

A man in a blue polo shirt with a leaf pattern and blue jeans is watering plants in a garden. He is holding a large blue watering can and pouring water onto a green bush. The background shows a rustic wooden fence and trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Annual Stewardship Report

April 2022 - March 2023

Local Church, Lasting Transformation

GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

For over 50 years, Tearfund has been equipping churches around the world to partner with communities, identify local needs, and use existing resources to solve problems.

We call our church-led approach to international development "Church and Community Transformation (CCT). Now, a study has put a monetary value on the positive change CCT brings to men, women, and children living in lower-income countries.

A recent independent survey of 8,000 people participating in Tearfund's church-based programming in Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe demonstrated significant improvements in every measured aspect of economic and social well-being. The study found that mobilizing local churches using our CCT methodology is a highly cost-effective way of improving well-being, leading to a social return 28 times the original investment.

Best of all, the results were long-term and sustainable. Even five years after Tearfund's initial training and investment, the wellbeing of people in communities where churches were mobilized and equipped to meet community needs was significantly higher than in other communities.

We're so glad to know that the results we've been seeing with our own eyes have been able to be empirically demonstrated. Together, we're changing lives for the better!

CCT brings positive, whole-life transformation, creates sustained, far-reaching change, and has a high social return of value!



People in communities who engaged with Tearfund's church training and investment programs were:

- 27% more likely to have life satisfaction
- 51% more likely to have maintained or increased their income in the last year
- 35% more likely to be hopeful about the future
- 35% more likely to feel that they can influence decisions in their community

Pastors Come Together for Change

LOCAL TRANSFORMATION

Being a pastor who is passionate about justice and transformation can be a lonely and difficult road. The work can be complex and overwhelming, and pastors can find it hard to connect with others who share their vision.

That's why Tearfund USA created our annual Pastor's Gatherings. Hosted in Rockford, IL, this year's event created a safe and supportive environment where pastors from over 20 ministries could openly share their struggles and experiences with one another, finding common ground in a shared passion for justice.

Participants were guided into a deeper understanding of Tearfund USA's mission and vision in three critical areas: racial equality, gender equity, and environmental justice. In addition to these key issues, Tearfund USA also highlighted our overall paradigm of living justly, which includes both global and local perspectives. This framework encouraged attendees to understand how to approach justice and transformation in a holistic and comprehensive way.

Tearfund USA also resourced attendees with our biblical justice curriculum and invited them to participate in The Justice Conference. By introducing fresh discipleship tools and offerings, Tearfund USA supported pastors to bring about positive transformation in their communities.

The impact of the gathering was clear in the testimony of pastor Eric Parker from Forest City Church. He described the gathering as a "life-giver" for his non-denominational congregation, providing a sense of belonging and connection that was deeply meaningful for their community.

For pastors who are passionate about justice and transformation, Tearfund USA's Pastor's Gathering is an essential event that provides a space to build deep relationships, find community, and gain practical resources for their local visions of transformation. Together, we are helping pastors as they do the hard work of bringing about positive change in their communities and beyond.



The Justice Conference 2022

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

For over a decade, The Justice Conference has been at the forefront of the global biblical justice movement, bringing together Christ-followers from all over the world to explore the theology of justice. In 2022, Tearfund USA was honored to step into the position of leading and stewarding this important conference.

This year's Justice Conference provided a space for Christians to worship, learn, and pray, and featured an impressive lineup of speakers representing the global nature of the Church, including Lisa Sharon Harper, Carlos Rodriguez, and Carlos Whittaker.

A total of 440 in-person and virtual attendees wrestled with some of the most pressing justice issues of our time, including creation care, decolonizing justice, gender-based abuse in the Church, racial justice, and anti-trafficking efforts.

Because justice work can be uniquely tiring, special emphasis was placed on helping attendees find hope and joy in the struggle. We were honored to provide this vital platform for Christ-followers from diverse backgrounds to come together and engage with issues of justice in a thoughtful and practical way.

Tearfund USA's leadership of the conference in 2022 ensured that it remained true to its mission, offering attendees a rich and meaningful experience that left them equipped and inspired to continue pursuing justice in their communities and beyond.



THE **JUSTICE**
CONFERENCE

Tearfund USA was thrilled to unveil the latest version of our *Live Justly* curriculum this year. This resource has helped people all over the world approach issues of justice from a biblical perspective since 2014.

The updated edition includes contributions from various countries such as Brazil, Sierra Leone, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, the UK, and the US, providing a truly global perspective on what it means to live justly in today's world. *Live Justly* provides practical and scriptural studies to help people in six crucial areas of justice: prayer, advocacy, consumption, generosity, relationships, and creation care.

We have reimagined this resource for today's world, with a renewed focus on discerning the sacred work of mobilizing the Church to overcome poverty and injustice. This new edition is designed to inspire, challenge, and equip you to live justly and to pray fervently for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.



