurmountable, I can remember the Modern Slavery Bill. It's a reminder of what can happen when people refuse to give up. When they add their voice, again and again, even when change feels slow. Over time, justice can reshape the landscape in ways we never thought possible, making a way where there wasn't one before.

If you've signed a petition, made a submission, supported this work, or simply cared about this issue, you've been part of that. And it's still moving.

And Nathan drew



Auckland
New Zealand

Shoes on. Left foot, then right.

A schoolbag sat next to him as he tied his shoelaces. Zipper not quite pulled all the way. A drink bottle tipped precariously, threatening to dislodge from the bag and connect with the wooden floor.

Ten-year-old Nathan tied the last knot and grabbed his bag.

Equilibrium restored.

'Are you ready?' Mum called.

'Yup!' Nathan replied.

First day of the week. It was time for school.



Thái Nguyên
Vietnam

Nearly 10,000 km away, in Thái Nguyên Province, Vietnam, families were disrupted as Typhoon Matmo made landfall on 28 September, 2025.

Arriving only days after Typhoon Bualoi, the torrential rain caused catastrophic landslides, flooding and widespread damage. In Trang Xa and Dan Tien communes at least nine schools were affected, including kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. Buildings were damaged, some destroyed, and 2,630 students would not be going to school that day.

Or the day after that.

There was no certainty of when things would return to normal. With household loss and food insecurity already a barrier, the extra resources needed to repair and restore classrooms seemed out of reach.



I did it so the kids in Vietnam can keep on learning. If I was one of those kids I would be really sad. So I just had to help them.'

With a secure and trusted partnership in place with *Korea Food for the Hungry International (KFHI) Vietnam*, Tearfund NZ decided to act.

But we weren't the only ones.

Nathan's mum, Seana – Design Lead for Tearfund – shared at home about the typhoons, and how plans were forming to help children return to safe schools so they could keep learning.

We would need Kiwis to help.

Phone calls were made.

Match funding was secured.

Projects were scoped.

A campaign was built.

And Nathan drew.



Sitting at the kitchen table, among a pile of papers, crayons scattered over the top, Nathan holds up his drawings, one at a time.



A teacher with a blackboard.

A classroom.

Students at their desks.

'Why did you do those drawings?' Nathan's dad asks.

'I did it so the kids in Vietnam can keep on learning. If I was one of those kids I would be really sad. So I just had to help them.'

Nathan's drawings formed the creative backbone of our Vietnam Flood Appeal, appearing on our website, email banners, mailouts, and social media channels.

Through the eyes of a child, Kiwis were connected to the people who would see the benefit of their generosity: school kids, many the same age as Nathan, who just happened to be in a different part of the world.

By the end of the appeal, over \$53,000 had been donated by the New Zealand public.

With match funding from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, work was able to begin across nine schools to repair and refurbish classrooms, libraries and walls, along with the provision of desks and chairs, 9,000 library books, 40 blackboards, and the replacement of water-damaged teaching materials.

Nathan, thank you for helping New Zealanders see people behind the project and imagine names behind the numbers.

You said, 'I think we should help them.'

And with your help, we did.



Partnering through the local church

GUEST WRITER PS GRANT HARRIS



I took a photo of the group from Windsor Park Baptist Church who had just arrived in Cebu, Philippines, for our second Exposure Trip. None of them knew I was taking it.

It was the kind of photo I love.

Ordinary New Zealanders from an ordinary church, walking single file through a community experiencing significant economic hardship, beginning to see a different part of the world for the very first time.

Their eyes were wide open.

I was walking at the back as they took in the sights, sounds, and realities of poverty in Cebu City for the very first time.

**You can't easily unsee it
once you've experienced it**

I've always loved child sponsorship, partly because I know personally how transformative it can be. Years ago, I had the privilege of visiting a child our family sponsored in India, with my teenage son. Sponsorship stopped being an idea and became deeply personal.

I realised that sponsorship really does change lives, not only for the child, but also for the sponsor.

