

# MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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**“MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE  
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE  
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

**~ROMANS 15:13**



## GIVE THANKS

- On December 18th, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2019 Resolution on the Rights of the Child. For the first time ever, all 193 member states of the United Nations have recognised the harm growing up in institutions can cause children and have called for institutions to be progressively eliminated.
- Join us in giving thanks for funding granted by the EU to a consortium (that includes Tearfund Ireland) for a project to build capacity for disability inclusion in humanitarian responses. We will be leading on de- institutionalisation awareness, training and capacity building as part of the project.
- Last month The Economist magazine published an article outlining some of the findings of a recent study exploring the most cost effective interventions to alleviate poverty in Africa. Self Help Groups topped the list as the second most cost effective intervention in Africa. Give thanks for the thousands of lives that have been lifted out of poverty through Self Help Group work.

## WORLD NEWS

- Rising political tensions between the US and Iran have increased the risk of conflict, and Iraq could become the battleground. Pray for wisdom for political leaders, so that conflict will be avoided. And pray for protection and safety for people in Iraq.
- Please continue to pray for a quick and peaceful resolution to the current political and economic crisis in Lebanon. Our partners ask us to pray: ‘for wisdom and renewed motivation for our team and partners, as we seek to discern how God wants to use us in this new and challenging context.’
- Unusually heavy rainfall in Ethiopia has led to an increase in locusts. This has seriously impacted farmers – some have lost all of their crops. Please pray for those who are experiencing severe food shortages as a result, and that swift solutions to this problem will be found.
- It’s estimated that by 2030 nearly half of people in extreme poverty will be living in areas affected by conflict. Our mandate to pray for peace has never been more critical.

## IRELAND

- Project proposals – Please pray for a favourable outcome for project proposals submitted to Irish Aid one for next phase of the Self Help Group work in Ethiopia and the other for development education work with youth and church leaders in Ireland.
- We are grateful for the generosity of so many over the Christmas period donating much needed funds for the work of Tearfund Ireland and our partners. We give thanks for positive response from supporters who give occasionally to sign up for regular monthly giving.
- As we enter a New Year and a new decade please continue to pray for wisdom, clarity and peace for the Tearfund Ireland Board and leadership as we continue to face a number of challenges.