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**We've been given**



**Let's build with it.**

**Please give generously.  
And help put a family back  
together this Christmas.**

# For unto us a child is born...

Unto us an indescribable hope is given – a great light in the darkness; the Prince of Peace; a champion of justice for the poor, the weak and the broken.\*

Christmas is a time to remember the hope we have been given. Christ came among us to build a new kingdom.

What will you build this Christmas?

\*based on Isaiah 9

Three women smile together in the doorway of a newly built house – the villagers in Kuala Bubon, Indonesia, call them 'the three mothers'.



Christian Aid/Tom Pilston

Nuriyani (bottom right), Husana and Yusinta – a family of mothers kept together by hope.

Their world was shattered by the tsunami of Boxing Day 2004. Nuriyani remembers it like yesterday: 'I fainted with the shock of seeing the devastation.' Her friends find their losses even more difficult to talk

about. The situation grew still worse when the government prevented their village returning to rebuild so they could create a buffer zone around the coastline in case of future disasters. The families in the village faced separation: no homes; no land; no livelihood and an end to their way of life for generations.

But Nuriyani tells us, 'We never gave up hope. We knew Kuala Bubon was where we were meant to be.' The mothers found further hope in Christian Aid partner, YEU, who designed houses on reinforced concrete stilts so it was safe to return.

Every day for a year, Nuriyani, Husana and Yusinta visited the officials. Finally, they got the answer they had been hoping for. YEU could rebuild the houses; their families could go back – together.

Today the three mothers stand in a newly built house surveying the extended family they have kept together. Husana says 'people made fun of us mothers. They thought we wouldn't make any difference!'

People may say we can't make a difference. But that's not true. We can support families to rebuild; bring them back together and better prepare communities for disasters. Together we can build Christ's hope-filled kingdom of justice and peace.



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# Support Christian Aid's Christmas appeal and help families in poor communities.

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**Call 08700 787 788** or visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas)

■ **Put up** the poster on the back of this leaflet.

■ **Use** the reflection 'For unto us a child is born' (opposite) and the prayer in your service.

■ **Show** our short film. You can download this free from [www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas)

■ **Send** money and Gift Aid declarations back to your national office.

■ **Thank you!**

**If you have time in your service for more**, visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas) to download sermon notes, an all-age talk and more information on YEU, Indonesia and Christian Aid's response to the tsunami.



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# **A prayer of hope**

**Everlasting Father,  
thank you for your gift of hope;  
the indescribable gift of your Son.**

**Wonderful Counsellor,  
shine your light again this Christmas.  
Teach us to champion peace and justice.**

**Prince of peace,  
help us to build your kingdom,  
for the sake of the poor, the weak and the broken.**

**Amen.**