From then on, I dreamed of our church embracing this work together. Not simply as individuals doing good things separately, but as a community sharing stories, praying, giving, and participating in something bigger than ourselves.

There's something powerful about a church family carrying a shared vision and seeing the collective impact of many small acts of generosity.

Today, our church sponsors around 100 children through *Compassion* projects in Cebu City. Over the past two years, we've taken groups of sponsors to meet children and families, walk the streets, worship with local churches, and witness first-hand the difference sponsorship makes. Much of this kind of work is slow Kingdom work. You plant seeds. You walk alongside vulnerable people. You invest in futures you may never

So much of this kind of work is slow Kingdom work



📷 We met some of the children we sponsor, and visited their homes.
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📷 Trying my hand at some crafts with children in the Compassion project.
Supplied

fully see. Again and again, our team members return home changed, more grateful, more aware, and more committed to living generously.

What has struck me most is the power of partnership. Tearfund New Zealand and *Compassion* Philippines have helped make this possible, but importantly, the work happens through local churches. That matters deeply to us because it reflects the way of Jesus, caring for people practically while also pointing them toward hope, dignity, and faith.

It took nearly a decade to build enough momentum to take our first team to Cebu. Good things often take time. But every time we share the story publicly, more people sponsor children, more connections are formed, and more lives are changed. We do our part today knowing that God's timeframe is so much bigger. I'm already looking forward to taking another photo someday. Another group of people with eyes wide open, discovering that even small acts of generosity can help change the life of a child, a family, and a community.



Could your church be part of this story?

Tearfund speakers are available to visit churches, and share stories from the field. Explore how your community can partner with local churches around the world.



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Building change that lasts

STORY KATE KARDOL

A look back on 15 years of transformation in Sri Lanka

For more than two decades, civil war tore the nation of Sri Lanka apart at the seams. Families lost everything: their loved ones, homes, and livestock.

More than 100,000 people were killed and millions more were forced from their homes. Women were uniquely affected as nearly 90,000 women lost their husbands and partners and became their families' sole breadwinner overnight.

Selina, a development worker, began journeying with survivors as they tried to rebuild their lives amidst the visible marks of conflict and destruction. What she discovered was widows, many of them already living in poverty, needed sustainable and safe ways to care for themselves and their families left behind.

"Suddenly, the women had to go out and do hard labour, leaving their children behind," says Selina Prem Kumar, founder of Tearfund's partner, *Yugashakthi* in Sri Lanka. "But what they earned in a day's wage wasn't even enough to feed their children."

"It's very traditional to have a cow in every household, and women are the ones who tend to the cows at home, so they already had the knowledge," continues Selina. "So, I thought to myself, 'What if I trained them a little more so their milk production could increase and they could sustain their income and be able to stay home with their children?' That way they will have a better life."



Selina and the *Yugashakthi* team celebrate their bestselling curd sold in traditional clay pots. *Yugashakthi*

“It’s the right of all human beings to live a life with dignity, love, peace, and justice. *Yugashakthi* guides those who need to achieve self-sufficiency and provides a platform to grow and thrive.”

Selina Prem Kumar, Founder, *Yugashakthi*

In 2009, Selina founded *Yugashakthi*, a social enterprise set up to help communities in poverty flourish, mainly through smallholder dairy farming.

In 2012, Tearfund began partnering with Selina and her team to help achieve their ambitious vision and support as many women widowed in the war as possible.

The dairy farming project started small with just eight women farmers and a few cows. Together, these smallholder farmers learned to maximise their cows' milk production and began earning an average of \$20 a month. It didn't take long to grow from those eight farmers to 150, when Tearfund began supporting the

programme in 2012. Smallholder farmers saw their monthly income multiply on average to \$150!

That's when Selina and Kevin Riddell, Tearfund's Senior Development Specialist, knew they were onto something. They could see real transformation taking shape within families and entire communities.

Take Pathmanathan, for example. After losing her husband in the war, she worked as a cook.

