

Christian Aid Scotland Annual Review 2017



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before death



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Christian Aid has a vision – an end to poverty – and we believe that vision can become a reality.

Welcome



Change isn't only possible. It is happening.

In our supporters, churches and partners, we are sensing a growing solidarity and a greater determination to expose the scandal of poverty. We are digging deep to unearth the roots of injustice which perforate our systems and structures, drain life from the most vulnerable and diminish us all. And together with our global sisters and brothers we are bringing practical, tangible, sustainable solutions.

Our 2017 Annual Review is a celebration of the work of Christian Aid Scotland, made possible only through the efforts of so many who believe that we are called to flourish, who believe in life before death.

Together we are more than a charity. We are a movement for justice joining with communities in 36 countries

around the world who invest themselves in a future free from poverty.

Transformation needs us all to play our part: to raise money, yes; but also, to raise our voices and to act. We must continue to speak up to stop the climate chaos that robs the poorest of their present and everyone of their future, to challenge the gender inequality that stifles the right to become equal and the tax injustice that unfairly burdens developing countries.


Transformation takes time.

Thank you for taking the time to walk with us on the long journey towards justice and towards a world where all God's people flourish.

Sally Foster-Fulton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Foster-Fulton".

Head of Christian Aid Scotland



Douglas Tucker was a dedicated Christian Aid supporter until his passing in July this year. He started collecting for Christian Aid in England before moving to Scotland, where his support was unwavering.

'In the downtown slums of Newcastle there were these ladies that were great people, who had nothing and they would put aside pence every week so when you went to the house on Christian Aid Week they had this huge bag of coins. It made you very, very humble. Because they had nothing and what they had they gave you.'



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Christian Aid in Scotland

Christian Aid Scotland supports individuals, partners and churches to stamp out the global scandal of poverty.

We believe that poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Through our international, humanitarian and advocacy work we tackle both its effects and root causes.

Christian Aid supporters across Scotland, like Douglas Tucker, have been inspirational in their efforts to challenge injustice through fundraising, campaigning and awareness raising.

In 2017, the Christian Aid Scotland team have spoken in hundreds of churches, schools and youth groups. We have supported volunteers and campaigners to take action against injustice. We have organised events and hosted visitors from our offices in Brazil, Bolivia and Malawi.

But, we cannot reach our vision of an end to poverty alone. Throughout 2017, we have worked in creative partnership with some of Scotland's most passionately engaged advocacy and community organisations on areas of climate change, gender equality and tax justice. As ever, we are thankful for the insight and energy of the Scottish Advisory Committee.



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Church partnerships

Over the course of the past year we have worked closely alongside the churches in Scotland on a local, national and regional level. This review contains many examples of new and ongoing activities which could not happen without those close links.

Our supporters in local congregations, Guilds and Christian Aid Groups continue to inspire us to work harder for a world where people are no longer bereft of dignity, freedom and hope, or of power over their own lives.

We were delighted to meet so many of our supporters at three Jamborees celebrating 60 years of Christian Aid Week. Those meetings were a great opportunity to thank those who have contributed to making Christian Aid Week such a success year after year. In 2018 we will facilitate four Gatherings in Edinburgh, Dumfries, Dunblane and Aberdeen. We would love to see you and others from your church there.

In 2017 churches throughout Scotland raised the amazing sum of £25,334.54 for Community Partnerships in Malawi, South Asia, Ethiopia and El Salvador and Honduras. With match-funding from the European Union and the Scottish Government these donations will be worth in excess of £100,000. Thank you to all our supporters who have made this possible.



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caid.org.uk/scotland-churches



Christian Aid Week 2017 focused on the plight of the tens of millions of people fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster.

Thanks to your generosity, we have provided refugee camps in Greece with new kitchen facilities and food assistance – reaching

more than 62,700 refugees. And of course, we're continuing to work with refugees around the world wherever they need us.



Read more

Find out about Christian Aid Week 2018 at caweek.org

Climate justice

During 2017, Christian Aid put climate change at the top of the agenda for leaders globally and nationally.

In January, Christian Aid welcomed the initial draft of Scotland's Energy Strategy which proposes that 50% of all energy - including transport, heating and electricity - will come from renewables by 2030.

Throughout the year we have kept the pressure on both politicians and big businesses to tackle climate change with the required urgency.

In autumn, campaigners took our Big Shift campaign to Scotland's high streets – encouraging banks to accelerate the shift in their investments towards low-carbon projects.

