

May 2018

# Pray with us

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## May 8th

The Mwangaza Children's Choir is visiting New Zealand this month, singing in churches across the country. Please hold this event, and each of the beautiful Ugandan children in prayer. **Read: Luke 15**

## May 9th

My name is Melody Nunns and I am Tearfund's lower North Island church engagement manager. One aspect of my job is to assist churches on their journey towards child sponsorship. Pray for Melody's work and for the Mwangaza Children's Choir visiting Te Puke today. **Read: 2 Corinthians 4**

## May 10th

Please pray today for all recent recruits to the Tearfund Team and those taking on new roles. May God keep them safe in their work and bless many others through them. **Read: Luke 18**

## May 11th

Today marks the beginning of a special focus on Tearfund's Restore Cause. In the past 10 years, the number of people affected by disasters and conflict has almost doubled and this is expected to increase as climate change affects weather patterns. Pray for those most vulnerable. **Read: 1 Corinthians 9**

## May 12th

Kia ora, I'm Alice and I work to help communities in the Pacific to prepare for future disasters. I work with a youth-centred partner where the young people are the catalysts for change in their communities. Pray for this work. **Read: Luke 9**

## May 13th

Thank you for your prayers. Last year, our partner requested funding for a generator ahead of cyclone season in Tonga. When Tropical Cyclone Gita hit in February this year, thanks to the generator, they had a power supply. This was a real asset in their response to disaster-affected communities. **Read: 1 Corinthians 13**

## May 14th

The Mwangaza Children's Choir is an inspiring group of talented children who are dedicated to sharing the Gospel of hope through song, dance and their testimonies. Today, be thankful to God. Why not watch a clip of the choir in action on our website? **Read: 2 Corinthians 5**

## May 15th

Please pray for the Solomon Islands block course which recently began. This course brings together students from Vanuatu, Kiribati and Solomon Islands to continue their youth worker training, reflect on their practice and complete assignments towards

their qualifications. **Read: Luke 19**

## May 16th

Today is the International Day of Living Together in Peace. The focus is to uphold the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity. Pray that, beginning with each of us, we and our leaders may seek to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development. **Read: Isaiah 9:6**

## May 17th

Since August 2017, around 680,000 Rohingya refugees have fled their homes in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, due to violence, and crossed into Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Please hold in your heart, Tearfund's ongoing appeal in the face of this grave humanitarian crisis. **Read: Luke 24**

## May 18th

Please pray for students of Ola Fou, our Pacific youth development partner. Ola Fou means 'new life'. Right now, Tongan students and team members are trying to do their assignments in a difficult time as their communities are still recovering from Tropical Cyclone Gita. **Read: Galatians 5**

## May 19th

Melody Let's continue to pray for the Mwangaza Children's Choir—we ask that many will be prompted to consider sponsorship of a child through the ministry of the choir. Tonight, they will sing at Wellington Cathedral." May God beautifully bless this occasion. **Read: Mark 4**

## May 20th

Our Restore partner, Ola Fou, has sadly lost two members of their team recently—an Intern in Fiji, and a youth worker in PNG. Both were young and enthusiastic people, and their passing has been really felt by the Ola Fou whanau. Pray for peace for their families. **Read: Galatians 6**

## May 21st

Please pray for Jimmy, Port Moresby team leader and the Ola Fou PNG team as they respond in a small way to the earthquake victims in the Southern Highlands Province. Jimmy is working together with the communities and local authorities. Pray for God's and protection. **Read: Mark 8**

## May 22nd

Today, the Mwangaza Children's Choir hits the South Island. Please pray that many will be moved to consider sponsorship, as they reflect on the stories from their homeland of Uganda. **Read: Ephesians 2**

## May 23rd

Giving thanks for Tearfund's Restore Cause, we recall that The Rohingya people have had their villages destroyed and have been

forced to flee their homeland. They are now living in desperate conditions. Please continue to bring this appeal before God. **Read: Mark 15**

## May 24th

Please pray for those who are longing and imploring God for release from slavery; for Tearfund's partnerships in anti-trafficking. We especially remember LIFT International (formerly Nvader). **Read: Ephesians 6**

## May 25th

Today, we pray over food recovery in Tonga. With 40-50% of root crops destroyed, we are helping local farmers produce quick-growing crops so that cyclone-affected communities have access to affordable food. **Read: Mark 16**

## May 26th

With Oxfam, we are helping 800 organic farmers grow food for their communities by providing training, seeds, organic fertiliser, and hand tools. May God richly bless this work and the planting of seeds in God's name. **Read: John 1**

## May 27th

Tonight, the tour of the Mwangaza Children's Choir concludes in Christchurch. Pray for safe travels, and that the light they have brought in the name of Jesus, may continue to shine. **Read: Philippians 2**

## May 28th

Tearfund is providing funds to the Tongan National Council of Churches to support their wider food security recovery project. This ensures families have access to safe drinking water, and restores damaged farmland. Please hold this work in your heart, today. **Read: John 4**

## May 29th

Today is the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. In fact, it is the 70th anniversary of UN peacekeeping, a unique and dynamic instrument developed to help countries torn by conflict create the conditions for lasting peace. We ask your prayers for God's peace in our world. **Read: Philippians 3**

## May 30th

There are more than 900,000 Rohingya refugees living in Bangladesh. Today, seek to hold just one of those households in your prayers. **Read: John 10**

## May 31st

Each dollar spent on disaster risk reduction saves a greater number of dollars in relief and repairs. It also saves lives. So we're increasingly focusing on disaster risk-reduction and peacebuilding, to prevent human suffering and loss of lives down the track. May God bless the planning and preparation. **Read: Colossians 1**