

## Christmas Appeal 2017

**MAKE HOPE  
MY STORY**

<p>Advent One</p>		<p>The memory of Typhoon Haiyan drives 74 year old Clarita who lives near the coast of Aklan province in the Philippines. In 2013, her house and crops were badly damaged. She wants to have a cushion against future calamities and make her community stronger. Together they have planted fruit trees and root crops, and started their very own farmers' market. In the face of climate change, they are preparing with hope for an uncertain future.</p> <p><b>Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story!</b></p>
<p>Advent Two</p>		<p>Sujatha (centre) is now the <i>panchayat</i> (or local council) president. She has the skills she needs to make changes that improve the lives of her village in Tamil Nadu state in South India. As a Dalit and a woman she has worked hard to to make the panchayat work for the poorest people and create hope for their future. Human Rights Foundation has trained her and others to exercise their political rights, standing up against those who try to take community land and resources.</p> <p><b>Please give generously to the Christmas Appeal. Let's make hope our story!</b></p>

### Advent Three



Thanks to freshwater on tap, the lives of three HIV and AIDS orphans have been transformed in Southwest Uganda. Spared from long treks and early morning queues, they enjoy drinking crystal clear water from their very own water tank. When everything is dry and dusty from another drought, there is nothing better than fresh water to drink. They have time to help their grandmother with gardening and chores, and go to school. The Centre for Community Solidarity channels hope through 25 local associations of people caring for the orphans of HIV and AIDS.

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### Advent Four



Pacific peoples look out on a sea that is creeping closer. King tides and salt water are claiming crops and safe water supplies. Changing weather is making life more hazardous – drought and then a cyclone in Tonga's Ha'apai Group and widespread destruction from Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. They plant coastal crops in an effort to halt the erosion and make plans to survive natural disaster. At every level, Pacific peoples are seeking allies in their campaign to stop global warming with its threats to their homes and their land. By doing all we can to stop the rising global temperature, we can share the hope of survival.

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In Lebanon, Syrian refugee students relish the opportunity to learn at the Sabra Centre. With their families, they have fled from war. Falling funding for refugee services and rising costs is making life harder. School is a welcome opportunity to learn skills that they can take with them no matter what the future. Older students can train in electronics and computer maintenance so that one day they can return home to bring hope to their shattered homeland.

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