

April 2018

Pray with us

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April 8th

We begin a focus on our Sponsor Cause. We pray for the children and their communities and for some Tearfund staff involved in this vital work. **Read: Luke 24**

April 9th

"Hi, I'm Ros. I select Compassion children for sponsorship and answer sponsor questions. I work with Compassion offices so we are up to date with child information. Thank you for holding us, and this work in your prayers today." **Read: Luke 2**

April 10th

Ros writes "Thanks for your prayers. Our Supporter Relations team care greatly for our supporters and love speaking with them – and I'm inspired by them." Please join in praise for this work. **Read: Acts 4**

April 11th

Pray for more sponsors for Compassion children and that sponsors will write to their sponsor children and encourage them. **Read: Genesis 1**

April 12th

Give thanks for those who Lived Below the Line this year; new empowerment enabled through funds raised and lessons on hunger learnt by the participants. **Read: Acts 2**

April 13th

Remember today, all those who continue to suffer the effects of Cyclone Gita – and for all involved in recovery and rebuilding work. **Read: Mark 1**

April 14th

"Kia ora – I'm Sharon and I manage our events. I am blessed to bring to churches the talented musicians who have seen the difference sponsorship makes. Please pray for our Sponsorship tours." **Read: Gen 2**

April 15th

Sharon writes: "It is humbling to see how ordinary Kiwis are impacted by our tours. They sponsor a child and change that life forever. Give thanks for signs of God's work." **Read: Matt 3**

April 16th

Sharon writes: "An amazingly dedicated team at Tearfund bring child sponsorship to us. Let's pray that God will enable us all to be his hands and feet." **Read: Acts 9**

April 17th

Our focus turns to the Rohingya refugees. Around 700,000 have fled due to violence, and crossed into Bangladesh. The Rohingya are among the most persecuted groups. Please open your heart in prayer. **Read: Psalm 1**

April 18th

Our partner in Bangladesh has helped distribute emergency shelter and hygiene materials to 4500 families in refugee camps. Thank God for this ministry, and pray for its growth. **Read: Matt 4**

April 19th

There is concern about flooding, landslides and disease in the refugee camps, as the monsoon season arrives soon. Join your prayers with millions of others, that they will be protected. **Read: Acts 10**

April 20th

Prayerfully consider making a donation to our Rohingya crisis appeal. Just \$17 will provide a family with winter blankets, socks and warm hat for a child. Temperatures can drop to below 10 degrees in winter. Thank you for your prayers. **Read: Matt 5**

April 21st

Today we return to our focus on the Sponsor Cause. Please hold in your prayers Victoria, who works in Supporter Relations, with new child sponsors. **Read: Acts 17**

April 22nd

Victoria writes: "I call each new sponsor to thank them. I send out a Welcome Pack with information about their newly-sponsored child. Thank you for your prayers." **Read: Matt 6**

April 23rd

Victoria writes: "Give thanks because so many people partner with us. Please pray over new sponsorships - that people will commit long term." **Read: Romans 1**

April 24th

Please hold in your prayers all who those liberated from slavery and for Tearfund's partnerships in anti-trafficking. Pray also for all those who will, today, yearn, weep and pray for their own release. **Read: Ps 23**

April 25th

Today is World Malaria Day. May God's love be poured out upon all those who suffer from malaria – and those who grieve for the loss of loved-ones. **Read: Matt 9**

April 26th

We ask your prayers for all our sponsorship team at Tearfund – including Amy, Anna, Glen, and Rosie. Today, we introduce Melwyn, who contacts our Sponsors to update payment methods. **Read: Rom 3**

April 27th

Melwyn writes: "I ask your prayers for a great response to our latest Sponsorship tours and campaigns". Thank you! **Read: Matt 10**

April 28th

Melwyn writes: "Please join with me in thanksgiving for the leaders in our Supporter Relations team, and for wonderful, faithful supporters who give generously." **Read: Rom 6**

April 29th

Today is the International Day of Remembrance for all victims of chemical warfare. Please pray for God's peace to fill the troubled places of this world, and against the development of horrendous weaponry. **Read: Matt 18**

April 30th

We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Continue to give thanks for the truth of the resurrection, and the hope that "Jesus is Alive!" brings to all work for justice. **Read: Rom 8**

May 1st

Please pray for Melody, a key team member for our Sponsor Cause, "I look after sponsors when a child is leaving sponsorship. Often, that's a celebration, but sometimes it's for less-than-ideal reasons." Pray for those leaving this month. **Read: Psalm 19**

May 2nd

Melody writes: "Please pray with me that Tearfund would increasingly find ways to connect with more young couples and families who share our heart for sponsorship." **Read: Matt 26**

May 3rd

Melody writes: "We give thanks to God for the investment financially and emotionally in children's lives. It can clearly make a difference to them and their potential for the future." **Read: Rom 12**

May 4th

Give thanks to God for the change happening through the Ethical Fashion Guide. Brands are changing their supply chain practices for the better and Kiwis are using it to make more ethical purchases. **Read: Exodus 3**

May 5th

Return in prayer today, to Tearfund's Rohingya crisis appeal. Consider writing a prayer-reminder note and attaching it to the fridge to call you to prayer each day. **Read: 1 Cor 1**

May 6th

Give thanks for the connections between our partners overseas and churches throughout New Zealand. This is the Church in action for justice, as a beautiful agent for change through the Holy Spirit. **Read: Exodus 20**

May 7th

Pray for our small groups in churches – 'Catalyst Groups' – especially for any who meet today to prayerfully consider how to be attentive to God, to nurture seeds of hope in our local communities and throughout the world. **Read: Matt 28**