

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

Feb 2020

**“BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART, ALL
YOU WHO HOPE IN THE LORD.”
~PSALM 34:21 (NIV)**



GIVE THANKS

- Thank God for Tearfund Ireland's peers and partners across our network memberships internationally and here in Ireland. Please pray for continued good relationships and for more opportunities to collaborate with others to see people lifted out of poverty.
- We continue to give thanks for the grant funding received from the EU last month for a 2 year project with partners based in Europe to grow our capacity to respond in humanitarian disaster situations. Please pray for us as the project gets under way this month.
- Thank God for the transformation that has taken place in villages like Katuna in Northern Uganda through the church and community mobilisation [CCM] work of our Connected Church partner PAG Uganda. A recent report has shown that the church and community mobilisation approach was more than 25 times more cost effective and more than four times more likely to be sustained than even an excellent project-based approach. Pastor Johnston from Katuna says: "We started as readers of the Word, but [CCM] has made us doers of the Word."
- Join us in giving thanks for funds received from Bishops Appeal for an education project in Boma South Sudan.

WORLD NEWS

- Last month Oxfam reported that just 22 people own the same wealth as all the women on the continent of Africa – that is 325 million women. Tearfund Ireland is working with partners to see vulnerable and disadvantaged women lifted out of poverty in Ethiopia by establishing new Self Help Groups. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on this work.
- Our connected church partners Cambodia CHO have asked us to pray for rain as their country has been experiencing severe drought. In December the Government there asked farmers to refrain from planting rice due to water shortages. Please pray for rain so crops essential to people's livelihood and wellbeing can grow.
- Lebanon – the formation of a new Government took place at the end of January amid ongoing protests in the country. Please pray for our partners LSESD and their church partners as they reach out to vulnerable refugee families; pray that they will be able to continue their work in peace. Pray for great wisdom for church leaders and the LSESD team at this time of uncertainty.

IRELAND

- The General Election – Pray that those who are elected on February 8th will be caring, compassionate and ever mindful of how their policies will affect the most vulnerable both here in Ireland and in developing countries.
- Give thanks for youth leaders who will participate in a Global Justice in Youth Work training in Wexford this month. Please pray that participating youth leaders will be inspired and equipped to work with their youth groups for a more just and sustainable world.
- Thank God for the churches hosting Tearfund Ireland speakers this month; please pray that God will enable us to communicate his concern for the poor and the life transforming work of our partners in very challenging circumstances. Please join us as we continue to pray for the funds needed to fulfil our commitments to our partners.
- Tearfund Ireland and Spirit Radio are collaborating to host coffee mornings in homes, churches and groups across Ireland on the morning of Wednesday 25th March to raise funds to see 1,000 people in Ethiopia lifted out of poverty. Why not join us by hosting a coffee morning, praying for the event or listening in on Spirit Radio?