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We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.



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Accreditation means promising to be accountable and open about what we do, to deliver what communities really need during an emergency, and to be answerable to those communities as well as to our donors.

You can find out more at www.hapinternational.org





EDITORIAL

Our centre page story 'Labour under the sun' describing the work of one of our Egyptian partners, Wadi el Nil is part of Christian Aid's drive to end poverty and to transform the lives of people. It evoked stories I had heard from my grandfather who was a leading figure in the trade union movement in England on behalf of railway workers.

One of his achievements way back then was to get workers one week's paid holiday per year and a five day week. He also tried to improve safety at work. He himself was injured when a boiler on a steam engine blew up and like Ashraf's story he couldn't work any more. Those were tough times over a 100 years ago. It is therefore unacceptable that such working conditions continue to exist in our world today. It is encouraging that both at a practical level and with a long term vision that change is gradually happening through the work of our partner Wadi el Nil which NIPSA is supporting.

Talking with friends recently we compared what jobs we had undertaken in our teens. One had done a newspaper round after school; another had delivered milk early in the morning before school.

Others had helped on a farm, worked in a bakery and even been a tour guide at a castle wearing heavy armour. I was immersed into the family business at a fairly young age and knew how to mend a bobbin case on a sewing machine before the age of 16. Despite our work we were not child labour like Ahmad on the front cover who works full time at the age of 11 in the stone quarries of Al Minia. Deprived of a childhood, an education and his health put at risk from the working conditions described in our centre page article, this is yet another aspect of living in poverty in our world today.

What I like about Wadi el Nil's work which permeates all the work that Christian Aid supports with partner organisations is the two pronged approach. On the one hand we work with partners to change the systems that keep people poor, which is the long term vision and on the other there is immediate and practical support in terms of protective clothing, health and safety training and working with families and with schools to get children back into education. Although the focus is on Egypt in this issue of our magazine, the way in which we work to bring an end to poverty is the same no matter where it is in the world.

We, with your commitment, are in this for the long haul.

Margaret Boden
Chief Executive
Christian Aid Ireland

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Quarry workers Ahmad (11) and his older brother Haytham (13), standing behind him, throwing chipped white stone into a stone crusher in a quarry in Egypt. Northern Ireland trade union NIPSA is supporting Christian Aid partner Wadi el Nil to help them stand up for workers' rights in the quarries. Read the full story in the centre pages

Photo credit: Christian Aid / Tabitha Ross

POVERTY OVER PHOTO EXHIBITION

Christian Aid's Poverty Over photographic and video exhibition began its tour of Ireland at the Irish Aid Centre in Dublin in October.

The theme of the exhibition is eight causes of poverty, and what we are or could be doing about them. It challenges visitors to see the ways in which we are or can become engaged in bringing an end to poverty in our world.

The eight themes are conflict, climate change, corruption, disaster, health, food & agriculture, tax justice, and inequality. You can find out more at www.povertyover.com

The opening of the exhibition was timed to coincide with the United Nations World Day of Poverty which took place on the 17th October. We will be showing the exhibition at other venues around Ireland in the coming months.



Adrian Horsman

Jennifer Swensson and Florence Mutesasira putting up some of the exhibits at the recent Poverty Over exhibition at the Irish Aid Centre.

IRISH AID CONFERENCE

The managers of a number of Christian Aid's overseas offices were in Dublin recently, for a meeting to discuss the achievements of the Irish Aid MAPS II programme.

This is the five-year multi-million euro programme, now coming to an end, under which Christian Aid received funding from the Irish government for projects in seven different countries. A new proposal is currently under consideration by Irish Aid.



Florence Mutesasira

Among the staff pictured here, outside our office on Clanwilliam Terrace, are Serena Di Matteo (Afghanistan), Rossario Advirta (Angola), Marie-Luise Schueller, Alexia Haywood, Alix Tiernan, Catherine Bouley (Colombia), Mark Wilson, Andre Nsengiyumva (Rwanda/Burundi), Dr Nazma Kabir, Maeve Bateman and Jeanne Kamara (Sierra Leone).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A wide selection of high quality traditional Christmas Cards from Traidcraft are now available in Christian Aid's Belfast and Dublin offices. Please feel free to drop by and have a browse.



SHEEP'S HEAD HIKE 2011



Revd Paddy Hewitt

A huge number of people, nearly 130, took part in this year's Sheep's Head Hike in West Cork at the beginning of September. Together they raised around €6,000 for Christian Aid.



