

## Tearfund Pembrokeshire's Francis Maul To Visit Ethiopia

Pembrokeshire's Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Ambassador for Tearfund Francis Maul and Director of Tearfund Wales, Hywel Meredydd, are travelling to Ethiopia this October, visiting a slum area of Addis Ababa.

“We hope to meet local people like Thhuy, a mother of 5 who was able to set up a bakery business after receiving a loan of £30 from a self help group run by her local church. Her business is now thriving which means she's able to feed her children properly for the first time.” said Hywel Meredydd.

After completing a community audit, Thhuy's local church established 6 self help groups to provide support and small loans for some of the poorest people living in their local community. The church is now helping over 600 people through these self help groups, improving their lives physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Tearfund's partner the Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia supported Thhuy's local church to go through a programme called Church and Community Mobilisation (CCMD) which enables churches to assess local needs and develop community plans. Francis and Hywel hope to see more of this work and are asking for local prayer support during their visit:

***“We would really appreciate and value your prayers” ask Francis and Hywel who request prayers :***

- ***For safety for all on the trip and that all the arrangements by Tearfund staff will run as smoothly as possible.***
- ***That they would 'catch the vision' that the Ethiopian Christians have for evangelism and numerical growth, and learn from it .***
- ***That they would be encouraged to see the partnership working between Tearfund and the various community projects they are to visit.***
- ***And prayers, in particular, for the families who are graciously sharing their homes and life-styles with them.***

You can learn more about the Kale Heywet Church at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kale\\_Heywet\\_Word\\_of\\_Life\\_Church](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kale_Heywet_Word_of_Life_Church)

**Upon their return Francis and Hywel will be available to share their experiences with individuals, groups and churches. For more information contact Miriam Evans, Specialist Volunteer Networks Manager, Wales. Office: 020 8619 8083**



