

LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

with a Legacy Gift in
your will



IRISH METHODIST
WORLD DEVELOPMENT
& RELIEF



LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Most of us hope for a better world, especially for the most vulnerable. Each of us can help make that hope a reality, even once we are gone.

Leaving a gift in your will to Irish Methodist World Development & Relief (WDR) can have a huge impact. WDR has seen previous legacy gifts bring clean water to villages, enable families to have food for the long-term and children complete their education. Each gift has empowered real people to lift themselves out of poverty.

Not only can we enjoy great satisfaction ourselves, but our gift can be a comfort to those we love. They see that we continue to change the world in a positive way.

What greater way to show gratitude for the provision we have enjoyed, than to share our good fortune with those who have not been so fortunate. Let justice and dignity be our lasting gifts.

**He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none;
and he who has food, let him do likewise.”**

- Luke 3: 11

We trust that as you read this booklet, you will see that your gift, no matter how big or small, will be wisely used to transform lives.

Thank you for considering making the world a better place with World Development & Relief. Please get in touch if you wish to discuss anything further.



Tim Dunwoody, WDR Team Leader



WHAT IS WORLD DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF?

Irish Methodist World Development & Relief is part of The Methodist Church in Ireland. Together with our supporters, we tackle poverty faced by marginalised communities in developing nations.

Our vision is that “Everyone’s God-given potential should be fulfilled”.

In John’s gospel (Ch. 10, v 10), Christ says that He has come to give “*life in all its fullness*”.

WDR believes that a life as God intended includes having clean water, food, security for our families and opportunities to progress in life. Currently, millions are excluded from such possibilities.

**OUR CORE VALUES ARE
FAITH, EQUALITY,
SOLIDARITY, COMPASSION
AND JUSTICE.**



WHY LEAVE A GIFT TO WORLD DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF?



WDR works with indigenous partners. Local people are more likely to understand local problems and identify long-term solutions.

WDR:

- is shaped by its Christian ethos
- has over 50 years experience
- supports a range of themes in different countries
- staff are easily accessible for queries

WDR's partners each:

- have exemplary leaders of integrity, vision and commitment
- have proven expertise, experience and record of effectiveness
- share WDR's values

Together, WDR, partners and supporters:

- tackle the causes of poverty, not just the symptoms
- work with the vulnerable, regardless of economic status, ethnicity, gender, religion or ability
- help local people empower themselves
- have long-term impacts

MEET OUR PARTNERS

WDR works with thirteen partners across four continents.

KOPILA-NEPAL

NEPAL

Women's rights, psychosocial support and empowerment

DANCHURCHAID

BANGLADESH

Long-term development amongst Rohingya refugees

EAST JERUSALEM YMCA

REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

PALESTINE

Physical and psychological disability

FATHER ANDEWEG INSTITUTE

FOR THE DEAF

LEBANON

Education, rights and life skills

MENNONITE SOCIAL ACTION

COMMISSION

HONDURAS

Sustainable agriculture and advocacy

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

GLOBAL

Protecting people in poverty from violence

CHURCH LAND PROGRAMME

SOUTH AFRICA

Land and housing rights

PHAKAMISA

SOUTH AFRICA

Education and economic empowerment

KING GEORGE VI CENTRE

ZIMBABWE

Disability and education

DABANE TRUST WATER WORKSHOPS

ZIMBABWE

Water management and livelihoods

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT AND

RELIEF SERVICES

GHANA

Agriculture and water management

WENCHI METHODIST HOSPITAL

GHANA

Healthcare

OPEN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE

GHANA AND ZAMBIA

Literacy and numeracy



**YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE
MORE STORIES LIKE
THESE POSSIBLE...**

BISHNU
NEPAL

*"After my husband died, I cried a lot and food was short. But then came the help. There was support for my children in school. I got training and started to rear chickens and goats. My income increased. Now, I am earning and my children have university degrees. **I feel proud.** Thank you for the part you have played."*





BERNARD
ZIMBABWE

*"Before, water was 1km away and not clean. It was hard work. Now we have a water pipeline and can have small vegetable gardens and sell the vegetables in the community and to local shops. I want to see the pipeline remain functional for my children and grandchildren. **Life is easier with water!**"*



CHRISPIN
ZAMBIA

*"I came to class when I was five years old. I did not know how to hold a pencil or read. **Now, I am nine years old and can read and write.** My teacher, Jessie, has placed me in the advanced group. I enjoy coming to class and now my younger brother, Innocent, comes too."*

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

WILL YOUR GIFT BE USED EFFECTIVELY?

Charitable gifts from wills are tax-free and any size of gift makes a difference. The previous pages highlight how your gift may be used.

You can also visit irishmethodist.org/world-development.

CAN YOU CHOOSE HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED?

We all have interests in particular places or themes. However, the most urgent needs can change and even WDR partners may change over time. WDR asks that your gift is for the “use of Irish Methodist World Development & Relief at the discretion of the WDR committee”.

This means that your gift can be used where it is most needed. If you wish, you can discuss this further by contacting the office.

MAKING A WILL; IT'S NOT COMPLICATED.

1. Speak to a solicitor

To ensure that your will is valid, it is best to visit a solicitor.

Visit willaid.org.uk or mylegacy.ie for help. November is “Legacy Month” when you might access help at a reduced cost.

2. What is the value of your estate?

Your “estate” is everything you own, excluding any outstanding payments still to be made. You may need help evaluating your assets.

3. Who would you like to benefit?

Make a list of those you’d like to benefit. Determine who will receive the most significant gifts.

4. Who could be your executors?

Executors ensure that your wishes are carried out. They may be family, friends or professionals.

WHAT ARE THE WAYS OF ALLOCATING YOUR ESTATE?

There are two main ways of making gifts from your estate:

a) A Pecuniary Legacy

A specific sum or item left to an individual or organisation.

b) A Residual Legacy

A proportion of your total estate. The residue is what is left after all other payments and legacies have been met from the estate.

A solicitor can advise on what may be best for you.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE WILL IS MADE?

a) Keep your will up to date by reviewing it regularly. Is it still what you want?

b) Ensure your will is in a safe place e.g. with your solicitor and with the knowledge of your executors.

CAN YOU CHANGE AN EXISTING WILL?

Straightforward changes, such as adding a charitable gift, can be arranged by adding a Codicil, a legally binding document. This needs to be done through a solicitor.





**THANK YOU
FOR CONSIDERING WORLD
DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF**

Your generosity and compassion could help people live life in all its fullness and you will leave the world a better place.





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