



fruits of justice

Winnie's family lost everything when floods hit eastern Uganda in 2007. For months, the family survived on food aid and wild leaves. Winnie (now aged 5) was often sick. Then the drought set in.

Winnie's foster dad, Stanley, says, 'It was very hard. I felt terrible that I could not feed my wife and children.'

'Reap the fruits of unfailing love.' Hosea 10:12

'I prayed to God that He would give us the strength to get through. And God answered my prayers; He brought the Church of Uganda to us.'

Stanley and his neighbours have learnt how to grow crops that can survive drought – such as watermelons and sunflowers.

Now, the family are all able to eat three times a day. 'Winnie is able to go to school,' adds Stanley.

Assembly plan

- Ask the children what they had for breakfast. Then, pick a volunteer. Give them a plate of leaves and suggest they tuck in!
- Swap the leaves for a plate of watermelon – that looks better!

Story

- Tell the story of Winnie (the full version is available on www.harvestappeal.org); you could also refer to Christine's story in the leaflet.
- A PowerPoint with photographs and maps is available at www.harvestappeal.org

That's not fair!

- Can the children think of things that don't seem fair?
- You could divide a bar of chocolate unevenly between two groups: eight people get 20%; the other two get 80%.

Bible links

- The Harvest Appeal is called 'Fruits of justice'. God wants us to be kind, loving and generous.
- Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37), shows us that we need to help people in need.
- Jesus' story of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32) suggests that the things we do are like seeds which grow and produce fruit. Is our fruit sweet or bitter, just or unfair?

Do something to make a difference

- We can grow 'fruits of justice' this harvest time by praying and raising funds.
- If your school is doing a fundraising event – such as a sponsored 'Walk for Winnie' – you could talk about it during assembly.



A matter of justice

Cars are scarce on the dirt roads of rural Uganda. People ride bikes or walk to fetch water, tend their land or go to school or market.

In the villages, there are no TVs blaring, no kettles boiling, no washing machines whirring. In the towns, bikes and buses are the main mode of transport. Uganda doesn't have a motorway.

Average Ugandan consumption: **0.08** metric tons of carbon per person*

Yet, people in Uganda are hit so much harder by climate change than we are. In a very real way, they are paying the price for our consumer lifestyles.

The Climate Justice Fund helps us express our commitment to doing something about this and to making a real difference to the lives of people with an uncertain future.

*Source: The Little Green Data Book 2009. The World Bank.

Average UK consumption: **9.1** metric tons of carbon per person*



What is the Climate Justice Fund?

The Climate Justice Fund, set up by the Church of England with relief and development agency Tearfund, works with communities to help them adapt to climate change. The Anglican Church of Uganda receives funding to equip farmers with seeds, tools, training and irrigation techniques so they can grow drought-resistant crops such as oranges, watermelons, mangoes and sunflowers. Farmers are also being encouraged to diversify into bee-keeping, poultry and livestock-rearing.

Prayer points

The children could write a prayer using these points for inspiration:

- 1) Pray for the Anglican Church of Uganda**, that they would be able to teach and equip more people in Teso region – such as Winnie's dad, Stanley – to grow crops that withstand drought, such as watermelons, orange and mango trees and sunflowers.
- 2) Pray for Winnie**, that she would have enough food to eat every day, so that she can concentrate at school and pass her exams. And pray for Winnie's sister Merab, who has sickle cell anaemia, that her nutritious diet would mean she doesn't get sick as often.
- 3) Thank God** that many people around the world are concerned about climate change and are trying to do something about it.

Ideas for fundraising

- 1. Hold a fruit stall in a school break or after school** – sell fruit slices, fruit squash, fruit cakes, etc.
- 2. Walk for Winnie!** Walking is good for your fitness levels and good for the planet! Hold a simple sponsored walk during school time.
- 3. Hold a 'Pyjamas for farmers!' event** – ask the children to pay £1 to come to school in their pyjamas, and then get teachers to read books (maybe books on an 'around the world' theme), and eat fruit.

£10 could pay for a pack of drought-resistant seeds for one household for one year



£20 could equip a young person with entrepreneurial skills through a five-day workshop

£100 could buy a set of tools for a demonstration tree nursery



£800 could create eight rainwater-harvesting facilities

More information

If you would like us to provide a speaker for your assembly or you would like additional copies of resources, please contact Carol Chisnall at the Diocesan Office: tel **01272 818148**, email cchisnall@stalbans.anglican.org

There are many more resources, including PowerPoints, available to download at the Harvest Appeal website: www.harvestappeal.org

How to give

There are two ways to give to the Appeal:

Schools can collect donations and proceeds from fundraising events and then send a cheque for the total.

Cheques should be made payable to **St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance**.

This cheque, accompanied by the Donation Form, should be sent to: **The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal, Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD**

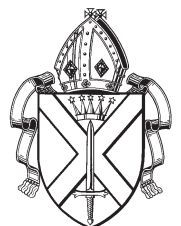
In addition, **individuals** can give directly to the Appeal via the website www.harvestappeal.org. This facility has been set up with JustGiving, who will reclaim Gift Aid automatically and pay donations directly to the Appeal.



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