Christian Aid/Andrew Njoroge

Margaret Kisilu, head of our Kenyan partner BIDII, is seen here in a photo taken a few years ago with celebrity gardener Diarmuid Gavin.

VISITOR FROM KENYA

Margaret Kisilu, a long-standing friend of Christian Aid's from Kenya, will be visiting Ireland from 21st November to 8th December.

Margaret, who has a Master's Degree from Queen's University Belfast, is the Director of BIDII - a Christian Aid partner in Kenya.

Margaret will be speaking to supporters and churches in Belfast, Lisburn, Cookstown, Dublin and Athy, Co Kildare, during her two weeks here. She will be talking – amongst other subjects – about climate change and how it relates to farming in Kenya, a subject that is especially relevant given the current drought and food emergency in east Africa.

Margaret will also be the keynote speaker at a World AIDS Day event in Dundrum Methodist Church, Dublin, at 8pm on the 1st December.

LAGANSIDE WALK



Bethany Turnwall

Laganside Walk marshal David Megarry (holding the umbrella) and Helen Maries, from the Christian Aid Belfast office, take a short break with some of the other participants during the recent sponsored walk. Nearly £800 was raised.

MINISTERIAL VISIT



Claire Hanna/CADA

Christian Aid's Education & Campaigns Coordinator Dave Thomas speaking to the Minister of State for Trade & Development, Jan O'Sullivan TD, at Parliament Buildings, Stormont. Ms O'Sullivan was visiting the Northern Ireland Assembly at the invitation of the All-Party Group for International Development.

CALLS FOR TAX TRANSPARENCY GAIN PACE

Christian Aid's campaign for an end to the financial secrecy that allows some unscrupulous multinationals to dodge taxes and denies poor nations of more money annually than they receive in aid, is gaining ground in Ireland.

David Thomas reports

In the last issue of the magazine we enclosed campaign postcards to send to your local TDs and MLAs. We are grateful that so many of you carried out this action and we have been receiving responses from politicians all over the island of Ireland. If you haven't yet sent one to your local politicians then contact any of our offices to order the postcards or visit www.christianaid.ie/actnow to send an email instead.

Ireland has recently become a signatory to an international convention called the 'Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters'. Put simply it represents a commitment to sharing tax information. This is a step forward, but is yet to be ratified. Christian Aid would now like to see the Irish government encouraging developing countries, particularly recipients of Irish Aid to also sign up to the convention.

In addition to lobbying the Irish government and the Northern Ireland Assembly, we have also been speaking to multinational companies urging them to support our calls for country-by-country reporting of profits made and taxes paid.

Most recently Christian Aid along with fellow campaigners from Debt & Development Coalition Ireland paid a visit to Unilever's Irish HQ at Citywest Business Park, Dublin. We were dressed as a newly invented cleaning product 'Transparency'



Christian Aid's Dave Thomas, on the right, with fellow supporters at Unilever's Dublin HQ.

which aims to 'clean up tax dodging'. After an initially frosty reception from the Business Park security staff we eventually met with a representative of Unilever management who received a letter and more than 200 campaign postcards from us asking Unilever to demonstrate their commitment to corporate social responsibility by leading the field in the area of tax transparency. It's important to note that we did not accuse Unilever of tax dodging, rather we are keen that they use their influence as a huge multinational company operating in more than 100 countries to call for country-by-country reporting. We have not managed to convince them yet, but we will continue to make Unilever aware of the need and the public support for increased tax transparency and reporting by multinationals.

Thanks to your support our tax campaign message is being heard by politicians and business leaders right across Ireland. Please continue to follow the campaign and take action, it really does make an impact.

For the latest tax campaign news visit www.christianaid.ie/tax

Methodist Church Endorses Tax Campaign

We are encouraged to report that at their Annual Conference the Methodist Church in Ireland officially endorsed Christian Aid's campaign to end tax secrecy. The following resolution was passed:

This Conference:

- Recognises the importance of taxation in developing countries for ensuring development and building accountability between states and citizens.
- Requests that both the Irish Government and British Government support the call for a new international accounting standard requiring companies to report on profits made and taxes paid in every country where they operate – so called country-by-country reporting.

Thanks to the Revds Sonia Hicks and John Parkin for proposing the resolution. We plan to work with our other member churches over the coming months on similar statements of support, so that the churches in Ireland can lead the call for an end to financial secrecy.

