

# Celebrate A LIFE

Remember your loved one with an enduring  
tribute to transform lives around the world



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# WELCOME TO Celebrate a Life

**Giving the gifts  
that matter most**

At Christian Aid, we know that a gift in memory is one of the most special gifts you can give to our work. Families and friends who have remembered their loved one through a gift to Christian Aid tell us they see their gift as a time to look back on their loved one's life and remember the person they were, their passions and their inspirations. These gifts are special because they say so much about the life of the person they are honouring, and the love with which the gift has been given.

We hope Celebrate a Life gives family and friends the opportunity to give in a way that is unique, and

which reflects and continues the values of the person they wish to remember. You can choose to support our education, water or agricultural projects. Or you can give to Christian Aid's general work, allowing us to use your gift for another one of our life-transforming projects.

No matter which project you decide to support, you can be confident that your gift in memory will help people in poor communities to transform their lives.



Kerry McMahon  
In Memory Giving team



## Education

“Mum was interested in supporting education for girls, as she had not been allowed to continue hers... Her family and friends will be pleased to know of this gift in memory of her.”

Elaine, Bradford

### You could give a woman the chance to learn to read



Christian Aid/Ross Hemingway

Like many women in Egypt, Soheer Azey (right) was forced by her parents to leave school early because less value was placed on educating girls.

Now with the help of Christian Aid partner the Coptic Orthodox Church Bless (COC Bless), Soheer attends literacy classes. Learning to read and write means that she can help her children with their school work. She knows that the literacy classes she takes are a real stepping stone to making her dream of becoming a police officer a reality.

Your gift of **£44** could help another woman like Soheer to learn to read and write – skills that can help people to make a decent living.

### With your help, students will have all they need to learn

At 19, Peter Akol Achuil (right) may seem an unlikely primary-school pupil. But like many who live in South Sudan, he has missed years of school due to the civil war. Even now with the peace agreement in place, life in South Sudan remains hard, and many schools are struggling to provide equipment for their students.



Christian Aid/Antoinette Powell

Our partner the Hope Agency for Relief and Development has worked with Peter's school to provide better classroom equipment, and to build toilet facilities and a kitchen where nutritious meals can be made.

With a gift of **£1,500**, you could provide 25 two-seater desks for a class of 50 pupils – giving students like Peter the opportunity to learn and the chance of a brighter future.

## Agriculture

“ Bill was a practical man. It seems so appropriate to remember him in a practical way by giving money to Celebrate a Life.

Isobel, Port Glasgow ”

### Your gift could help to grow a garden of much-needed food



Christian Aid/Hannah Richards

child with acute malnutrition at a health clinic supported by Christian Aid partner Bethania. Recently, Cresencia's grandson was also hospitalised for the same reason.

Our partner Bethania has given Cresencia fruit trees and seeds to help her grow a thriving kitchen garden, using local resilient plants to provide essential nutrients to feed her family.

Cresencia Hernandez lives in Guatemala's highlands. In this region, around 70 per cent of indigenous children under five suffer from malnutrition. Cresencia's daughter was hospitalised when she was a

With a gift of **£259**, you could supply enough seeds and saplings for 10 kitchen gardens to give other people the chance to grow food for their families.

## Give your gift – wherever the need

As you can see, Christian Aid stands shoulder to shoulder with communities around the world. Working together, we have the opportunity to end poverty once and for all.

If you choose to give to our work in general, your gift in memory could be used to support any of our life-changing projects. You could help buy medicines for communities

affected by an outbreak of disease; provide drought-resistant seeds to farmers whose crops have failed; or ensure that families have a place to shelter during an emergency.

With Celebrate a Life, **any amount you choose to give, large or small**, is a wonderful way to remember your loved one, and to stand in solidarity with the world's poorest communities too.



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My mother and my father were both constant supporters of Christian Aid. I feel this gift in my mother's memory is what she would have wished.

Madeleine, Herts

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## With your help, children can get clean water to drink

Usani Wabela is a little boy with big ambitions, eager to learn and do well in life. Until recently, his health was poor and this affected his ability to learn.

Usani lives in Ethiopia where the most accessible water is from stagnant ponds and rivers. Drinking this water causes vomiting, diarrhoea and diseases such as cholera. But now our partner Water Action has helped the community to install a water pipe. Usani and his family can now collect clean water from near their home, and Usani is healthy and able to concentrate at school.



