

Leaving a gift in your will – can it really make a difference?

If you've never made a will, you're not alone. It's one of those things that is easy to put off. But, after considering loved ones and family first, leaving a gift in your will to a cause you care about is a chance to leave a lasting difference.

For generations, Irish missionaries have been a quiet but powerful force for change, living and working for decades alongside communities facing poverty and injustice around the world, sharing daily life, earning trust, and staying long after other supports have moved on. They provide education, healthcare, and the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty. Last year, Misesan Cara supported more than 50 Irish missionary organisations in 40 countries worldwide.

A one-off donation can meet an urgent need. A gift in your will can do something more: it can fund the years of steady presence that real change requires. By leaving a gift, large or small, in your will to Misesan Cara, you can help sustain long-term programmes that bring hope, dignity and lasting change to some of the world's most vulnerable communities.



Milla and her husband Joseph proudly show off their eggplant harvest. What was once a struggle to grow enough food is now a thriving crop that feeds their family and brings in extra income. Photo: Nyokabi Kahura.

A family's future transformed through missionary development

Milla was a 27-year-old mother of five from a village in Uganda's West Nile region when she enrolled in training at Adraa Agriculture College, run by the Franciscan Brothers. There she learned

climate-resilient farming methods to increase her crop yields.

Before this training, Milla and her husband Joseph struggled with limited agricultural knowledge, leaving them with little income and constant difficulty putting enough food on the table.

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“Through the trainings and support we have transformed our lives,” says Milla. “We now have enough food for the household and produce a variety of vegetables and crops, which has helped to improve our diet and our household income.”

With support from Misesan Cara, Adraa Agriculture College provides practical training in sustainable agriculture and rural development, helping over 900 households a year move from food insecurity to resilience.



Milla, a young mother of five in Uganda, once struggled to feed her family. Today, thanks to sustainable farming training at the Franciscan Brothers' Adraa Agriculture College, she's earning enough to build her family a permanent home. Photo: Nyokabi Kahura.

Today, Milla and Joseph grow onions, collards, eggplant, tomatoes and peppers to feed their family, selling the surplus for profit to support their household. They also grow cassava, maize, sesame, millet and beans, and now keep four pigs. With the income, they pay school fees, buy clothes, cover medical bills, and are building their first permanent house.

Across the region, families sup-

ported through the college's livelihood programmes are seeing real change: seven in ten households report increased income from farming and beekeeping, and nearly three-quarters now enjoy at least three meals a day, up from one or two. Four out of five households say they feel more food secure and better able to withstand lean seasons.

In 2025 alone, Misesan Cara members supported over 71,000 people across 26 countries to improve their livelihoods and adapt to climate change.

You can be part of this story

A gift in your will to Misesan Cara helps communities, and people like Milla, not just once, but for generations, by giving them the skills and knowledge to build secure futures for themselves.

To find out how a gift in your will can help families like Milla's, visit www.miseancara.ie/legacy

Be part of a lasting legacy

For generations, Irish missionaries have brought **hope, care and opportunity** to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By remembering Misesan Cara in your will, you can help carry this vital work forward - supporting a living legacy that will transform lives for decades to come.

Misesan Cara supports Irish missionary organisations to reach millions of people across more than 40 countries - providing training for sustainable livelihoods, access to quality education and healthcare, protection of human rights, and life-saving humanitarian aid in times of crisis.

To find out more about leaving a gift to Misesan Cara, contact Jennifer on **01405 5028**, email info@miseancara.ie or visit www.miseancara.ie/legacy


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