

## **Christian Aid Week 11-17<sup>th</sup> May - 7 days to make a difference**

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Christian Aid Week is a special time when churches right across the country come together to fight extreme poverty through fundraising, campaigning, and praying. This year we focus on Guatemala, where the climate crisis is intensifying, harvests are failing, and families relying on their own farms to supply their daily food are hit hardest.

### **But there is hope!**

Christian Aid's partners work with communities to grow crops which are more resilient to climate change, to make organic fertiliser and to conserve water. Farmers like 24-year-old Amelia are changing the way they farm, returning to indigenous farming practices and adopting approaches which conserve their land, culture and livelihood.

Amelia says: "I don't know what to expect. The only one who can tell, is God. My priority is to feed my family... I want my children to go to school and finish their primary education and live a better life."

### **Every gift, every act and every prayer makes a difference for people like Amelia.**

- £6 could pay for the seed trays to kickstart a plant nursery at someone's home.
- £10 could pay for pruning scissors which mean a farmer can care for their cacao trees.
- £20 could buy two pounds of climate resilient seeds to help diversify a family's crop.

Will you support us this Christian Aid Week? Have a church collection, join our 70k in May challenge or do your own fundraising. **To get involved please visit [Christianaid.org.uk](https://www.christianaid.org.uk)**



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Agroecological training in progress with Christian Aid partner Congcoop. They support indigenous communities to defend their ancestral lands from extractive industries. Congcoop also helps train them with agricultural techniques to better resist the effects of climate change.