Christian Aid/Aminette Powell

With a gift of **£360** you could provide a water point for a community – protecting families from waterborne diseases and helping to keep children healthy.

## Your gift could preserve a precious water supply



Christian Aid/Hannah Richards

High up in the Bolivian Andes lies a small reservoir, which Guzman Alarcoa calls 'a miracle.' His community, La Granja, is one of many that depend on melting snow from the glaciers for the water supply for their crops.

As the glacier ice mass gets smaller, this valuable water source dwindles.

Christian Aid and partner Agua Sustenable have worked with Guzman's community to construct a reservoir, which collects rainwater and siphons off a small proportion of the water from the glacial stream. This reservoir means an extra day's water every week for the people of La Granja. You could help a community to buy all the materials and design expertise it needs for a reservoir – with a gift in memory of **£3,715**.

## Give a gift that will grow

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My husband was an inspirational man and worked hard to inspire others. Many people will remember him with love and respect. He made me the person I am today.

**Christian Aid supporter**

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Christian Aid/Susan Barry

Some families choose moments in the year, such as an anniversary, to give in memory. Others have given to Christian Aid in response to an inheritance. Should you decide to give a gift of more than £5,000, we will help you find a project that represents the inspirations and values of your loved one.

One such project is based in the Narok county of Kenya, where less than 30 per cent of the population have access to maternal and child health services.

We are working with experienced local partners to significantly improve facilities for expectant mothers and their newborn babies.

Your gift in memory could help train 1,040 community health workers and midwives, build maternity wards at health facilities, and start ambulance services for remote communities.

What makes this project particularly special is that for every £1 you give, the European Union will give £3, allowing the impact of your gift to be magnified. Once these investment projects become fully funded, new projects are introduced. You can find more projects like this one on our website: [christianaid.org.uk/give/in-memory](http://christianaid.org.uk/give/in-memory)

**Thank you for remembering your loved one with a gift to Christian Aid.**

**If you're planning on giving more than £5,000 and would like further information about projects that celebrate the passions of your loved one, please call me on 020 7523 2173 or email [kmcmahon@christian-aid.org](mailto:kmcmahon@christian-aid.org)**

Front cover image: Aruna Devi is a member of the women's group in her village in India. With support from our partner PACS, the group now oversees the grain distribution scheme in their village, ensuring the food reaches those who need it. Credit: Christian Aid/Sarah Filbey. Image above: In Kenya, we are supporting a project to train more midwives and community health workers, build more maternity wards and start ambulance services to reach remote communities. Image inside front cover: Children draw pictures in Las Camelias humanitarian zone in Curbarado, Colombia. Our partner the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace provides psychological and legal support to people who have been displaced from their land.

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# YES, I'D LIKE TO CELEBRATE A LIFE

## Step 1: Choose your gift in memory

Please accept my gift in memory: £

My gift is £5,000 or more, please contact me ☐

**This is the area of work I've chosen to support (please tick):**

Water ☐ Education ☐ Agriculture ☐ Our work in general ☐

**Please enter your name and contact details below:** Please use CAPITALS

Title	<input type="text"/>	Forename	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>		
Address 1	<input type="text"/>		
Address 2	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
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\* Please complete if you are happy to receive emails about Christian Aid's work. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## Step 2: Fill in your payment details here

Please make your cheque/postal order/CAF voucher\* payable to Christian Aid.  
(Please do not send cash by post.) (\*delete as appropriate)

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## Step 3: Make your gift go further

☐ I want all donations I have made to Christian Aid in the past four years, this donation and any donations I make in the future, to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise.

I understand that I must pay an amount of UK income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year (currently 25p for every £1 given).

The tax year is 6 April one year to 5 April the next.

Today's date

Christian Aid will not pass your details on to any other organisation. If you already receive information from Christian Aid we will continue to send it unless you tell us otherwise by writing to us at PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT. ☐

If you are new to Christian Aid, please tick here if you do not want to receive information from us.

Please return this form to: **Freepost Plus RSUR-YLHT-BXTE, Kerry McMahon, In Memory Team, Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL**

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**Please share with us why you've chosen to remember your loved one with a gift of love:**

(Your shared memories and reasons for giving are important to us and will only be seen by members of our team. They will never be shared without your permission.)

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Right: Sana Mllko on her way to school in Zana Bchuk, northern Iraq. Christian Aid partner REACH has worked with her community to rebuild their village after it was destroyed in 1998. It has also supported them to lobby the government for essential services, including a well, a tarmac road and electricity.