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A SOLDIER SPEAKS OUT

In September, Christian Aid and Trócaire hosted the visit of Noam Chayut, from our partner-in-common the Israeli organisation Breaking the Silence. Noam is a former Israeli army officer, who served from 1998 to 2003. In 2004 he joined Breaking the Silence, a group which collects and publishes testimonies from soldiers who have served in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem since September 2000.



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Adrian Horsman

Noam Chayut speaking at a public meeting in Belfast, and (below left) with colleagues in his army days in a flat they had occupied in Ramallah.

They have collected, to date, over 700 testimonies. Their aim is to 'stimulate public debate about the price paid for a reality in which young soldiers face a civilian population on a daily basis, and are engaged in the control of that population's everyday life.'

During his visit Noam met with members of the various Oireachtas committees in Dublin and spoke at public events in Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin.

Noam talked about how Breaking the Silence began in June 2004 when 64 soldiers initially recorded their testimonies about their service in the army. 'We wanted to bring Hebron to Tel Aviv, to show people what we did, what we were a part of, we wanted people to know. That was the only motivation of our action.'

At the public event in Belfast, Noam was questioned as to whether his work with Breaking the Silence was trying to undermine the democratic state of Israel,

Noam's response was as follows: 'I'm an Israeli, I'm pro-Israeli, I was born in Israel, my son was born in Israel and will be raised in Israel and I am doing my job as I see it to protect [the] homeland.'

Speaking about 'sterile' roads, which Palestinians are prevented from using he said 'I think about my grandparents, that ran away to save their skins, from Europe, to create a moral state and would never believe that their grandson would have to control roads for Jews only.'

He went on to say that, 'If you want to resolve the conflict, you need to talk about the problem. People talk about the conflict, people talk about borders, about water, about religious issues. People don't speak, in recent years, about the occupation.'

The full audio recording of Noam's talk in Belfast and the question and answer session that followed is available from the Christian Aid website christianaid.ie

LABOUR UNDER THE SUN: CUTTING STONE IN EGYPT

Christian Aid's **Jonathan Hanson** reports on a project, supported by the Northern Ireland public sector union NIPSA, that aims to uphold labour rights in the stone quarries of Al Minia, Egypt.

Ashraf Abdulkarim was only six years old when he began work in the stone quarries. Despite gaining an education, the lack of employment opportunities available meant that Ashraf remained in the quarries until an accident curtailed his career at the age of 43. 'It was very hard work [in the quarry] - but you're paid according to your output so I really pushed myself to work harder, until I had an accident and hurt my back, and now I can't work any more.'

Thankfully, Ashraf, with advice from Christian Aid partner Wadi el Nil (WEN), had previously registered for social insurance. This now helps him to support his family. He has also been able to find employment with the local quarry workers union, where he is secretary, and is involved in helping other quarry workers to stand up for their rights.



Christian Aid / Tabitha Ross

Union secretary Ashraf Abdulkarim, who began working in the quarries at the age of six.

Eleven year old Ahmad, featured on the front cover, works in one of the stone quarries of Al Minia. The stone he is holding will be ground into powder for cement, used in dyes (e.g. stone-dyed jeans), and pharmaceuticals. Christian Aid photographer Tabitha Ross says Ahmad seemed dazed with the work and answered her questions only perfunctorily, 'although whether because he was tired and overwhelmed, or because he was nervous of getting in trouble (child labour is illegal), I don't know.'

Christian Aid / Tabitha Ross



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Ashraf's story epitomises the plight of thousands of fellow Egyptians in the stone quarries of Al Minia, and, indeed, of many in the country as a whole. Although Egypt is often more associated with pyramids, luxury Red Sea resorts, and, more recently, the 'Arab Spring', over 16 million of the nation's 80 million odd inhabitants live in crushing poverty. The inequality and lack of opportunities is especially pronounced in the southern regions, far removed from the economic centres of Cairo and Alexandria.

Nowhere is the cycle of poverty felt more acutely than in Al Minia, a governorate several hundred kilometres south of Cairo. The presence of 300 square kilometres of limestone quarries, the scarcity of agricultural land, and the lack of alternative means of employment have contributed to the local population and economy being almost completely

dependent on the quarries. More than 25,000 men work in the quarries and, despite it being illegal in Egypt, nearly 5,000 children do too.

