Sharron Hardwick

Tearfund Church Rep and Tearfund Vouluntary Media Officer – Pembrokeshire.

Young Boy Inspires Water Fundraising

A young boy from New Life Christian Fellowship Sunday School has inspired the Church to raise funds for families without clean water.

George Evans, who is only seven, was unable to sleep one night; his Mum and Nan asked what was wrong. George told them: "I'm upset and can't sleep thinking about children who don't have any water to drink."

Following George's concerns the Sunday school group leaders contacted Christian Relief and Development Agency *Tearfund* who, amongst many other things, provide specific support for people who lack clean water and sanitation via local church based partners.

The children learned sad facts about people who do not have easy access to clean water and were keen to take action. As a result, New Life Christian Fellowship are now supporting Tearfund's *Uganda Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Connected Church Project*, where they can make a real difference.

The project's aim is to help 25,000 people gain improved access to safe water, better sanitation and greater health. Tearfund will train 250 local people as water committee members, empowered to serve their community in a practical way.

700 rainwater jars and small water tanks will be built to offer security during drought, providing families with water when resources are scarce.

10 large water tanks will be built, each providing an entire school or church with enough safe water to drink.

600 people will receive crucial HIV testing and voluntary counselling which offers support and guidance during a critical time.

30 people living with HIV will receive the means to safe water and peace of mind against some other infections.

The Sunday school group have been making crosses with driftwood, stitching Christmas tree decorations, decorating stones, making soaps and other craft items. Their first fundraising sale took place at St. Oswald's School Craft fair last week. The funds raised will be part of a New Life Church annual pledge to Terfund's Connected Church Project; all because of one little boy's concerns.

"It's so encouraging to see the compassion of a young boy sparking support for those who do not have clean water. We take water for granted but many people's lives are disrupted, ruined or lost, just because they do not have clean water. We know we can make a real difference and thank all involved for their support." shared Rhonwen, New Life Christian Fellowship.

For more information visit connected.tearfund.org/

New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.

Please call if you want someone to talk to or pray for you. 07788270871

