

The background of the entire advertisement is a photograph of four people—three adults and one child—silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky. They are holding hands in a circle, suggesting they are playing a game. The ground is a flat, open field. The overall mood is one of hope and community.

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in the world, Will it.**

I hope it. I Will it.

A Christian Aid guide to gifts in Wills

Vimbainashe and Phanuel are playing a game with their friends, just outside their home in Chadanyika village, Mashonaland East Province of Zimbabwe.

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Whether you're considering supporting Christian Aid for the first time, or whether you already support our work through donating, prayer, volunteering, fundraising or campaigning, I want to thank you for your generosity and kindness. Our work is only possible because people like you put their hope into action. This work has already made an incredible difference to so many people.

Yet it's a sad fact that in many parts of our world, poverty and injustice continue to be the daily experience of millions of our fellow human beings. We work to make a difference to those communities in need, from responding to a disaster, to supporting people's livelihoods. But we also work to overcome the root causes of poverty, whether that's the marginalisation of women, or the vast disparities in economic power. We work with partner organisations who understand local contexts and can reach communities in some of the world's most difficult environments. We work with and for people of all faiths, to create lasting change.


In leaving a gift in your Will to Christian Aid you can take a lifetime of hope and turn it into change that matters. As you turn the pages of this guide, you will read how gifts in Wills can translate hope into lasting change, by supporting communities who are overcoming poverty and injustice to build a better life for themselves.

I understand that leaving a gift in your Will can be a big decision. This guide is here to help you, and show that making or updating a Will can be simpler than you might think. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with our friendly Legacy team. Their contact details are on the back page.

A gift in your Will to Christian Aid can turn your hope for the future into action, creating everlasting change, far beyond your lifetime.

So if you hope for change in the world, please Will it.

Thank you again for your kindness and consideration,



Patrick Watt
Chief Executive of Christian Aid



Patrick Watt

A history of how hope has changed the world

Over the years, our faith and hope have united us, but faith and hope alone are not enough to put poverty in the past. As a community, we have a history of turning our hope into action to create lasting change for people living in poverty.

It's incredible to see what we've achieved together so far. From organising the first Christian Aid week in 1957, to helping bring about a historic agreement at COP27 in 2022, with the establishment of a Loss and Damage fund.

A gift in your Will can enable us to continue transforming hope into action, ensuring that everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

1950s

In the 1950s, we helped establish the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) programme to enable young people to make a difference.

1960s

In the 1960s, we addressed racism and poverty in the US, and advised Martin Luther King while he was in the UK.

1980s

In the 1980s, we helped deliver food to communities in crisis during the famine in Ethiopia, and to those experiencing drought in Mozambique.

Together, we supported the creation of the Southern African Coalition, to demand an end to apartheid.

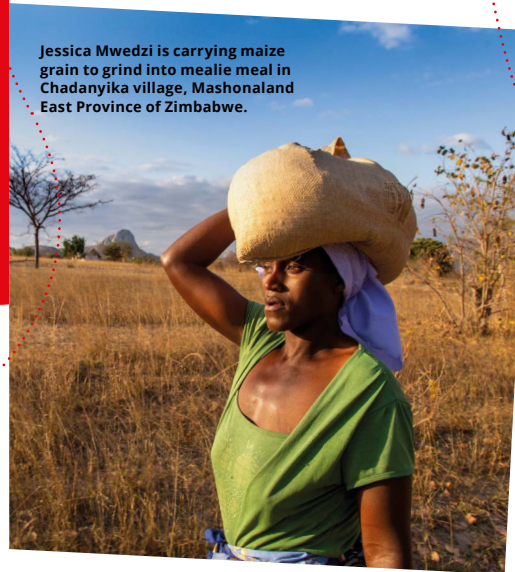


Safia Galgalo is with her son, Abudho galgalo Sori, and her niece, Jilo sago, at their home in Adi huka village in Marsabit county, Kenya.

1990s

In the 1990s, we helped to challenge the stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa.

Jessica Mwedzi is carrying maize grain to grind into mealie meal in Chadanyika village, Mashonaland East Province of Zimbabwe.



