Light the path out of poverty with your legacy.

A gift in your Will to Anglican Overseas Aid will transform lives for generations to come.

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A life free of poverty starts with your generosity, inspired by the love and selflessness of Christ.

When the odds are stacked against people in poverty, the legacy you leave will help them engage their challenges with hope.







Above: Agnes has been a 'Wise Choices for Life' trainer since 2018. Agnes believes strongly in the power of the 'Wise Choices for Life' program as she continually sees lives changed.

Cover Image: Antoniete is raising a healthy family with support from the 'Abundant Life for All' program in Mozambique.

How can a life of faith create a legacy?

As followers of Christ, we are called to embody his teachings of love, compassion, and justice. Throughout his ministry, Jesus demonstrated a deep concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, urging us to care for the poor and needy as an expression of our faith.

The alignment between our belief in Christ and our duty to care for people living in poverty is not only evident in numerous biblical commands but also rooted in the very essence of his teachings.

In Luke 10:27, Jesus teaches us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbour as yourself."

This commandment underscores the interconnectedness of our love for God and our love for others, emphasising the importance of recognising the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.

Jesus' tangible love for the poor and marginalised is evident throughout the Gospels, as he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and offered hope to the oppressed. By following his example and prioritising the needs of the least among us, we honour his teachings and continue his mission of love and solidarity with the marginalised.

Caring for people living in poverty is not merely a moral obligation but a spiritual imperative for followers of Jesus Christ.

It is a tangible expression of our faith in action, reflecting our commitment to living out the values of the Gospel and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

As we align our actions with our beliefs, we honour the legacy of Jesus and fulfill our calling to be his hands and feet in the world.



Above: Rev Christine teaches the 'Wise Choices for Life' program at a school for students living with a hearing impediment.

Rebecca (right) greatly appreciates having access to the program.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

– John 13:34





Above: Children line up for their daily meal of nutritious porridge at a remote school as part of the Imarisha Maisha program conducted by the Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Mt Kenya West.

Inset: Roger pictured at his home.



Roger, a dedicated schoolteacher, committed his life to teaching and assisting children, working for 33 years to improve student education in a regional city.

A committed member of his local Parish, he loved to sing from the Anglican Hymn Book and spent many years as choirmaster.

Roger left a bequest to Anglican Overseas Aid to support people battling poverty.

Shortly after receiving Roger's bequest, Anglican Overseas Aid was advised of the worsening drought and pending famine in Kenya. Vulnerable children had little, if any, food and were dropping out of school.

Roger's legacy funded an emergency feeding program in 77 primary schools across the region. The program fed 48,018 children daily. For many, this was their only meal of the day.

Roger's generous gift provided vulnerable children with desperately needed food, which in turn boosted school enrolment.

Roger touched the lives of thousands of students during his life on earth. His legacy saved the lives of thousands of children, enabling them to continue their education. An inspiring legacy of love.

Creating the future, inspired by Christ.

Leaving a gift in your Will to Anglican Overseas Aid is a powerful way to extend your commitment to following Jesus beyond your lifetime, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and impact.

Your generosity enables us to implement sustainable development programs that address the root causes of poverty and empower communities to create lasting change.

Through our holistic approach to development, we work hand in hand with communities to identify their most pressing needs and develop tailored solutions that promote self-reliance and resilience.

Whether it's providing access to clean water and sanitation, improving healthcare services, or supporting education and livelihood initiatives, your contribution makes a real and lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most.

By investing in projects that promote economic empowerment, gender

equality, and social inclusion, we help build stronger, more resilient communities that are better equipped to overcome the challenges they face.

Through our partnerships with local churches and organisations, we foster a sense of solidarity and kinship among communities, drawing strength from shared faith and values.

Your gift also helps amplify the voices of the marginalised and advocate for policies and practices that promote justice and equality.

By supporting Anglican Overseas Aid, you become a champion for the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable members of society, ensuring that they are not forgotten or overlooked.



Left: Sreyleak is in grade five at her primary school in a remote part of Cambodia. Her classroom consists of a roof and two walls. The school has few text books and little equipment.

Below: The only study materials the children have are an exercise book and a pen. All children should have the opportunity to receive a quality education.



Christ's gift can inspire your legacy.

Leaving a gift in your Will to Anglican Overseas Aid is more than just a financial contribution-it is an expression of your commitment to living out the values of the Gospel and making a positive impact in the world.

Just as Jesus called his followers to be good stewards of their talents and resources, your decision to support our work is a testament to your faith and a reflection of the values that have guided your life.

The act of leaving a bequest sends a powerful message of love, solidarity and support to those struggling with poverty, affirming their dignity and worth. As the gift's impact reverberates through the lives of those it touches, it becomes woven into the fabric of the community's collective memory and stories, inspiring hope and transformation for generations to come.

As you consider your estate plans, we invite you to prayerfully discern how you can make a lasting difference through a gift in your Will to Anglican Overseas Aid.





