

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

May 2026

*'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength'*

*~Isaiah 40:31a*

## Give Thanks

Thank you for praying for the recent Tearfund Family meetings hosted in Dublin. It was a great time to get to know each other better, discuss our work with partners and to foster future collaborations.

Give thanks for the priority given to prayer across the Tearfund family of organisations which has led to Tearfund Family Prayer Days every year. The most recent online prayer gathering was held in April ran for 24 hours starting with hosts from Tearfund New Zealand and ending with hosts from Tearfund Canada.

Praise God for the global conversation hosted by TCD CU in early April with Kenyan Care Leaver and Child Development expert Stephen Ucembe. We are grateful that all the technology worked! The discussion centred on why Stephen advocates for an end to orphanage volunteering and care. Please pray that it will lead to further conversations and engagement with CUs on this issue.

Join us in giving thanks that the photography workshop for partner organisations in Ethiopia went very well. Our partners have asked for follow up workshop on 'Storytelling'. Please pray for Amanda as she prepares for the 'Storytelling' workshop.

## World News

**Ethiopia:** During his recent visit to Ethiopia, Tearfund Ireland CEO Sean Copeland met Meseret. Meseret shared 'Prior to joining the Self Help Group (SHG), I lacked confidence in public speaking and had no experience with savings. The SHG has transformed my identity from shyness to confidence, enabling me to assume a leadership position... The SHG has been instrumental in these changes.' Please pray that many more women like Meseret will see their lives transformed in this way. Ethiopia will be holding a General Election on 1st June. Please pray for smooth and peaceful election process.

**Lebanon:** Our partners recently spent time interviewing families displaced by the war, everyone is exhausted. With news of the recent ceasefire, many displaced people decided to go home to Southern Lebanon to check on their belongings, only to discover that their homes had been destroyed. They say that they wish they had not gone. Many families were living with the hope that one day they could go home, and now that hope is gone. Please pray that the ceasefire will hold and lead to lasting peace and an end to the war and for renewed hope and strength.

**Cambodia:** After spending many years in an orphanage, Seyhak, often felt isolated and unsure of where he truly belonged. His perspective began to change when he joined activities for care leavers supported by Tearfund Ireland partner M'Lup Russey. These included community visits, study tours, and life skills training. Through these experiences, Seyhak started to understand the value of family relationships, mutual support, and connection with others. Seyhak has become more confident and a role model for other young people. He firmly believes that every child deserves to grow up in a family rather than in an institution. Please pray for our partners as they support Seyhak and other care leavers as they adapt to life in the community.



Tearfund Ireland will share a stand space at the Church of Ireland General Synod in early May. Please pray for good interactions with church leaders and Synod members.

We were disappointed not to receive funding for global citizenship education from Irish Aid this year. We will continue to provide global justice conversations and workshops though! Please pray for workshops with a parish in Co Dublin this month exploring global justice issues in a deeper way.

Plans are well underway for the annual Tearfund Ireland coffee mornings and the 5-aside football on Saturday June 6th. Please pray that these events will be a success this year and an opportunity for church communities to come together for a great cause! Contact Amanda to find out how to get involved: [amanda.prather@tearfund.ie](mailto:amanda.prather@tearfund.ie)

Please continue to pray for new members with a range of skills and experience to join the Tearfund Ireland Board of Directors and Advisory Committees.