



<p><b>Advent One</b></p>		<p>Climate Change is making storms more intense. Finau has lived many years on Tonga's 'Eua island, so when she says that Cyclone Gita was the worst she had experienced, it is the truth. The cyclone damaged the front of her home. Her husband is not well. Thankfully, the women in her local Ama Takiloa group have been a lifeline for her. They have repaired rainwater harvesting systems and are replanting community gardens so they will be able to eat traditional foods like taro again.</p> <p><b>Be the Lifeline to communities facing the worst effects of climate change. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.</b></p>
<p><b>Advent Two</b></p>		<p>Growing herbs has been a lifeline to Palestinians living in Aqaba village. Thanks to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, they have been able to build eight tunnel houses. Every 40 days they harvest a crop that they will dry and blend to make herbal tea bags. The tea bags are packaged for sale, but their machine is too old. They need a new one. The village is surrounded by arable land, but most of it is occupied by the military. Better teabag production will improve</p>

		<p>family incomes and security.</p> <p><b>Be the lifeline to communities standing for peace. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.</b></p>
<p><b>Advent Three</b></p>		<p>Until last year, Joyce ran a tiny stall at a local market. She would buy a bucket each of sorghum and peanuts to sell one cup at a time. Once she sold one bucket, she would buy another. The small profit she made for a day's labour kept her three children healthy. Her husband and father were killed in 2015 when their homes were attacked, part of South Sudan's bitter war. For her Maridi Service Agency has been a lifeline. She attended a small business course last year and received money to invest. Her business has grown and she has food stored to use later when prices are higher. It is enough to pay school fees, medical expenses and live comfortably.</p> <p><b>Be the Lifeline to families in need of food. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.</b></p>
<p><b>Advent Four</b></p>		<p>For years, most south Indian girls suffered in silence. Their brothers ate the best food, attended school and did fewer chores. When they grew up, the same patterns continued. It was not fair. The number of violent attacks on women are increasing. EKTA has been a lifeline to men and women</p>

		<p>wanting change. They do the research, educate men and women about gender, and run successful campaigns to stop discrimination based on gender and make the city of Madurai safer. Already they have lobbied local government to set up a desk at a major bus station to help children who are lost or in danger of being trafficked.</p> <p><b>Be the Lifeline to women and men seeking safety and fairness. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.</b></p>
<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p>		<p>The hills are steep in Haiti. Most people in rural areas live on what they grow. They work hard for everything they have – knowing a hurricane or earthquake may destroy their homes and livelihoods. To own a donkey is a luxury – more often the people have to carry crops and food themselves. Like many of the world’s 475 million small farmers, they know life could be easier. For now, they want their children to go to school. There is no government in their hills, so ICKL is the lifeline that supports the community to pay salaries and the running costs of their local schools. They are determined their children will have a fair go in life.</p> <p><b>Be the Lifeline to people who do not want to be left behind. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.</b></p>