And the work is dangerous. Exposed electric cables and rotating saws can stun, maim or even kill workers. Three men from one village recently lost their legs in an accident. The constant exposure to limestone dust can also lead to breathing problems and asthma, while the continued lifting of heavy stone blocks often results in back injuries, and, like in Ashraf's case, to early retirement because of injury. WEN, a local NGO that has been a Christian Aid partner since 2007, works to remedy the situation. In the short term, it provides measures like protective clothing, and health and safety training, which are vital for a safe working environment. But WEN is also committed to the longer-term struggle for labour rights.

The current WEN project in Al Minia, with support from NIPSA, focuses on helping quarry workers and their families improve their working

conditions, realise their economic and social rights, and enhance their participation in local decision-making processes. A fully functioning and self-sustaining union has been established in Al Minia, with several hundred members already.

The union was officially registered in September this year, one of the first independent trade unions in Egypt. Support from NIPSA's Global Solidarity Fund will enable this project to bring transformative change to the quarry workers. Geraldine Alexander, NIPSA Assistant Secretary, said, 'NIPSA is supporting this project because of the great work that it is doing, and because it is so closely aligned with our values as an organisation.'

The quarry workers will unionise, key labour concerns will be dealt with, and workers and their families will benefit from a better quality of life. As the sun rises on a new era for Egypt, the future looks brighter for Ashraf and for the quarry workers of Al Minia.

The workers in the stone quarries of Al Minia, Egypt, are glad to have an income. They don't mind that the salaries are extremely low, so long as they are still working.



Christian Aid / Tabitha Ross

Loading a lorry in the Al Minia quarries

The issue is the appalling health and safety, lack of legal protection of their rights, that they do not qualify for health insurance, and that the work quite literally knackers them.

This means that they usually cannot work at all much beyond the age of 40, when they are plagued with ill health. This requires costly treatment, but they do not qualify for state health insurance.

Christian Aid partner Wadi el Nil (see the main story) strives to protect the quarry workers - including child workers. They run programmes with families of child workers, and with schools, to get children back into education.

CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN THE **4:48** CHALLENGE

On the last weekend in August, thirteen dedicated supporters of **Christian Aid** took on the monumental challenge of climbing the highest mountain in each of Ireland's four provinces – in less than 48 hours.



All photographs taken by the climbers

The youngest member of the team, 17 year old Aaron Hanson from Dromore in Co Tyrone, taking in the view from about a third of the way up Connaught's highest mountain Mweelrea.

Physical fitness and the ability to go with very little sleep were obvious requirements, but there was still an age range between the youngest and oldest climbers of 50 years.

This extraordinary event was organised by Christian Aid's Jonny Hanson, who also inveigled his father, brother and sister to take part.

Jonny said, 'Between us as a family we've climbed mountains on five continents. We've also experienced poverty first hand in many of those same places. This was a perfect opportunity to combine our love of the mountains with our Christian faith, taking positive steps to help the world's poor.'

The challenge began with a quick climb up Slieve Donard in the Mourne on the Friday afternoon. Then it was into the bus and off to Co Wicklow in Leinster for a very early Saturday climb up Lughnaquilla.

Barely stopping for breath, the climbers then headed west for Connaught's highest