"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was drink, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... Truly I say, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:35,40

By choosing to leave a legacy gift, you are embracing Christ's legacy of love and continuing his mission of bringing hope and healing to the world.

Your generosity empowers us to continue our work of transforming lives, building communities, and creating a more just and compassionate world. **Far Left:** The lives of Makena and Edward have been transformed through the Imarisha Maisha program in Kenya.

Centre: George (right) Chairman of the Kiwaala Disability Self Help Group in Mozambique, works with community members.

Right: Amelia, Amina, Maria, Teresa and Lucia are members of the Murrupula Health Committee in Mozambique's 'Towards Abundant Life for All' program, run by the Anglican Diocese of Nampula.





The legacy you can leave.

The Reid Family

In the 1980s, the Reverend Dr Alan Reid and his wife, Janet, began leading tours to the Holy Land.

During their visits, they forged many friendships with Palestinian people and saw their many challenges. With limited access to supplies and medical equipment, basic health care was a major issue.

When they discovered a unique program run by the al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Anglican Overseas Aid's partner in Gaza, they began to support the work.

The program helped women trapped in Gaza access critical diagnoses,



treatment and support for breast cancer. When Janet herself was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed away in 2010, Alan donated to the project in Janet's memory.

When Alan passed away two years later, he left a bequest to Anglican Overseas Aid to fund the Janet Reid Clinic at the al-Ahli Arab Hospital, providing a lifegiving legacy for Palestinian women and their families.

"Our parents cared deeply for the poor and marginalised people in this world. As a family, we are proud that they left a bequest that has created a life-giving legacy for others, even after their time on this earth has ended."

– Helen Reid

Left: Janet and Alan Reid, long-time supporters of Anglican Overseas Aid.

Lisa Brookman

"I have always had on my heart the determination to provide in my Will when my time is done. This God-whisper has much to do with my family's aid work in developing countries."

Lisa and her family travelled to countries where God's grace placed them in a position to give generously to those in need.

As she says, "a bequest is such a simple act of kindness to fulfill God's ask of us to 'do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with [our] God.' (Micah 6:8)

"A bequest is a way to plan and be considered with our legacy. It's deliberate and more than just a voluntary gift."

"Anglican Overseas Aid is the perfect recipient of a gift in my Will. I have been in the blessed position to know their work intimately, having served on the Anglican Overseas Aid Board for 10 years, and I have seen how committed the leadership are, the dedication of the staff, partners and like-minded professionals. I know how much they do with however much I can give, and how well they work in communities to give life, love and support. I also steadfastly support the role of faithbased organisations in international development and the huge difference they can make in the lives of those in need. I would ask you to prayerfully consider an act of love and legacy in the planning of your Will."



Above: Lisa Brookman has generously given of her time in support of Anglican Overseas Aid and made provisions in her Will to continue her support.

Felistar knows the power of your legacy.

"As soon as I finished primary school my father decided I should be married. I was mistreated by my husband and beaten. But participating in the Imarisha Maisha program has changed my life."

Now in her late 20s, Felistar lives in Laikipia Kenya, where the Anglican Diocese of Mt Kenya West is working through the Imarisha Maisha program to train and empower community members to tackle the many challenges that keep them poverty stricken.

The Imarisha Maisha program works with agricultural communities to strengthen community-based structures that promote gender equality, vulnerable group inclusion, and child protection. The program also supports the formation of community livelihood groups to achieve a sustainable income.

"Things have changed in Maasai land because of Imarisha Maisha's training. I can make decisions for my family and my husband now respects and listens to me, so we are doing well.

"My children will succeed in their education and not be affected by harmful cultural practices – because I have a say," she adds. "I am now the secretary of a Maasai women's group with 21 members. It's through the Imarisha Maisha training that we learnt about the benefits of forming groups and now we see a lot of benefits in cooperating with other tribes.

"As a group, we set up a traditional house to attract buyers for our livestock and beads. We now make beads that we sell to support our families."

Felistar is a wonderful example of how empowering women, focusing on gender equality and providing practical training can transform the lives of all members of a family and a community.

She and her community have had to withstand drought and famine, but with the support of the Imarisha program and their growing resilience, Felistar looks forward with hope.

As her life testifies, a gift in your Will can impact the lives of countless people and continues for generations to come.

Your generosity fuels our ongoing mission to transform lives, foster community growth, and advocate for a fairer, more compassionate world. "Many things have changed in Maasai land because of Imarisha Maisha's training. I can make decisions for my family and my husband now respects and listens to me, so we are doing well."

– Felistar





Christ calls us to care for the poorest of the poor. We can help. We must help.

When you leave a gift in your Will to Anglican Overseas Aid, you are joining us in an ongoing commitment to lift up and empower those who face the daily challenges of a poverty stricken life.

Your actions will be ones guided by the life Christ led.

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