

# Thank You for the Rain Watch



Kisilu Musya leaving Christina Wayua Kisilu and family. Julie Lillesæter. Copyright Banyak Films & Differ Media 2017

## Intro

Thank You for the Rain tells the story of Kisilu Musya, a smallholder farmer in Kenya who has used his camera to capture the life of his family, and the human costs of climate change.

The film is a call to action to all who care about God's creation and justice for all people. But for many of us it's hard to know what to do. Film screenings are a great way for you to build power in your church and community. They bring people together for a shared experience, which can catalyse collective commitment to act. They are also a great way to connect with people who aren't yet engaged or active on the climate crisis.

To get access to the film, you can visit the website at <https://thankyoufortherain.com/watch> and buy a screening licence, or watch a free shortened version on Al Jazeera news here <https://bit.ly/3iHgVpH>.

## Get Involved

Films and documentaries are a great way to explore, facilitate discussions, and empower young people to act on issues of global justice. Whether you share the experience with your youth group or choose to involve members of your wider community too, Thank You for

the Rain will start challenging conversations and inspire responses.

## After the screening

Once your group has watched Thank You for the Rain, it is important to allow time and space to reflect, discuss and act together. We have provided some discussions starters to help initiate climate justice conversations between young people. You may wish to give people a few minutes to reflect on their own before starting your discussions. You know your group best. Use and adapt these discussion starters to fit with the experience and dynamics of the group taking part.

## Discussion starters

- How do you feel having watched the documentary?
- What moments stood out for you the most? Why do you think these moments stood out for you?
- Is the impact of climate change shared equally across the world?
- Do you think it's fair that communities like Kisilu's are most affected by climate change when they have contributed the least to its causes?



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- What does 'justice' mean to you? Do you think that the climate crisis is an issue of global justice or fairness? Why?
- At the end of the film Christina, Kisilu's wife is reflecting on how Kisilu has changed saying 'he came to discover that there is a need for people to be together as one to fight'. What can we learn from Kisilu and Christina about how we can help make positive change?
- What do you think might be some of the things stopping people from working together to create a fairer and more sustainable future for all people and the planet?
- Kisilu reaches out to his wider community to build power together and to act together for the common good. What could we do as a community to build understanding and generate action on the issue of climate?
- What messages would you share with national &/world leaders about climate change?

These questions can be used to get the discussion going, however, you may have questions you want to pose to the group as well as the young people themselves potentially have questions to share.

## Next steps

It is not enough to learn about climate justice and understand the issue better, to be a true learning and

transformational experience we need to do something as a result. Action doesn't need to be big, and we certainly won't fix the issues in one go, but that shouldn't stop us from taking the small actions available to us. We have some suggestions as to what you and your group could do next - this list is not exhaustive and you may have other ideas.

**Engage the wider community:** if your youth group is feeling inspired to take action – why not engage with the wider community? Support the young people to organise a screening in the church for the wider community. This is a good opportunity for the young people to speak to their friends, family and wider community about why they care about the climate crisis, and to encourage the church to take action together!

**Engage with your local MP:** it's never too soon to learn about and explore the importance of engaging with politicians and decision makers. MPs and Local Councillors work for you! You could write to them, or arrange to meet them either at the church or the local constituency office. Make it clear who you are, what you want to talk to them about, and most importantly what you would like them to do as your local representative. (It is important to note that MPs and Councillors don't always do the things or give the answers we are looking for – don't be afraid of this, it's all a part of the journey of change making and important learning!).

## Christian Aid opportunities

Christian Aid has a variety of resources and projects that can be used to explore the issues further and take action together.

Letters for Creation – a creative arts project exploring climate justice.

Talking Climate Justice – a DIY toolkit to get your whole church thinking about climate justice and planning what you can do as a community.

Loss and Damage Campaign – Loss and Damage is about the communities that are experiencing loss of land, livelihood, and culture due to climate change – often these communities have contributed the least to the problem.

If you want to get in touch drop us an email ([schools@christian-aid.org](mailto:schools@christian-aid.org)) we are always happy to help where we can.

## Notes page

You may find it helpful to watch the documentary before you host your screening to make notes, or make some notes here during the screening to help facilitate the follow up discussion.



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