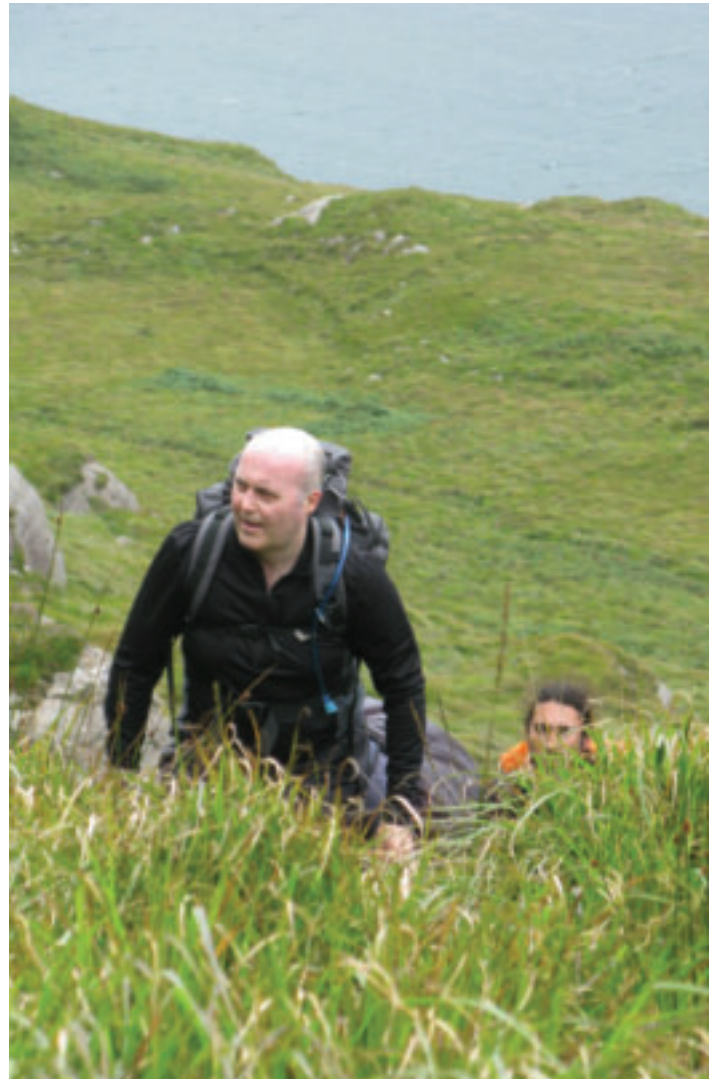
mountain, Mweelrea in Co Mayo. After just a few hours sleep in a youth hostel, they finally took on the highest mountain in Ireland in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday morning – Munster's Carrauntoohill in Co Kerry.

47 and a half hours after the challenge began in Co Down, the exhausted group sat down for a celebration lunch at Killarney Methodist Church. They had raised more than £13,000/€15,000 for Christian Aid.

Jonny says, 'The widespread local press coverage we received has led to new people contacting me wanting to know if they can take part next year. The answer is Yes!'



Pushing on for the peak of Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohill in Co Kerry. At this stage, the team know they have only a few hours left before time runs out if they're going to beat the 48 hour limit.



John Morgan, from Chapilzod in Dublin, climbing up Mweelrea in Co Mayo.



Pausing for a breather at the base of Lughnaquilla in Co Wicklow. From left: Revd Canon Stuart Lloyd, Jenny Chambers, Helen Delahunty, Roy Copeland, David Cardy, Revd John Hanson, Jonny, Aaron and Claire Hanson, Alice Clark, and Jeremy Knox.

EMERGENCIES



Habiba Ibrahim Ali (right), 20, arrived recently at Dadaab camp. She is now moving to a new extension of the world's largest refugee settlement. Swelled with tens of thousands of recent arrivals fleeing drought in Somalia, the camp has been unable to absorb the newest arrivals. Christian Aid sister agency Lutheran World Federation manages the camp and on 25 July began moving hundreds of families into tents in the extension camp.

Paul Jeffrey / ACT Alliance

EAST AFRICA **FOOD CRISIS**

More than 13 million people remain in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, after the worst drought in the region for more than 60 years.

Christian Aid partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Somalia are working hard with affected communities, to help them withstand the effects of the drought.

For example, in Kenya this has meant:

- providing emergency water tanks
- constructing additional water points and maintaining existing boreholes
- paying people a market rate for their remaining cattle so they do not lose everything
- distributing animal feed to protect livestock

There has been a very generous response to our appeal, which was launched in the summer, for emergency funding for the East Africa food crisis.

So far, a total of €481,000/£423,000 has been raised by Christian Aid supporters and churches throughout Ireland.

This figure includes £40,000 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and around €88,000 and £21,000 from the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal.

In addition to the above total, Irish Aid gave Christian Aid Ireland a €200,000 emergency grant for the food crisis appeal.



A shepherd with no livestock, in Toricha, near the Ethiopian border. All his livestock died during the recent drought.

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Christian Aid’s Chief Executive Margaret Boden said, ‘The support Christian Aid is receiving from our supporters and churches in Ireland, and from Irish Aid, is crucial to the huge efforts our partners in the region are making to save people’s lives. They are on the ground providing food for families who currently are not reached by the World Food Programme, as well as trucking in emergency tanks of water to remote villages experiencing the worst of the drought.’