When *Yugashakthi* invited her to join the dairy programme, she was given a cow, trained in shed construction, feeding and animal handling, and shown where to sell her milk. Over time, she expanded to four cows and watched her household income double.

“Without Tearfund’s help, we would not be eating three meals a day or consider the next level of education for my children. This income means we can live.”

Pathmanathan, smallhold dairy farmer

Or Banumathy, who was displaced with her husband during the war and returned home to rubble. Despite the challenges, they were determined on starting again in their home village. Through the dairy farming programme, they replaced their older animals and were trained in cattle management. Banumathy saw her cows’ milk production rise steadily and from the profits of her milk sales alone, she sent her daughter to university.

By 2016, more than 2,700 farmers across the community, men and women were receiving the support and livestock they needed to start anew after decades of war.

Selina’s vision had always been about more than dairy farming, of course. Selina wanted to see entire communities flourish.

For the past five years, *Yugashakthi*’s work has been woven into Tearfund’s wider protection programme. Because while dairy farming was changing lives economically, Selina and the team knew that more needed to be done to protect people in poverty at risk of exploitation.

Children’s clubs were set up in every village under the programme, giving them a safe space to learn how to recognise and protect themselves from human trafficking. These have now been handed over to local churches to carry forward in their communities.

Mental health support helped children and families process war trauma, while a 24-hour hotline ensured help was always available in a crisis.

Together, these initiatives are still working today to create protected and caring communities, and we have you to thank.

With the support of thousands of compassionate Kiwis like you over the last 15 years, 13,200 smallholder farmers across 170 villages have become self-sufficient through dairy farming. Through *Yugashakthi*’s milk production collective and dairy factory, NZ\$2.2 million worth of milk has been sold to suppliers and customers across Sri Lanka and internationally. The programme has been so successful, in fact, they’ve expanded to create additional products, including cheese and ice cream.



But the difference didn't stop there. Their hard work has paid dividends, lifting entire families out of poverty and setting them on a trajectory previously unimaginable. Because people like you, Selina, and Kevin believed in them, they are now sending their children to university, building homes, and providing for themselves and their families with confidence and hope.

From the very beginning, the goal was to build something communities could one day own and run themselves. And we couldn't be happier to tell you that what you helped start all those years ago communities are beginning to now carry forward on their own.

As a result, Tearfund's 15-year partnership is entering its last phase as *Yugashakthi* moves towards complete independence.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the thousands of people who journeyed with us and Selina since the very beginning, who believed that good development takes time and that partnership is a powerful vehicle for change.

As Kevin puts it, "I've always seen my role as sitting in the passenger seat with Selina as the driver and together helping her reach the finishing line."

Through all this work, bringing out peace, justice, and love, we could glorify God. I'm so grateful to Tearfund and its supporters for helping us do this work over the years.'

Selina Prem Kumar

Now, here we are on the final stretch and our hearts are full of gratitude.

Together with Selina, Kevin, and thousands of others, you have rebuilt infrastructure, supplied new cows and helped community farmers access fair markets and competitive tools. Together, we've seen families restore what war had taken from them and then build something new.

We believe with all our hearts that God's hand has been on every step of this journey with our partner, *Yugashakthi*. Thank you for being on the journey with us.



By pooling their milk through *Yugashakthi*, smallholder dairy farmers can access reliable markets and earn a better income. Tearfund NZ



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The power of partnership over 15 years



**13,200+
farmers**

became self sufficient through *Yugashakthi* and Tearfund's dairy farming programme.



**NZ \$9M+
milk sales**

paid to small scale farming families by *Yugashakthi*.



**12,908
women**

learnt to grow savings and gained access to loans through dairy farming and Self Help Groups.



**17,240
children**

learnt their rights through Self Help Group activities.



Good things take time

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Local knowledge that grows

A roll of cloth lies on the table, carefully wrapping 100 peanuts seeds. Around it, farmers gather as Datu Makadingding smiles and asks a simple question. Is this batch of seeds worth planting?

