THE PEOPLE OF DRC LONG FOR THE REALITY OF GOD'S JUBILEE

If it weren't for the Church, people in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo would struggle on their own.

There's little help from the government due to corruption, apathy, and lack of resources. Rebel groups are a perpetual risk.

The most important cash crop – bananas – are being decimated by disease, ruining the livelihoods of thousands of families.

Ebola killed 2,000 people over the last 3 years, and a current outbreak of measles has already taken 6,000 lives.

And now the COVID-19 lockdown is paralyzing farm systems – seeds are not available, farmers cannot move their crops to market, and have no cash. Serious food shortages are a growing threat.

But the people of DRC work furiously to survive, to give their families a better future, and to nurture their communities towards a healthy self-sufficiency.

And churches - like our partner the Baptist Church in Central Africa - lead the way.

With your help, people like Birungi can change their lives, their communities, and their futures.

YOU'RE PART OF ANNOUNCING JUBILEE IN THE DRC

"Without the help from Tearfund and the local church I would be at home without even enough food to live on."

"My name is Birungi. I am from a village in the rainforest of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). After years of disease and rebel fighting life is very hard for families… especially for girls."

"My uncle heard about a training program offered by Tearfund and its partner, the local church. It would provide me with training and skills to help me climb out of poverty!

I joined and immediately felt empowered. They told me that Jesus values everyone, and that we are all equal in his sight. They taught me how Christ offers freedom."

Through our local church partner, Birungi has received the skills to overcome extreme poverty long-term. She now operates her own dressmaking business and is raising livestock to raise and sell and lift herself out of poverty.

She is working towards owning land and a house, and growing her business and her future from there. She tastes freedom – the fact of Jubilee - and knows that she is a child of God.

"I thank God for this work and how Tearfund's support set me free."

WHY TEARFUND?

Tearfund Canada arises *from within* the church, works *through* the church around the world, and *lives out* the mission and vision of the church.

Most solutions to poverty focus on 'handouts' which does no more than put a Band-Aid on a gaping wound. At Tearfund, we believe that poverty is more than physical, it's spiritual. That's why we work through the local church, focusing on training and empowerment so that families can grow more food and climb out of poverty with their own two hands. The result? Long-term change both physically and spiritually and communities that are truly transformed.

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Announce "Jubilee!" in the DRC.

In partnership with you, your congregation and churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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WHAT WILL JUBILEE LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR FOR BIRUNGI AND HER NEIGHBOURS?

Being able to feed your family. Getting seeds to plant for the next harvest. Ensuring your neighbours are cared for. Proclaiming the Kingdom of Christ

This is Jubilee.

Jubilee provides us with a reminder of God's mission of redemption, restoration, and sovereignty. A foretaste of what heaven will be like. As Christians, we are called to continue the spirit of Jubilee, to reflect God's mission of restoration on Earth today.

Canadian donors like you have already had a profound effect in a dozen large rural communities, where Tearfund is working with our church partner.

Recently, more than 1,000 families took training in conservation agriculture, helping them grow more nutritious and plentiful crops. Today, the training focuses on expanding crop diversity to fight food shortages.

At the same time, more than 70 village savings groups were formed, attracting more than 1,850 members, fueling the vision and success of people like Birungi.

But this year, COVID struck, and farms, families, and futures are at risk. As cash dries up, the savings groups are stalling.

If we have the resources, we will do all we can to:

- prevent families slipping back into poverty and hunger
- expand conservation agriculture and savings groups
- support farmers to reduce the damage of COVID-19 shutdowns

Jubilee is the announcement of God's freedom.

Can you help?

THE IMPACT YOUR GIFT WILL HAVE

1. ***COVID-19 awareness and prevention –*** Promote COVID-19 prevention techniques through radio and printed leaflets and posters.
2. ***Keep on –*** Your gift today will help recruit more people to agriculture training and village savings groups; two proven methods of helping families escape poverty for good.
3. ***Diversify crops –*** You will help transition farmers from growing more perishable crops to ones that don't rot quickly, like potatoes and onions, and expand to growing cash crops such as garlic and ginger.
4. ***Strengthen community (Part 1) –*** Create farming cooperatives to help farmers sell their harvest at fair prices.
5. ***Strengthen community (Part 2) –*** Open small 'canteens' in villages – places for farmers to store and sell their products and also purchase basic necessities, and seeds at a fair price.
6. ***Strengthen community (Part 3) –*** Develop new ways for rural farmers to get crops to market in neighbouring towns and cities.
7. ***Invest directly in savings groups with seeds –*** Help continue the success of savings groups by investing seeds as cash to the groups, Use grants and loans of seeds to ensure crops get planted despite pandemic restrictions.

These strategies will put more people like Buringi on the path to freedom from poverty, and their own personal experience of Jubilee.

TODAY, YOUR GIFT WILL BE MULTIPLIED 2X!

Through our strategic partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, donations made as a result of Tearfund Sunday will be leveraged 1:1. Meaning that for every $1 you donate, $2 will help a family in need.

Your investment will change lives permanently in the name of Christ – a powerful witness to God's love. Every gift makes a significant difference with impact far beyond what you'd imagine.

Here are some examples what you can accomplish with your gift:

$56 Enrolls and trains three women in a village savings group

$68 Purchases 25 PICS sacs (three-layer sacs that provide a simple and cost-effective way of storing grain and seed for more than a year without using chemicals to control insect pests

$80 Provides seeds directly to a farmer during pandemic disruption

$135 Provides COVID-19 materials and public awareness to prevent the spread of disease

$535 supports **one farmer** for complete training program in conservation agriculture

Monthly Option: $44 a month for 12 months

THINK BIG!

$1,350 provides two, 3-day training session to 120 lead farmers on better farming techniques. These farmers in turn train hundreds of others how to increase their crop yields **2-3X**. A gift that truly transforms an entire community!

YES, I WILL HELP DECLARE JUBILEE SO THAT PEOPLE LIVE IN FREEDOM AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

☐ I would like to give a monthly donation of **$44**

☐ I would like to give a one-time donation of:

☐ $56 ☐ $80 ☐ $535 ☐ Others: $ _____

☐ $68 ☐ $135 ☐ $1,350

☐ Direct Deposit: Enclose a void cheque (payable to Tearfund)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card no: _____ Expiry date: _____

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Cheques and electronic funds transfers are processed on the 15th of every month, and credit cards are processed on the last business day of each month.

All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted after year end. Gifts given to over subscribed projects will be designated to other needy areas.

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