

tearfund





Dear Katherine,

Welcome to the spring update from the Tearfund Scotland team!

In the midst of particularly challenging times for our world, sometimes we may find it hard to sense God moving. And sometimes the need feels so great that it can be almost overwhelming.

But we are continually inspired by our colleagues and partners around the world who respond at the forefront of these difficult situations and encourage us that God is hearing our prayers and using our gifts to make a tangible difference in the poorest communities on earth.

This week we've had the privilege of welcoming Emmanuel Murangira, our Country Director for Rwanda, to Scotland. Emmanuel has been touring churches around the country and meeting with government officials to share more of the reality of how our projects are bringing hope and a future to families who are struggling to put food on the table during a climate crisis and Covid pandemic.

His message is one of hope. He told us that in one Scottish Government funded programme alone, our partners have supported 30,000 families to be released from extreme poverty. The impact of this is huge. The lives of individuals, households and entire communities – completely transformed.

Our actions and decision-making here count more than ever when times are tough. So when you buy a ticket for a Tearfund event, pray with us, fundraise, or complete an online climate change action, you are choosing to be part of that change. And it has never been needed

more. We thank you for your ongoing support and hope you will be encouraged that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Blessings,



Graeme McMeekin

Head of Tearfund Scotland

Good news! Scottish funding for Burkina Faso.



We recently welcomed [The Scottish Government's announcement](#) of funding to help Tearfund partners in Burkina Faso respond to the ongoing humanitarian situation there. The government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund was set up to respond to crises in our world which are often overlooked and under-reported, but where the need is very real and urgent. These crucial funds will enable our partners to provide

a lifeline to families who are most vulnerable as a result of the ongoing conflict, providing basic supplies and also helping prevent further trauma through training around protection for sexual abuse and exploitation of children. We thank God for this funding and the difference it will make.

Can your church take on the climate challenge?



At the heart of the climate crisis lies a grim injustice. The people who have done the least to cause this crisis – people living in poverty – are suffering the most.

What difference can we make? It may feel like our actions don't add up to much. But if each one of us makes a small change, then together we can make a huge difference.

Why not inspire your congregation to tackle the climate crisis by signing up to our one week Let's Change the Climate Challenge? Find out today how your church can respond together. And please also read about our Time to Deliver campaign below.

[Take the Challenge](#)

Pedal power



Do you enjoy cycling? Want to get on your bike for a good cause?

We're delighted to announce that the Drumlanrig Cycle Challenge is back! We're really looking forward to this event in stunning surroundings and would love to invite you to join us. You don't need to be an expert cyclist to take part as there are three routes to choose from, and your involvement will help make a huge difference to those in greatest need around the world.

[Get on your bike](#)

Other ways to join us

- [Pray with us](#)

Do you find praying for an end to global poverty overwhelming? One Voice in Prayer – Tearfund’s weekly prayer email – helps break down big topics into manageable sections. You’ll also find up-to-date prayer requests and guides from our global team to help you pray each week for the areas of greatest need in the world.

Join with us today and [sign up here](#).

- **Time to Deliver**

This month we’ve launched a brand new campaign telling the UK Government it’s time to deliver much-needed finance to communities that are bearing the brunt of the climate crisis. [Read more](#) about the uncomfortable truth about climate finance: what it is and why 2022 is a vital year for action and justice.

- **Kiltwalk success!**

Our incredible Super Grans, Anne and Moira from Linwood Baptist Church, recently took on the Glasgow Kiltwalk for Tearfund, and with their fundraising topped up by The Hunter Foundation, they raised a whopping £1235. We are so thankful for every step they took to support our work! Do you feel inspired by Anne and Moira? Could you throw on a wee bit of tartan and walk for Tearfund? There are future dates coming up in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and also a virtual Kiltwalk you can complete from wherever you are. We’d love you to [join us!](#)

- **Keep in touch**

We regularly update our Tearfund Scotland social media channels with all the latest news, events and prayers from our team. Are you following us online to be kept in the loop? You’ll find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as @TearfundScotland, and on [Twitter](#) as @TearfundScot



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