In a few days, the answer will be clear. Some seeds will sprout. Others will not. It's a simple test, but one that could save farmers months of wasted effort and improve the success of their harvests.

Before long, the farmers are rolling the seeds themselves, laughing, asking questions and comparing notes before heading into the field for practical demonstrations. Datu's relaxed style makes it easy for people to share ideas and learn from one another. The lesson may seem small, but its impact reaches far beyond this community.

What began in a Filipino village is now being shared across the Pacific. Families in Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu are growing food more successfully, adapting to changing weather and creating new opportunities for their communities.

At the heart of this story is *GreenMinds*, Tearfund's partner in the Philippines. For 25 years, *GreenMinds* has worked alongside farming communities, helping families improve food security, care for the land they depend on and create reliable sources of income.

Today, those lessons are travelling beyond the Philippines. *GreenMinds* is sharing its practical experience with three Tearfund partners across the Pacific: *Ola Fou* in Solomon Islands, *Homes of Hope* in Fiji and *Nasituan* in Vanuatu.



Champion farmers gather around as Datu explains new seedling techniques. *GreenMinds*

At the heart of the *GreenMinds* approach is a simple belief, often repeated by founder Datu, "People first, then planet, then profit."

Earlier this year, Datu joined Tearfund staff and *Ola Fou* for training and community visits in Solomon Islands. Farmers explored everything from seed selection and soil health to making the most of the resources already available to them. Just as importantly, they were encouraged to pass those lessons on.

One participant reflected on the wider impact, "We are lucky that we've had many trainers like *Ola Fou* come into our community and teach young people on self-esteem and that they are someone.

It helps people to think that they can do this or that. Now, many young people in our community understand that they can take responsibility. It opens their minds. That is why in this community, young people are expected to be the leaders."

Datu says, "Encouraging farmers means communities realise they can do things beyond the usual." For him, growing confidence is just as important as growing crops.

The same idea is taking root in Fiji. When Padmani looks across her garden today, she sees more than vegetables. She sees fresh food for her family, extra income and greater confidence that they can cope when the weather changes.

Gardeners in Fiji say:



92% eating vegetables more often



68% earning income through produce sales



95% producing more food from their gardens



Average of 5 additional people trained by each participant



Like many families in rural Fiji, she has experienced the growing challenges of farming in an increasingly unpredictable climate. Cyclones can flatten crops overnight, while long dry periods and intense rainfall make growing food far more difficult than it once was.

Through the *Homes of Hope* Master Gardener* programme, Padmani learned practical techniques including raised garden beds, better water management and ways to help crops thrive despite difficult conditions.

The programme also included a climate-focused grant writing workshop. After successfully applying for funding, she received a rotovator to support her growing business and expand what she can produce.

Across the Pacific, changing rainfall, stronger cyclones and longer dry spells are making farming less predictable. Practical skills like these are becoming increasingly valuable for families wanting to grow enough food and earn a reliable income.

Padmani is now one of 25 Master Gardeners trained not only to improve their own gardens, but to share those skills with others in their communities.

The impact is already spreading.

Survey participants reported training an average of five additional people each, extending the benefits well beyond those who first attended. One participant said the most valuable part of the programme was simply: “Bringing together women, sharing ideas and knowledge.”

“When we get money from vegetables, it helps us to keep going. The income we have, we invest it to get more. I have vegetables and flowers, so I can buy new varieties for sale. You can buy other stuff and help your children, for school lists and books. Savings help our family.”

Padmani, Master Gardener, Fiji

* *GreenMinds*' gardening model has been adapted by Tearfund's partners across the Pacific. Participants are known as Master Gardeners in Fiji's *Homes of Hope*, Champion Gardeners in the Solomon Islands' *HOPE Trust* and Farmers of Excellence in Vanuatu's *Nasituan*.



Growing hope across Pacific partners



One Master Gardener harvested tomatoes and chillies before taking them to the community hall. Soon other women were asking how she had grown them, and how they could build raised garden beds of their own.

A ripple that keeps growing

Across the Pacific, every community faces different challenges, but the pattern is the same.