Meanwhile almost 20,000 people across Scotland, including many Christian Aid supporters, asked the Scottish Government to 'Give it 100%' and commit to net-zero greenhouse gases by 2050 in Scotland's new Climate Act, to ensure that we play

our part in meeting the Paris Climate Agreement.

We were delighted to actively partner with world-changing organisations throughout 2017. We joined Church of Scotland, Eco-Congregation Scotland and Oikocredit to how to be ethical with our money. And we took to stage and screen at the Edinburgh World Justice Festival and in celebration of 10 years of partnership with Take One Action.



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Millions of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people world feel the impact of climate change most keenly. Those, like Jacqueline (pictured), who have done the least to cause it, tend to be affected first and worst.

Jacqueline is a sunflower seed farmer in Burundi, and treasurer of a sunflower cooperative supported by Christian Aid.



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Gender Justice

The Scottish chapter of Side by Side, the faith movement for gender justice initiated by Christian Aid, has gone from strength to strength in 2017.

Facilitators have been trained to use the Loving One Another biblical toolkit, which supports faith groups to address gender inequality through a global lens. Developed in collaboration with the Scottish Episcopal Church and stemming from Christian Aid's work in Brazil, sessions are now being rolled out across Scotland.

In March our Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women to speak at the global launch of Side by Side about the innovative work happening in Scotland. We fed back on the progress of Side by Side to the churches in October and looked ahead to how the work might develop.

In autumn we were joined by Sarah Roure, Programme Officer in Christian Aid Brazil, for an event at the Edinburgh World Justice Festival. Our session, entitled Side by Side: global stories of transformation, gave us a platform from which to share stories about gender justice from Brazil and Scotland.

November saw the launch of a social media campaign for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, in which faith leaders and activists in Scotland pledged to challenge gender-based violence. Through the wonders of technology, we joined with the voices of Christian Aid partners from around the globe as continue to work for a world based on gender justice.

Compassion



Sarah de Roure is a Programme Officer for Christian Aid, based in Sao Paulo Brazil.

'My Christian faith has challenged me to think where are the values and the roots of the kingdom of God in everything. I believe that the Gospel has a message for the spirit and for the body. So if this is a female body, what would be the message? My faith opened my ears and eyes to the prophetic voices coming from the streets and from the marches. I learnt with so many different women that the gospel was a reality in their lives - not only a promise for a distant future.'



See more of Sarah's work on gender justice at caid.org.uk/film-picks

Scottish Government Projects

Our work with the Scottish Government on long term development projects and in response to humanitarian emergencies has continued and expanded in 2017.

In Balaka, Malawi, we continue to support communities to demand quality maternal and child health services with funding from the Malawi Development Fund. As a result, there has been increased government spending on health in the region, improvement in services and reduced maternal mortality rates.

The support from the Climate Justice Fund for the project in Nsanje, Malawi which introduced innovative solar irrigation schemes to farmers came to an end after 3 years. Households in this project now expect significantly larger harvests and are prepared for erratic weather.

In October we received funding for a new project in Central Province, Zambia. This project will work with small-scale farmers, mainly women and young people, to develop profitable businesses and to advocate for better business conditions. This project is funded through the new Zambia Development Fund and will run until March 2022.

As well as supporting long-term development, the Scottish Government has established the Humanitarian Emergency Fund. From that fund, Christian Aid Scotland received funding to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Together we are providing shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and health services to those fleeing persecution in Myanmar.



Read more at
caid.org.uk/scottish-government

Another Way to Remember

'We walked in memory of our son Andrew. It was a wonderful day and gave us lots of comfort and the opportunity to chat to others and there were smiles on the day too. We decided to make a gift in Andrew's memory and as he was a plumber have asked for this to be put towards Christian Aid projects involving water.' Iain, Tillicoultry.



Read more at

caid.org.uk/gifts-in-memory



Inherit the Earth

Since 2016, the Church of Scotland Guild has generously supported a project to provide solar ovens to communities living in the Bolivian Amazon. The impact of the project has been profound: improving the lives of local women, safeguarding precious natural resources and sparking international interest.

Trish, a retired shepherdess from Kelso who has been involved with Christian Aid Scotland for many years, visited Bolivia to see the transformational impact that a gift left in a Will can make. Photos from her visit to this incredible project can now be seen in a new touring legacy exhibition called Inherit the Earth.

