



Churches Newsletter



Dear Friends

Welcome to your July edition of the Tearfund churches newsletter! Summer and the school holidays are well and truly upon us, and we're looking forward to the summer festivals. If you happen to be at New Wine or Big Church Festival, do stop by at the Tearfund stand and say hi!

In this month's newsletter, you can listen to a BBC podcast highlighting Tearfund's work in Rwanda, where we're supporting survivors of physical and sexual violence. Your church is supporting vital work like this around the world, and we're so grateful to you for putting your love into action.

There is a link to an update from Tearfund's response to the outbreak of the Ebola virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

You'll also find some useful links to help with your planning for the Autumn term, including the Harvest resource, Big Quiz Night and booking a Tearfund speaker.

Thank you for following Jesus where his love leads.



Tearfund on the BBC

Around 840 million women and girls – that's 1 in 3 women worldwide – have experienced physical or sexual violence. The effects don't end with the attack. Violence fractures physical and mental health, financial security, and trust – often for life.

Recently, the BBC podcast People Fixing the World visited Rwanda to hear how Tearfund is supporting survivors of sexual and gender based violence, and engaging with church leaders and communities to challenge and change harmful ideas about masculinity.

Go to [BBC World Service - People Fixing The World, Ending violence against women](#) to listen to the podcast to hear how your church is helping transform families and whole communities by supporting Tearfund's work.



Pre-order your Harvest resource

Are you celebrating Harvest this year? Pre-order your Tearfund resource today to use in your Harvest service. Hear from Pastor John, Esther and Rakele from Uganda about how God has transformed their lives and their communities through Tearfund's Transforming Communities training.

Go to
[https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/Harvest-Resources?](https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/Harvest-Resources?utm_source=england_july26&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ace_lcgd_newsletter&tf_source=218292&mc_cid=06539cb9b8&mc_eid=d903bd)

[utm_source=england_july26&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ace_lcgd_newsletter&tf_source=218292&mc_cid=06539cb9b8&mc_eid=d903bd](https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/Harvest-Resources?utm_source=england_july26&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ace_lcgd_newsletter&tf_source=218292&mc_cid=06539cb9b8&mc_eid=d903bd)

to pre-order your resource today, and we'll send it to you when it is ready.



Update on the Ebola outbreak

An outbreak of Ebola virus was officially declared in the Democratic Republic of Congo on 15 May. So far, more than 1,900 cases have been confirmed, and because this strain has no vaccine or specific treatment yet, already more than 700 people have died.

Tearfund has been running an emergency appeal to respond to the outbreak. Go to [Ebola: meet three of the people preventing the spread - Tearfund](#) to read more and find out how our local staff and partners are working to reach more people with potentially lifesaving messaging about how to avoid the spread of the disease. And please join us in prayer – we've added some helpful ways to pray at the end of the article.



Ways to engage your church this Autumn

Book a Tearfund Speaker

A Tearfund speaker is a great way to inspire your church with stories of how they can help bring life-changing transformation to people in deepest need, through the power of prayer, giving and action.

[Book a speaker today.](#)

Host a Big Quiz Night

The Big Quiz Night is back on Saturday 14 November! This year, churches across the UK are coming together to take part in our quiz and help bring an end to extreme poverty. Will your church be one of them? We'll provide support every step of the way – from creative ways to advertise, to resources you need on the night.

[Sign up to host a Big Quiz Night](#)

Start a Generosity Collective

Pool the passions and resources of your church to help communities living in extreme poverty around the world. Start a collective in your church – or let us match members of your church with other Christians near you to maximise your giving.

[Find out more about Generosity Collectives](#)

We value your voice

Have questions or ideas? Your feedback, thoughts and suggestions help guide and shape the resources we provide to you. Please email our friendly Churches Team at churches@tearfund.org or call us on **020 3906 3366** any time! We'd love to hear from you.

Have a great summer

Thank you again for the support you and your church give to Tearfund. We pray you have a great summer with time to rest and enjoy God's creation.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Buddy Owen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Buddy Owen

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