In Fiji, Master Gardeners are teaching neighbours how to build raised beds and manage water during dry spells.

In Solomon Islands, local leaders are passing practical farming skills on to other farmers.

In Vanuatu, communities are strengthening farming practices while planting coffee seedlings and restoring native vegetation around rivers and streams.

Months after the training finished, Datu is still receiving updates from Solomon Islands. The small peanut plot planted during the workshop has flourished, producing healthy crops. Soon those peanuts will be harvested.

But the harvest is more than crops. Local leaders are sharing what they have learned. Gardeners are training neighbours. Families are passing practical skills on to friends and relatives.

One healthy peanut seed produces many more, and one practical lesson grows into something much bigger.

This is the power of partners strengthening partners. Long after the workshops have ended, the knowledge continues to take root. The crops are growing and so is knowledge. And that may prove to be the most valuable harvest of all.

What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners receive specialised training and then pass those skills on within their communities, helping practical knowledge spread from neighbour to neighbour.

Hidden in plain sight

New training lifts lid on human trafficking risks in the Solomon Islands

From logging camps to city streets, a new push is helping frontline workers spot and protect victims of one of the Pacific's most hidden crimes.

It's late in Honiara. Teenagers, some as young as 14, pick through rubbish in the dark, collecting cans to sell.

"We are doing it to help our family. We need the money."

Scenes like this are not always what they seem and may point to something deeper.

A new training, first-of-its-kind, in the Solomon Islands was hosted by *Homes of Peace and Empowerment (HOPE) Trust*, supported by Tearfund's modern slavery partners, helping police and community workers recognise the signs of human trafficking.

The four-day workshop brought together officers from immigration, police, health, and justice, as well as community groups, to improve how victims are identified, supported, and protected.

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Judith Talai Kiriau, Project Manager and Legal Counsel for *Homes of Peace and Empowerment (HOPE) Trust*, says exploitation can take many forms across the Solomons.

“Within our logging camps, mining, even foreign fishing vessels coming in, they will send the girls out to them,” she tells PMN News.

“These children don’t know their rights. They have to find some way to earn money, and this is where they use their own bodies. Sometimes it is consensual ... to support their families, and there are times this exploitation is facilitated by their families.” She says cases are often hidden within families and communities, making them harder to detect.

“Instead of going to school, their relatives put them on the street to sell food at night ... some end up as house maids or forced to beg. People may hesitate to speak against chiefs or influential family members ... community members might not believe the victim or keep issues internal.”

Despite the scale of the problem, few cases reach court.

The 2025 Trafficking in Persons report lists Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu on its Tier 2 watchlist, meaning governments are not fully meeting minimum standards despite some efforts to address the issue.

Since 2021



51 cases identified by
HOPE Trust



Only 16 prosecuted by
judicial system



Solomon Islands remains
on **Tier 2 Watchlist**



**The first step to stop human trafficking
is knowing what it looks like**

What does trafficking in the Pacific look like?

Driven by poverty, lack of awareness or false promises.

- > Forced labour
- > Exploitation near logging/mining camps
- > Children in unsafe work
- > Forced marriage
- > Sexual exploitation
- > Domestic servitude

Since 2021, *HOPE Trust* has identified 51 cases, with just 16 prosecuted.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime estimates five to 15 victims are identified each year in the Solomon Islands, but says this likely reflects limited awareness and reporting rather than the true scale of the problem.

Officials say this does not reflect reality. In 2017, a Malaysian logger was charged in what was considered the country's first human trafficking case.

"Many cases show signs of human trafficking, but they also involve offences like rape, which carries a higher penalty," Constable Vivian Marehasi, Operations Manager of the Transnational Crime Unit, tells PMN News. "As a result, prosecutors prioritise those charges over trafficking."

She says the training is already shifting how police respond.

"When we take victims, the first thing we usually do is that we want to investigate, but these victims need special care. We have to see ourselves as protectors first and investigators second."

For many, the issue is not just law enforcement but awareness.