Janet Ben is showing the beans she sells at market in the Chikwawa District, Southern Malawi.

2000s

In the 2000s, we helped establish the Jubilee 2000, an international coalition campaigning to cancel \$100 million of debt in the global South.

In 2004, we helped get food, shelter and healthcare to more than 500,000 people after the Asian Tsunami.

2010s

Throughout the 2010s, we campaigned at UN climate talks for the biggest polluters to pay up for causing the climate crisis and the subsequent loss of life, land and culture around the world.

Now

Today, you can leave a gift to Christian Aid in your Will. A gift of everlasting hope, that will help to make the world a fairer place for future generations.

Leaving any size of gift in your Will can make a **big impact**

Gifts in Wills make up more than a third of the voluntary donations given to Christian Aid. These gifts are from supporters who chose to transform their lifetime of hope into lasting change. Here are just a few stories from the people whose lives have been changed as a result.



Salamatu Abdulhai is in Zaria, Nigeria.



Elizabeth Lornenge is with her three grandchildren, outside their home in Usar community, Nigeria.

Salamatu's story

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, Salamatu Abdulhai struggled to feed, clothe and care for her household of eight on a low and irregular income.

During the pandemic, we implemented a rapid response project called NALPER with our partners. It supported vulnerable households like Salamatu's, safeguarding them from the impact of lockdowns.

Thanks to the project, Salamatu was able to access enough money to start her own business. This helped Salamatu to get her family through a really tough time. Now they have a stable source of income and daily meals.

A gift in your Will could help fund vital emergency responses like this, so that people in crisis can take their future into their own hands.

Elizabeth's story

Elizabeth Lornenge is a grandmother and widow who cares for her three grandchildren while managing diabetes. Elizabeth was sadly left in this difficult position, following the deaths of her daughter and her grandchildren's father.

With no source of income, Elizabeth cares for seven-year-old Mary, four-year-old Dookenger, and three-year-old Oryina thanks to the kind assistance she receives from neighbours like 18-year-old Sunny, who told us: 'I help her with daily activities and also with farming her land.'

When Covid-19 came to Nigeria, Elizabeth had no means to protect her young family from the virus. That was until global neighbours like you stepped up to send her a tailored hygiene kit. Essentials like soap, hand sanitiser, face masks and nappies meant Elizabeth could keep herself, Mary, Dookenger and Oryina safe.

A gift in your Will could help fund essential aid like this, that enables grandparents like Elizabeth to keep their grandchildren safe.

Meet Denise

Denise, a mother of seven who lives in Burundi, was deeply concerned for her children's health. She sought professional advice from a local health clinic called Agents of Change, that is funded by gifts in Wills. Denise's children were diagnosed with severe anaemia and received medical treatment.

Denise told us: 'After a while, my anaemic children, for whom the doctor had recommended a blood transfusion, recovered.'

'Thanks to the project I am doing well. I am giving a balanced diet to my children, and my household has been saved and is doing well economically'

Denise later joined the village savings and loans association, an economic empowerment programme that provides community members with the skills and support they need to grow their incomes. With guidance and a business loan, Denise bought a goat. She told us: 'A year later, my goats had multiplied to nine... I am very happy. I participated in farming school and started to produce vegetables with my children. I set up a vegetable business thanks to a loan, which allowed me to buy sweet potato and beans that I mixed with vegetables to make balanced meals.'

As a result of the Burundi community project funded by gifts in Wills, nearly 2,500 households can now grow their own vegetables, and more than 3,800 women can access community schemes to pay for the essentials they need.

A gift in your Will could help kick-start a small business like Denise's, that changes the course of a family's future.



Denise is an entrepreneurial mum of seven living in Burundi.

Meet Jane, a Christian Aid supporter

Jane Brittin grew up in a family where world affairs were often discussed, and charitable work was a big part of life. From a young age, Jane helped her mother with door-to-door collections for Christian Aid, and since then, Jane has never looked back.

Jane has decided to remember Christian Aid in her Will, as a way to ensure her values will live on when she's no longer around.

