

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

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The Word became flesh and blood, and  
moved into the neighbourhood.  
~John 1:14a (The Message)

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## GIVE THANKS

- Thank you for your prayer for the team as we worked on proposals for funding for Self Help Group work in Ethiopia and Development Education here in Ireland. Proposals have been now been submitted to Irish Aid, please pray for favour as they are assessed.
- The recent visit by members of Open Arms Newbridge to Haiti to visit a project providing schooling for Restavec children last month. Thank God for all the children who have been able to receive an education through this project.
- Give thanks for the people who gathered for the Ethiopian Self Help Group Think Tank in Trinity College last month. Pray for those who hope to find ways to adapt the self- help group model to their context in Ireland. Pray that they will have wisdom and the support they need as they proceed.
- Give thanks for our Connected Church partners and for the many lives that have been transformed this year through their community mobilisation work in Cambodia and Uganda.

## WORLD NEWS

- Take time to pause this month before the festivities that often dominate the Christmas period to reflect on the universe-changing event that is Jesus' birth. Ask God to give a touch of His redeeming grace to areas of the world facing conflict such as Yemen, South Sudan and Syria.
- Please continue to pray for Yemen. According to the UN, 14 million people are facing 'pre-famine conditions'. This means they are entirely reliant on external aid for survival. Pray also for our partner organisations – for their health, strength and protection.
- Alternative Care for children: please pray that there will be greater awareness of the damage caused to children if they grow up in institutional care. Pray that people with the influence to change things will familiarise themselves with the issues. A recent video featuring young people who have grown up in orphanages in developing countries is worth a look [www.loveyougive.org](http://www.loveyougive.org).
- Please continue to pray for our partners who are working to reintegrate children from orphanages back into their communities in Cambodia, Nepal and Zimbabwe.

## IRELAND

- Give thanks for the recent Creation Care and Sustainable Living seminar hosted by Tearfund Ireland. Thank God for attendees and pray that their experience at the seminar will lead to sustainable action to help protect the world's poorest communities from the effects of floods, droughts and bad harvests.
- Join us in giving thanks for the dedicated team in Cork who hosted a Christmas coffee and crafts morning to raise funds for schooling for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon last month. Pray for our partners in Lebanon that they will have the resources that they need to continue to reach out to refugees living in very challenging circumstances.
- As we come to the end of a very busy autumn give thanks for all our supporters and the churches and groups that welcomed Tearfund Ireland speakers and supported our partners' work in prayer and giving this year. Please pray that the team and our partners across the world will have some time for much needed rest and refreshment with family and friends over the Christmas period.