

CHURCH NOTICES



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CHURCH NOTICES (SHORTER)

WATER

This Christmas Christian World Service asks you to support families in need of water. From families of HIV and AIDS orphans in Uganda's dry region to fisherfolk on south India's coast who have lost access to the sea and their livelihoods, the demand for water is very great. In rural and urban areas, water shortages or sometimes severe floods are having a huge effect. With your help, families can get access to the water that will help them escape poverty. The right to the dignity that comes with safe water, good sanitation, and a decent livelihood belongs to us all. Through the Christmas Appeal, you can share the gift of water, the essence of survival.

Please make your donation in the envelope provided or donate on line at: <http://christmasappeal.org.nz/donate/>.

The need is clear – give water for Christmas, the essence of survival.



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CHURCH NOTICES (LONGER)

WATER

Christmas is the season for sharing life and giving hope. This year Christian World Service is asking you to support our appeal for water and give families the new opportunities it can bring.

In Uganda Grandmother Farazia prays for water. She saves all she can for a rainwater tank that she knows will transform the lives of her grandchildren who lost their parents to HIV and AIDS. In Nicaragua small farmer Miguel gives thanks for a simple water pump and agricultural support that is lifted his fears about hunger and drought. He wants other small farmers to have the chance to grow better food and eat more often. On the coast of South India Meenaski a seaweed gatherer wants to protect her community's access to their livelihoods.

You can read their stories and help make the change happen that could transform their lives: <https://christmasappeal.org.nz/>.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus who came to give life. Let us share life with the world. Water is the essence of life. Your contribution to the Christmas Appeal will improve the lives of people who are trapped in poverty and deprivation. Donations can be placed in the Appeal envelope in the church offering, by internet banking or made on line.

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ADVENT ONE - HOPE

1 DECEMBER

In Uganda, the Centre for Community Solidarity works with 25 village associations to bring water and development to local people. The associations made up of women and men who take care of children who have lost parents to HIV and AIDS meet monthly for support. Community volunteers teach them better health practices and new farming techniques to manage the water shortages caused by climate change.

With clean water, the children will be healthy and go to school every day. They will have energy for their chores and can grow better food.

Please support the [2019 Christmas Appeal](#), so families affected by HIV and AIDS can build rainwater tanks.

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ADVENT TWO – PEACE

8 DECEMBER

On South India's coasts, fisherfolk are being pushed from their homes and livelihoods. For centuries, they have lived close to the sea but now large scale industry like power plants, shrimp farms and tourist ventures threaten their existence. Working with Neythal, they are finding ways to take their demands to local government and take legal action to protect what they have. In the process the often barely literate fisherfolk are learning to gather the evidence and work with supportive scientists.

With your help, the fisherfolk will be able to advocate for their families and communities. Please support the [2019 Christmas Appeal](#), so fisherfolk can protect their culture and livelihoods.

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ADVENT THREE – JOY

15 DECEMBER

In Nicaragua's dry rural hill country, small farmers are struggling to cope with poverty and recurrent drought. Under the guidance of CEPAD, the Council of Protestant Churches, they have set up local development committees to make their own plans. With CEPAD's help, men and women can install irrigation systems and learn to grow new crop varieties. Compost, mulch and recycling grey water are key components of this approach along with the support of local leaders.

With your help, Nicaraguan families will have good food and better health. Please support the [2019 Christmas Appeal](#), so CEPAD can help them meet their daily need for water.

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ADVENT FOUR – LOVE

22 DECEMBER

Last September Indonesia's Central Sulawesi was devastated by earthquake and tsunami. Part of the community, local ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) members immediately began to assist their neighbours in need. They worked with those affected to provide the emergency assistance they wanted and needed. One year later water and sanitation systems are in place although many affected families live in tents or transitional homes. After natural disasters and in conflict situations, ACT Alliance and CWS's local partners save lives and support people rebuild homes and livelihoods.

With your support, ACT Alliance and local partners can meet emergency needs. Please support the [2019 Christmas Appeal](#), so people survive and recover from a disaster.

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In Palestine, years of conflict have left Palestinian and Syrian refugees in poverty and dependent on aid assistance. Some mothers and children are malnourished and traumatised by their experiences.

For seventy years the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees has been part of the community, providing education, medical and emergency services and some livelihood support. In Gaza and Jordan they run five primary health clinics for refugee mothers and children under six. Regular checkups with medical staff make sure new babies get a good start to life and a highly valued by mothers.

With your help, DSPR's clinics will improve the health of many young families. Please support the [2019 Christmas Appeal](#), so mothers and babies get a good start.

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