"Many cases remain hidden simply because the indicators are not recognised," Barbara Anne Stenson, Tearfund's programme specialist in the modern slavery sector, says in a statement. "When officers understand the signs of trafficking and how to respond in a survivor-centred way, it strengthens the ability of communities and authorities to protect vulnerable people."

Solomon Islands Minister for Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs Cathy Nori says access to justice remains a challenge due to geographic isolation, limited legal services, and the need to balance formal and customary systems.

Speaking at the Commission on the Status of Women 70th Session in New York earlier this month, she said strengthening survivor-centred responses and investing in frontline services are key to supporting victims and improving outcomes.

For those on the ground, spotting the signs earlier could mean the difference between abuse continuing unnoticed and someone finally getting help.

Kiriau says responses must reflect Pacific realities.

Human trafficking in the Pacific often intersects with traditional practices, extended family obligations, customary land systems and local labour migration patterns. Pacific organisations understand the context in a way overseas experts cannot.'

Judith Talai Kiriau, Project Manager and Legal Counsel,
HOPE Trust

More than a phone call

STORY MELWYN LE COMTE



Every day, our team answers practical questions over the phone about child sponsorships, donations and account updates. But often, those conversations become something deeper.

Melwyn has spoken with countless supporters from all around New Zealand in her twelve years with Tearfund. Sometimes a practical phone call becomes a chance to check in with someone.

While some people simply need assistance, others share stories about family, grief, faith, illness or hope. Some ask for prayer. Others simply need someone to listen.

I have spoken with supporters who have been in flood-affected areas of New Zealand. It's a good opportunity to ask them how they are doing. Sometimes a person will call about updating their details, but as we begin talking, they share what their community has been through, how neighbours helped each other, or how hard recovery from a crisis still feels months later. I think those conversations help people know we genuinely care about them, not just the donation they make.

People also share prayer requests about work situations, health issues, or family members who are struggling with faith. It means a lot that they trust us with those things, and our team makes a time to pray for them.

It's important to really listen to our supporters and not just get the call done. Sometimes I have prayed on the phone with supporters, and those moments are very special. I hope they feel encouraged afterwards, but I know those conversations encourage me too.

Over the years, I think these conversations have shown me how deeply supporters care about Tearfund's work and the people behind it. They trust us not only to steward their donations well, but also to pray with them and walk alongside them through different seasons of life.

We have a connection with our supporters that is precious and needs to be treasured.'

Melwyn le Comte, Supporter Engagement Coordinator, Tearfund

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Talk to us

If you have a question or a story about your journey with Tearfund, we'd love to hear from you. Perhaps you'd like to share an update, ask a question, or pass on a prayer request. Our Supporter Care team is only a phone call away on **0800 800 777**, or you can email **info@tearfund.org.nz**

Q&A: The local Church is there through it all

Starting in South Sudan

Tearfund New Zealand is piloting Church and Community in South Sudan, a country that has struggled with decades of conflict. Most people live in deep poverty, with significant barriers to their development, education, health and income. It's a difficult place for external organisations to have a long-term presence and impact. Yet local churches are there through it all, and we believe, best placed to serve their communities.

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Local churches:

best placed to serve their communities

Church and Community trains and equips local churches in vulnerable communities overseas to identify the unique challenges facing their neighbours, to plan and respond with practical action.

Rather than bringing solutions from outside, this approach helps churches build on the strengths, relationships and resources already present around them. While new to us, it builds on decades of learning from across the global Tearfund family.

We sat down with Tearfund CEO Ian McInnes and International Programmes Director Tim Manson to explore what they've learned and why they believe local churches can be a powerful force for lasting change in their communities.



IAN McINNES
TEARFUND CEO



TIM MANSON
TEARFUND INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

What is Tearfund's new church-led cause, Church and Community, trying to do?

Ian: At its heart, it's about mobilising the local church [in vulnerable communities overseas]. It trains and equips churches to reach out beyond themselves, to help transform things in their society which may exploit or keep people in poverty.