To date, Inherit the Earth has visited churches, cafés and community centres in the Scottish Borders and Stirlingshire. In 2018 it will continue to tour Scotland with dates in Aberdeen and St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh already in the diary.

If you would like the legacy exhibition to visit your church or community café please contact Jo Dallas, Legacy Coordinator on 0141 241 6139 or email jdallas@christian-aid.org



See more of Trish's story at caid.org.uk/trish



'This trip has helped me to see exactly how Christian Aid uses the money it receives. What I've seen here makes me think about the gift that I have in my Will for Christian Aid. I don't have my own family but I can see that my gift will invest in their future, and that means a lot to me.'

Trish Gentry

Education and Youth Work

Christian Aid Scotland works with youth workers and educators to help children here understand the poverty and injustices in the lives of many children around the world. We support teachers and pupils to develop skills for life in a complex world.

This year, the Education team produced a resource on aid and development for Modern Studies teachers. Fair Enough examines how aid and development differ, how to spend limited resources, and how to analyse the media reporting of international development.

A new resource produced for Christian Aid Week and based on a Ludo-style game was very well-received by schools. To complement that resource, Christian Aid Scotland launched a new immersive event at Whitelee Windfarm called the Safe Place Challenge. At this event, young people

learned a little of the difficulties which refugees face as they make their way to a place of safety.

We also had the privilege of working with youth leaders and young people in local communities, churches, universities, and at a range of events and festivals throughout Scotland. We continue to build a movement of change through the Collective. We will keep on encouraging young people to take action against the injustice in our world and to challenge the systems that keep people poor.

In 2018, we will launch a new climate change resource for primary schools. This is being developed in conjunction with the Climate Bill being considered by the Scottish Parliament.



Girl Guides working towards a badge at the Safe Place Challenge, Whitelee Windfarm.



Do more youth work at caid.org.uk/fair-enough

Pray

How can faith speak to injustice? Together with a fantastic team of writers based in the UK and internationally, we have been finding opportunities to provide spiritual input to justice issues and a justice dimension to faith reflections.

Thanks to the time and creativity of a talented team of writers, international partners and contacts, we have developed a huge tome of worship resources this past year. We were delighted to provide lenten weekly reflections and Pray Now chapters for the Church of Scotland. We partnered with Sanctuary First to provide daily reflections and weekly Advent meditations.

Together with the Side by Side movement and the Scottish Episcopal Church, we delivered training sessions on how to use the biblical discussion toolkit on gender justice, Loving Another. The Just Scripture project, an internationally delivered

contextual Bible study continues to gain interest beyond Scotland. This year, we developed a special Harvest series for pigeon pea farmers in Malawi and supporters in Tetbury, England. As part of the Just Peace partnership we shared a presence at Solas Festival providing a varied programme of local and global peace.

Our mission to challenge faith to action continues on into 2018. Will you be inspired with us?



Pray more

Check out our new worship resources website at caid.org.uk/pray



Christian Aid Scotland Events in 2018

Christian Aid Supporter Gatherings

February 2018

What does 2018 hold in store for Christian Aid Scotland? Come and find out at meetings in Dumfries, Dunblane, Edinburgh and Aberdeen! Full details on the website.

Climate Bill Campaigning Workshops

February – May 2018

Full details on the website

Sponsored Bridge Crosses

Tay Bridge Cross 21 April 2018

Forth Bridge Cross 28 April 2018

Erskine Bridge Cross 5 May 2018

Edinburgh Marathon Festival

26/27 May 2018

If you can't stand still while people are in poverty, run for Christian Aid.

Mass Lobby of Parliament

31 May 2018

Speak up about Climate Change at the Scottish Parliament.

Cumbrae Challenge

2 June 2018

Join us for a family fun day and walk or cycle around the beautiful west coast island of Cumbrae.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

9 June 2018

A stunning 13-mile sponsored walk, run or cycle around Loch Leven.

Whitelee Windfarm Weekend

8/9 September 2018

On Saturday, a 7-mile sponsored walk through the majestic wind turbines; on Sunday, bushcraft survival for youth groups.