'I hope for the day that Christian Aid is no longer needed'



Jane Brittin is enjoying a winter walk.

Jane told us: 'In the world there is no them and us, there is only us. I hope for a world with no famine, no injustice, no violence, no refugees, no wars. None of that. I hope for the day that Christian Aid is no longer needed.'

'Being able to help in a small way, with a gift in my Will, makes me happy'

I hope it. I Will it.

How to leave a gift in your Will

We understand that leaving a gift in your Will is an important decision. You may find it helpful to speak with family and friends first. If you have any questions, our friendly Legacy team are here to help you.

Three simple steps

1

Find a Will writing service

The Christian Aid Legacy team can't provide legal advice, so we recommend you speak with a solicitor or professional Will writing service that can meet your needs.

You could ask your friends and family for recommendations or find a local solicitor at lawsociety.co.uk

Alternatively, you could make or update your Will for free with one of our Will writing partners, National Free Wills Network or Farewill. Of course, there's no obligation to leave a gift to Christian Aid when you use one of our partners, but we hope you'll consider doing so.

In person



National Free Wills Network can help you find a local solicitor who can write or update your Will free of charge in person. Visit caid.org.uk/NFWN for more information.

Online/by phone



If you'd like the convenience of writing your Will online or by phone, with live support, you can do so at no cost with our partner Farewill. Visit caid.org.uk/Farewill for more information.

2

Choose the type of gift you'd like to leave

There are three main types of gift that can be left in a Will:

- specific - an object or property
- pecuniary - a fixed amount of money
- residuary* - a share of your estate, the value of which is calculated after all other gifts and expenses have been paid.

*This is the most common type of gift left to Christian Aid. It enables you to take care of all your other beneficiaries and financial responsibilities first.

It's important to give our correct details to your solicitor or Will writer. They'll need our registered charity number and address as follows:

- **In England and Wales:** Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT
Reg charity no: 1105851
- **In Scotland:** Christian Aid, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL
Reg charity no: SC039150
- **In Northern Ireland:** Christian Aid Ireland, Linden House, Beechill Business Park, 96 Beechill Road, Belfast, BT8 7QN
Reg charity no: NIC101631

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Appoint your executor/s

Your executor will be responsible for carrying out the instructions in your Will. You can appoint more than one. An executor can be any person you know and trust. They might be a friend, relative or your solicitor.

FAQs

Why do I need a Will?

Your Will is your last opportunity to provide for the people and causes you've cared about in your lifetime. It's a legal document that expresses how you wish your property and money to be distributed after your death. Without a Will, your wishes might not be carried out.

What wording should I use in my Will?

We always recommend you seek the advice of a solicitor or professional Will writer regarding the best way to word your Will. However, you may find this suggested wording helpful: I leave £___ / a ___% share of my residuary estate to Christian Aid, for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

Will the gift in my Will be charged inheritance tax?

Your gift to Christian Aid will be exempt from inheritance tax, so it can help to reduce the tax burden on your other beneficiaries, such as family and friends. Your solicitor or professional Will writer can explain how to make your Will as tax efficient as possible.

How much of my gift will go to people living in poverty?

Whatever the size, your gift will go to programmes that support families and communities to free themselves from poverty. Our supporters usually choose to leave us an unrestricted gift, so we can use it wherever the need is greatest. However, if there's a particular programme you'd like your donation to support, please get in touch with us and we'll be happy to discuss this with you.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, of course. You can change your Will by making an official alteration with a document called a codicil. You must sign a codicil and get it witnessed in the same way as you would a Will.



Chipo Madembe is with her daughter, Perfect Madembe, at the end of a school day.



If you're considering remembering Christian Aid in your Will, thank you. You can be sure that your gift will be used wherever it is needed most, and your kindness will be felt for generations to come.

We understand that your Will can be a personal matter. However, letting us know about your intended gift can help us to plan our work more effectively. More importantly, it means we can thank you for your generous support in your lifetime.

Together, we WILL bring about the change we want to see in the world.

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To find out more about remembering Christian Aid in your Will, phone or email our friendly Legacy team in complete confidence.

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