‘Our membership of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) – the worldwide ecumenical network for emergency relief – also allows us to support our sister agencies, like the Lutheran World Federation, in their running of the new extension to the Dadaab refugee camp. But without the financial help of our supporters at home, none of this would be possible.’

Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported this appeal. If you would like to contribute, our partners on the ground would appreciate your continued support.

Please telephone Belfast (028) 9064 8133 or Dublin (01) 611 0801, or visit www.christianaid.ie



Elema Erero, from Diid Abndhi, a 52 year old widow with 6 children. She used to own 20 cattle. 18 of her cows have died during the drought. She now has only 2 cows and one calf. The cows are very weak and cannot walk far. Her donkey also died because of the drought. Now she has to carry 20 litres of water in a jerry can on her back. She burns and sells charcoal to try and provide food for her children and send her children to school. If the drought continues, she will have to take her children out of school.

SAINTFIELD HORSE SHOW



Jockeys going all out at the ever popular Donkey Derby at the Saintfield Horse Show in Co Down. Christian Aid was the chosen charity at this year's show, receiving £3,000.

BANDON COFFEE MORNING



A coffee morning at the Gateway Centre in Bandon, Co Cork, raised €500 for Christian Aid. Pictured here are Andrew Coleman, Jennifer Wood (Christian Aid Week organiser), Maura Love, Avril Stanley and Joy Scanlon (CA Week organiser).

CONCERT IN PORTADOWN



Jim Smart on the banjo and the Brambley Ramblers were among those who provided music and fun at a concert organised by the Portadown Christian Aid Committee in the new Parish Centre in Seagoe. The evening's entertainment also included the Counterpoint choir and other local soloists and performers.

Stamp collecting comes to an end

After 35 years of collecting and selling stamps for Christian Aid, Dick Freeman from Gorey in Co Wexford is finally hanging up his post-bag.

Mr Freeman, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, has collected and sorted countless bags of used stamps donated by Christian Aid supporters, but he says the market is no longer really there.

Thank you to everyone who has collected and sent in stamps over the decades, and an especially big thank you to Dick for all your hard work and dedication. We still look forward to your regular visits to the Dublin office.



CRANDALL BROTHERS

Winifred Irvine responded quickly when she heard an offer on Downtown Radio from the California based Crandall Brothers. This popular Gospel Music group were coming to Northern Ireland and offered to perform free of charge for charity. Subsequently a most enjoyable concert was organised for Christian Aid in Glasty Presbyterian Church, Co Down.

DIARY DATES

Advent



1st December 8pm Dundrum Methodist Church Dublin
Music and Reflections for World AIDS Day, speaker
Margaret Kisilu. Retiring offering followed by light
refreshments. All welcome.

**There will be carol singing at Belfast International
Airport, Asda Ballyclare and Forestside Belfast –
contact the Belfast office for dates and times.**

20-22 December 2011 Newtownards Christian Aid
Committee Christmas Vigil in Conway Square.

17th February 2012 Annual Inter Church Quiz St Mark's
Parish Centre Newtownards.

29th February 2012 Leap Year Fast.

Soup Lunches held regularly:-

Every Tuesday 1st Lisburn Presbyterian Church Hall
Every Thursday – Hillsborough Parish Church Hall
1st Wednesday – Armagh Road Presbyterian Church,
Portadown

1st Wednesday – 9 Vicar's Hill, Armagh, preceded by
12.30pm Service in Armagh Cathedral

2nd Wednesday – Dromore Cathedral Parish Hall

BEARING WITNESS

ACT AND PRAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Join us at First Comber Presbyterian Church, High Street,
Comber on **Saturday, 26 November 2011**, and be part of the
churches' response to the injustice of climate change.

10am – 2pm (lunch included)

Guest Speaker: **Margaret Kisilu**, Director of BIDII in Kenya.

Register your place:

Phone: (028) 9064 8133 Email: dthomas@christian-aid.org

**Hear about the impact of climate
change from Margaret Kisilu,
Director of our partner BIDII in
Kenya.**

There will also be an opportunity to
take action as we deliver our message
on climate change to the Democratic
Unionist Party conference, which will
be taking place on the same day
nearby.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Christian Aid Ireland seeks the
following volunteers for our
Dublin office:

- Present Aid Volunteers (Nov-Dec)
- Office Volunteers
- Media Volunteer

As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to
use and develop your skills, be a part of a
team, gain experience in the international
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work in Ireland.

For more information please contact
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