Meet Silvia

PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION

Silvia's heart ached as she cradled her newborn baby. Memories of her two older children's struggle to grow due to inadequate nutrition haunted her. Determined to rewrite the story for her new daughter, Silvia sought help from a small medical clinic in her Guatemalan village—a clinic supported by your generous contributions, providing care and support to women like Silvia.

Thanks to your support, Silvia embarked on a life-changing journey. She eagerly absorbed vital information about proper care for her babies, ensuring her youngest daughter thrived, reaching a healthy weight and height.

But Silvia's transformation didn't stop there; she made a powerful decision to give back to the very clinic that had changed her life.

Motivated by her own experiences, Silvia chose to volunteer her time and knowledge to support others in need. Through comprehensive training, she learned to weigh and measure infants accurately, gained insights into essential care for pregnant women, and attended workshops focused on gender equality.

Silvia's impact within her community has been profound. She has become a familiar and trusted presence, reaching out to families in need, providing vital support to women in abusive relationships, offering guidance on child nutrition and healthcare, and diligently reporting any concerns to doctors. Her tireless efforts have not only improved the health and well-being of countless individuals but have also sparked a sense of hope within the community.

Silvia's story exemplifies the profound transformation that can occur when individuals are equipped with knowledge, supported by a caring community, and empowered to make a difference. Her journey is a testament to the positive impact of your generosity and the transformative outcomes that result from your partnership.



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Through the training, women begin to understand the value they have as people and there is a change in them. The change is seen both in the growth of the children and the mother's emotional wellbeing.

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On behalf of Silvia, her children, her community, and all those whose lives have been touched by your generosity, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

Your generous support has enabled stories of transformation like Silvia's to unfold, creating lasting change and brighter futures. Thank you for being a catalyst for hope, sharing the love of Christ in both word and deed.

Reflections on the Year

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

July 2023

Dear Friends,

The organization has just crossed a five-year mark. We are grateful to God for the learning and new relationships for Tearfund in the USA since it launched in May 2018.

It has been an exciting journey of exploration, experimentation, and partnership-building. **Thank you** for being in this together!

As we pause and reflect, we're working closely with Tearfund UK and strategically choosing to refocus the organization on existing Tearfund global programs—and specifically, to advance CCT. We've long known of the transformation it brings. We're excited to have new evidence of its social value. And we're positioning to invite even more people to support it.

This strategic choice comes with tradeoffs. It involves consolidating teams and partnerships. Several of our nascent US-specific programs will be carried forward by others.

Responding to learning and to the macro-environment enables us to care for God's work the best way possible. We are committed to following Jesus where the need is greatest and to stewarding your support as we do.

With gratitude and on behalf of the Board of Directors,

Emily Sarmiento
President & CEO, Tearfund USA
Aug 2020 - Aug 2023



ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

TOGETHER WITH YOU

We **shared expertise**:

- CCT trainings were held for global teams and ministry partners in Cambodia, Central America, Malawi, and Kenya.

We **built capacity**:

- 1,030 people were reached and 412 churches engaged in Central America.
- 6 theological colleges, 26 facilitators, and 704 churches engaged in CCT in Malawi.
- Savings groups expanded in Burkina Faso and Chad.

We **responded to crisis**:

- Humanitarian needs were met in Ukraine, Puerto Rico, Turkey and Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Yemen, and East Africa.

We **launched movements**:

- An inaugural event of 120 attendees sparked a global network for gender equity.
- 5 mini-grants enabled community partnerships for racial equality in the US.

At-a-Glance

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APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023 FINANCIALS

Statements of Financial Position

ASSETS		TOTAL
Cash & cash equivalents		\$270,486
Grant receivable		1,300,012
Prepaid expenses & other assets		21,172
Operating lease—right-of-use asset		97,912
Equipment & technology, net		26,249
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,715,831
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		TOTAL
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses		\$114,080
Grant payable		42,214
Operating lease obligation		100,180
Total liabilities		256,474
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		93,175
With donor restrictions		1,366,182
Total net assets		1,459,357
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$1,715,831

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Statements of Activities

SUPPORT & REVENUE	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Contributions & grant income	\$1,295,555	\$2,507,865	\$3,803,420
Other income	51,769	-	51,769
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfactory of ministry project restrictions	1,383,473	(1,383,473)	
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	2,730,797	1,124,392	3,855,189
EXPENSES			
Program services	2,103,450	-	2,103,450
Supporting activities:			
General & administrative	289,023	-	289,023
Fundraising	287,044	-	287,044
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,679,517	-	2,679,517
 Change in Net Assets	 51,280	 1,124,392	 1,175,672
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	41,895	241,790	283,685
Net Assets, End of the Year	\$93,175	\$1,366,182	\$1,459,357