



*Will you consider leaving a gift in your Will to help children like Tesfaye grow into independent and productive citizens?*



**About us**

St Matthew's Children's Fund Ethiopia was founded in 1987 to further the efforts of St Matthew's Church in Addis Ababa to support orphaned and abandoned children following the devastating famines in the 1980s. Although it is Christian in origin it is not missionary in its approach and supports the most disadvantaged children regardless of race or religion.

SMCF works in partnership with Ethiopian community led organisations which develop their own projects through close consultation with local people. SMCF monitors and evaluates these projects to ensure they are effective and reach those children and their communities most in need.

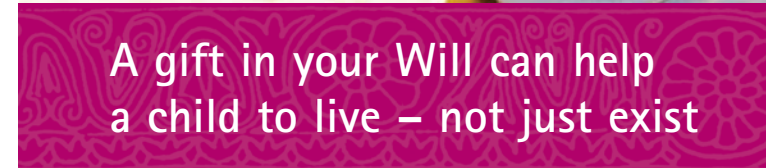
Some projects work directly with children, such as providing financial support, clothing and educational materials so children can continue their schooling or providing supplementary tuition through classes when the children are not in school. Other projects support the communities which support the children, for example by developing urban agriculture so families have enough to eat, or providing skills training and loans so that people can get jobs or start small businesses. In addition it promotes HIV/AIDS prevention and care.



A legacy to St Matthew's Children's Fund Ethiopia will improve the lives of vulnerable children in many different ways, from supporting their education, to renovating their houses to helping their family grow nutritious food to eat. Your gift will ensure many children have the chance of a happy and fulfilled life

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## Suffer the little children...

Ethiopia is one of Africa's poorest countries. Around 45% of the population live below the poverty line and, of these, it is children who are most vulnerable to the effects of disease, famine or conflict.

Children who have lost one or both parents are unlikely to attend school for very long and, without an education, could be reduced to menial labour or to eking out an existence on the street or at home, their communities too poor to help them.

They may be vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, neglect or ill health.

*Your gift will help Ethiopian children grow up out of poverty*



## Life in all its fullness

But it doesn't have to be like this. With your help, St Matthew's Children's Fund and its Ethiopian partner organisation the Jerusalem Children and Community Development Organisation (JeCCDO) will support orphan and vulnerable children and their communities so that children can live their lives to the full, and grow into healthy and responsible members of society.

By working through local community groups, JeCCDO is able to identify the poorest children. With simple support such as financial allowances, clothing and educational materials, finding foster parents, counselling and encouragement, it can help children and their carers, so that children can continue with their education and gain skills to help them in the future.



*Here's how support from SMCF and JeCCDO helped one child build a better life*

## Tesfaye's story

Tesfaye is now a confident and personable 15 year old boy, but just a few years ago his situation was very different. "My father died when I was in my second year at school and he was the only source of income in the family. I wanted to continue my education, but my mother could not afford the uniform and materials for all her children. I was very fearful as gradually all my older siblings were forced to drop out of school and I was just waiting my turn.

"Fortunately, the JeCCDO support committee noticed that our family had a problem, and, after an assessment, recommended us for assistance. I was relieved that I didn't have to leave school!

"JeCCDO covers the cost of my educational expenses and school uniform and I also receive a monthly allowance. Today I am in Grade 8 and am getting good results in my exams. JeCCDO also encouraged me to participate in the founding of the regional children's parliament in Hawassa, and I was elected as the speaker. Now the children refer to me as 'Kibur' (His Excellency)! When I finish studying I hope to become a famous leader."



## Yes, I would like to help SMCF give Ethiopian children the gift of life

- Please send me SMCF's free Guide to Planning your Will\*
- Please send me details of a codicil I can add to an existing Will
- I have already left a legacy to SMCF
- Please send me regular newsletters
- Here is my gift of £.....

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