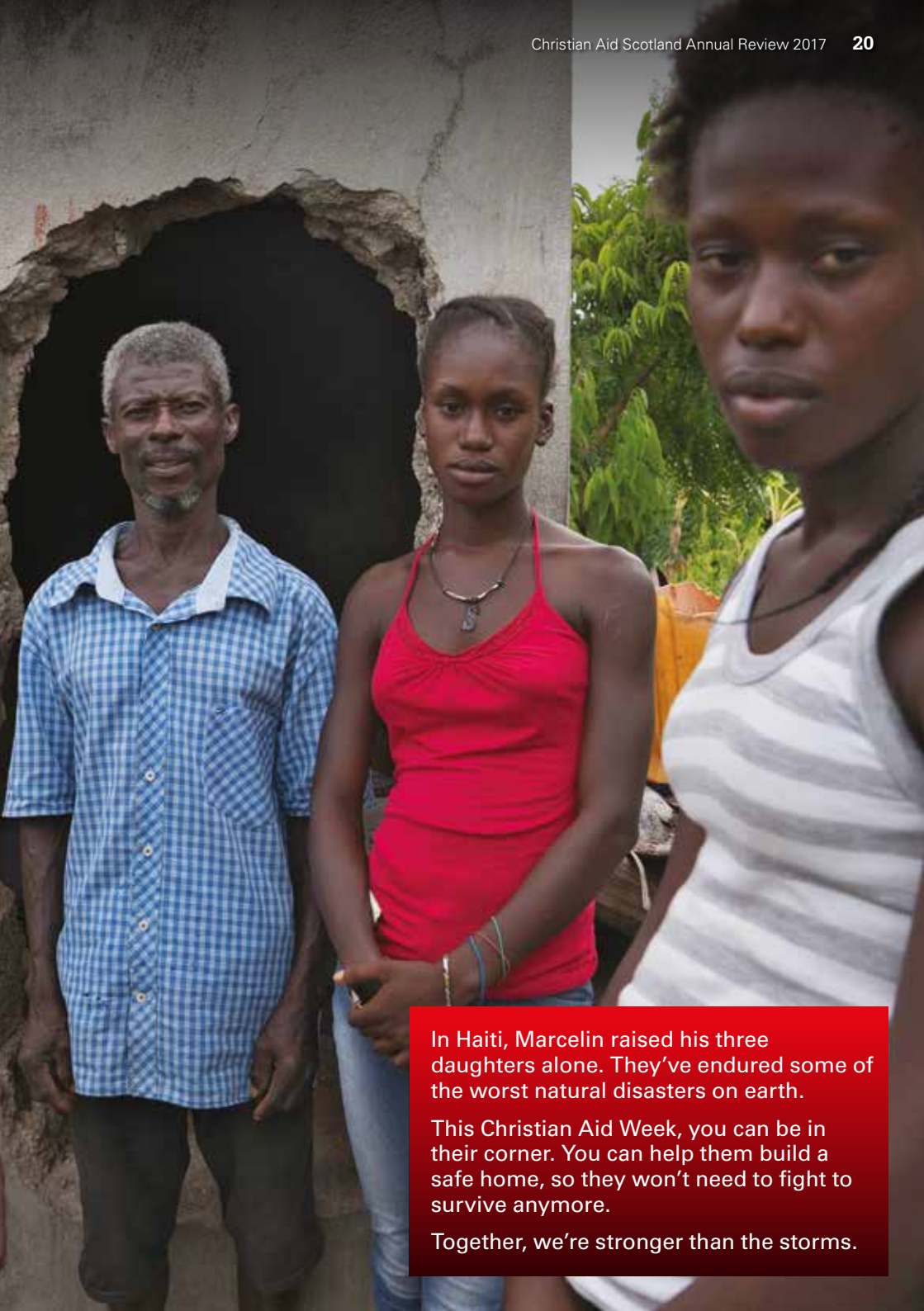
Kelpies Canter

29 September 2018

A sponsored walk for families around the Kelpies.



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In Haiti, Marcelin raised his three daughters alone. They've endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be in their corner. You can help them build a safe home, so they won't need to fight to survive anymore.

Together, we're stronger than the storms.

Contact us

Phil Acott, based in Edinburgh, is our first point of contact for supporters in the East of Scotland, from the Scottish Borders to Angus and Perth & Kinross.

Fiona Scott, also based in Edinburgh, manages supporter relations work across Scotland and is our first point of contact for supporters in North East Scotland - Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Orkney and Shetland.

Colin Dowse, based in Glasgow, will be looking after supporters in the West of Scotland, from Dumfries & Galloway right up to the Highlands and the Western Isles.

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