Tim: This model is not a short project-based intervention, but rather it's envisioning churches to say: What's God calling that local church to do in their community? And that process involves prayer, Bible studies, training, and reflection for church leaders.

Why is the local church so important in communities facing poverty?

Tim: Some countries face extreme challenges, like deep instability, conflict, and huge tensions. It can be very hard for external organisations to have a presence in those countries and to stay there long-term.

But what we've found is that local churches are there through it all. They're often there before humanitarian organisations turn up, and they stay long after they leave.

We've been interested to see the incredible reach that networks of local churches can have in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. It makes us think: How can we support these local churches to support the most vulnerable people in their communities?

What have we learnt about this church-led approach to alleviating poverty?

Tim: Tearfund UK commissioned an independent researcher to check that this was actually helping communities and having a positive difference. The results were incredibly encouraging. Every one of the communities churches had been working in showed dramatic improvements. That's a really important starting point; that we have a well-developed model that has been worked on over decades, and that there's strong evidence that this work is extremely impactful.

Ian: It is, frankly, one of the most powerful programmes we have for true transformation in a community.

Tearfund UK research shows:



27% higher life satisfaction among participating communities



Every **\$1 invested** unlocks **\$7** of local resources



9/10 communities improved or built shared facilities like roads and schools

What are some examples of Church and Community in practice?

Ian: We talked to one set of church leadership who had just started looking after those who had very few opportunities in front of them. That caught the attention of local government. Before you know it, they're getting their hands on the transport budget and they're improving infrastructure in the community. And a government, not necessarily sympathetic to Christians, is now all too willing to work with them because they're organising for the better of the community. And so, you begin to see Christians find their place with confidence because they're bringing love, genuine livelihood opportunities, security, and they're bringing Christ-like values to a society where those are not always present.

Tim: We're working with a network of churches [in South Sudan] who started supporting people to prevent waterborne diseases through really simple, low-cost interventions, through education, and hand washing in particular. And also to stop the spread of malaria, encouraging people to sleep under nets, and teaching how malaria is spread. These two issues currently account for a huge number of deaths in infants under five. This group of churches have looked at [those challenges] and thought, "We can do something really practical about that and make a tremendous difference."

What gives you hope?

Tim: Local leadership is critical for change to happen. What I absolutely love about this programme is its vision to inspire, encourage, and support local churches to engage with really complex issues in their communities - to do so with confidence that they can bring the love of Christ in a very tangible way.

How can New Zealand churches be involved?

Tim: We'd love prayer as we learn, and as we consider where God might lead us to take this work next. We would be open to thinking about how we could form closer links between churches in New Zealand and the churches we're partnering with overseas.

Ian: I'd love to see it grow in the hearts of Kiwis and churches here. Pick a church somewhere in the world and pray for it. Start reading through the resources and learn. If you want to light up your church for missions and for work abroad, we would say Tearfund's your partner to do that.

Proven results, life-changing outcomes

Tearfund UK commissioned independent research to evaluate the Church and Community approach; communities involved in the programme showing significant improvements. The remarkable results show that Church and Community brings positive whole-life transformation of great value, which is sustained and far-reaching.



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Ivan DOB 12 DEC

Ivan lives in **Uganda** with his mother. He is 12 and is in the school equivalent of Year 6. His favourite subject is Art.
Child No **UG051100906**



Jebayna DOB 30 Mar

Jebayna lives in **Sri Lanka** with her mother and father. She is 5 and speaks Tamil. She likes to draw and play with dolls.
Child No **LK030300356**



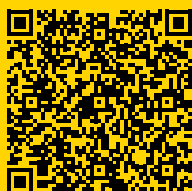
Sandy DOB 29 Nov

Sandy lives in **Philippines** with his mother and father and four siblings. He is 3 and likes rolling a ball to play.
Child No **PH200700168**



Divine DOB 5 Jul

Divine lives in **Rwanda** with her mother. She is 9 and is in the school equivalent of Year 3. Her favourite subject is Music.
Child No **RW063800585**



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