

# Monthly Prayer Bulletin

August 2022

*"And if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."*

~Isaiah 58:10

## Give Thanks

• **Ethiopia:** Thank you for praying for the Dublin staff who travelled to Ethiopia in July to meet partners, visit self-help groups and prepare for next phase of the SHG project work. Give thanks for the relationships with colleagues and partners that were deepened through the visit. Praise God for the commitment of partners to the work of the project. Unfortunately, luggage went missing in Dublin Airport on the return journey, please pray that it will be found soon. Please pray for an end to the unrest in various regions of Ethiopia and in particular for the talks taking place between the Government and the TPLF of Tigray.

• **New Wine Sligo:** Thank God for the opportunity to build connections with individuals and churches at the New Wine summer conference. Please pray that many will join us in practical demonstrations of God's goodness, love and justice into the future.

• **5 Aside Football Blitz:** Thank God for all those who will join us for the 5 Aside Churches Football Blitz on August 20th at the ALSAA pitches in Dublin. Pray for good weather and a day full of fun for all concerned.

## World News

• **East Africa:** One person is dying every 48 seconds in the Horn of Africa according to a recent estimates by Oxfam and Save the Children Fund. As the drought continues pray for rain to come at the right times in the right places.

• **Rising food prices:** The increase in food prices is worsening the hunger crises in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East. Continue to pray for the communities around the world that are impacted most. Lift up relief efforts by Tearfund Ireland and other charities to alleviate hunger; pray they reach those in need. Pray for a commitment to a global solution to tackle this.

• **Cambodia:** Our partners M'Lup Russey write 'Family based care is the best option for children. There is nothing more natural or beautiful than a family.' Please pray for M'lup Russey as they work to strengthen families and keep children out of institutions. They believe that 'There also need to be changes in the way we invest money and resources for the sake of children in need.' Pray that God will give us wisdom in how we can best support children in need.

• **Extreme Weather Events:** This summer has seen a number of extreme weather events happening around the world, including excessive heat waves in Europe and four successive failed rainy seasons in Ethiopia. Join us as we pray for people affected, for world leaders and for the church. Pray that churches will take the lead in protecting God's creation and supporting people living in poverty.



## Ireland

• **Pedal Against Poverty:** Thank God for all the cyclists who will get on their bikes this summer to raise funds for our partners' work. If you would like to take part, please contact [amanda.prather@tearfund.ie](mailto:amanda.prather@tearfund.ie)

• **Autumn and Christmas at Tearfund Ireland:** Please pray for the team as we prepare for the busy autumn and Christmas season.

• Please pray that many churches will find our harvest sermon pack on the theme "Behold I make all things new" useful. If you would like a copy of the sermon pack and a link to our autumn video please let us know. Tearfund Ireland speakers are also available to bring updates about our partners' work at churches and small groups, please contact: [emma.lynch@tearfund.ie](mailto:emma.lynch@tearfund.ie) to book a speaker.

• As Tearfund Ireland staff take annual leave this month, please pray for refreshment and rejuvenation. May we receive from the Lord all He has for us during this time.