

Useful Gifts for everyone! Meaningful + sustainable gifts for everyone! Fighting poverty

Useful Gifts

Catalogue 2024-25



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Gifts

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Thirty years of radical change-making!

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalms 145:4-7

Thirty years ago, Tearfund's Useful Gifts Catalogue pioneered a new way to give: one that valued compassion over consumption, and impact over excess. One that sought to empower Australians to take generous action, love their neighbours (near and far), and choose gifts that honour God's goodness by sharing it with others.

For decades, Useful Gifts – from Seeds to Safe Water, Goats to Girls' Education, and Women's Empowerment to Wells – have furthered the work of Tearfund's Christian partners around the world, supporting communities to take steps out of poverty and experience hope, opportunity and lasting change.

By choosing Useful Gifts today, you're building on decades of difference-making, shaping a more just and compassionate world, where everyone has what they need to flourish.

Since 1994, Australians have made an impact with Useful Gifts. Pictured here are some favourites from the last 30 years!

Celebrating
30
Years

Useful
Gifts

Meaningful + sustainable poverty-fighting gifts!

How Useful Gifts work:

1 Choose a Useful Gift

Every gift in this catalogue celebrates real stories of transformation, representing Tearfund's work around the world.

2 Receive your card

You'll receive a printed card (or go online to choose a digital option) for your loved one explaining their gift and the impact it makes.

3 Make an impact

By giving a Useful Gift, you're supporting the life-changing work of Tearfund's Christian partners as they help people overcome poverty and injustice.

Visit usefulgifts.org to find out more about how Useful Gifts work.

Spread the joy with Useful Gifts

No wonder these women are smiling! In their corner of Zambia, there's a renewed sense of hope and joy, born of improved health, better education outcomes for kids, and thriving farms and gardens. Tearfund's partner Reformed Open Community Schools, part of the Reformed Church in Zambia, has been working in schools and villages in Zambia for decades, supporting people to access education, set up savings groups, learn about nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, enjoy better crop yields and build their resilience in the face of climate change.

For kids, better health goes hand in hand with improved school attendance.

"The school has changed a lot," says a man from one village. "Now we have proper toilets and handwashing facilities which are improving our hygiene here at school and in villages."

You can be part of this movement for hope, opportunity and lasting change by purchasing Useful Gifts. Together, we can support communities to take steps out of poverty.

Ready to order? Head to page 15 for three easy ways to order your Useful Gifts.

Tearfund works in partnership with local Christian agencies to end poverty, challenge inequality and build sustainable communities. Following Jesus, we go where the need is greatest, acting with courage to tackle injustice so that all may experience fullness of life.

To find out more about Tearfund, how and where we work and how you can be part of working towards a more just and compassionate world, visit tearfund.org.au

Gifts that are low in cost, but make a big impact



Buy your gifts online here!



A thriving patch!



\$10 Seeds & Tools

Help set a family up for gardening success! With training, seeds and the right tools, a family can get thriving vegie patches going, providing them with healthy food to eat and share.

Tearfund's partners work with farmers in a variety of ways to help them make the most of their crops. Mulching and adding compost to improve soil health, crop diversification, and sowing drought-resistant seeds can all contribute to better yields, resulting in better health for families and a source of income.

Luke participated in agricultural training with Tearfund's partner Ola Fou in the Solomon Islands.

"With the agricultural training, I have seen the benefits already," he says. "I have planted crops: some are for my family, others I sell at the market, bringing income to the family. I've also learned how to make use of readily available materials to make compost and organic fertiliser."

"I grow taro, peanuts, ginger, chillies and spring onion. Guests come to buy from the family's vegetable garden. Now me and my family are getting a consistent income to meet my family's needs."

Best Seller!



\$5 Chickens

Gifts like this support households to earn an income through animal husbandry, rearing animals such as chickens or other livestock. Raising animals can also improve nutrition for a family.



\$5 Health & Nutrition

Many children around the world are undernourished and suffer from preventable diseases. Provide children and families with access to effective health care, and nutrition and hygiene education to keep them strong.



\$5 Early Learning

Pre-school provides a solid foundation for education. With this gift, you'll support children from marginalised backgrounds to socialise, build confidence and start learning.



\$10 Teacher Training

The right resources and training can empower teachers to nurture their students, unlock their potential and create confident communities of learners.



\$15 Girls' Education

Whole communities benefit when girls are educated. But in many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education. Tearfund's partners raise awareness of the value of girls' education and train and support teachers, empowering girls to pursue learning with confidence.



\$15 Where It's Needed Most

Tearfund partners with local Christian agencies who understand the needs of their communities, and are in the best position to develop sustainable responses that can break the cycle of poverty. This gift helps our partners to support communities, whatever they may be facing, bringing hope, joy and resilience.



Life-changing gifts for every budget



Buy your gifts online here!



Support to thrive



“My visual impairment has not stopped me,” says Victor, who is part of farmers’ and savings groups in his village in South Sudan. This father of nine lost his sight 10 years ago due to illness. Soon after, he connected with Tearfund’s partner Sudan Evangelical Mission, which was active in his village. Its staff helped him to believe that “disability is not inability”, and supported him in learning to use a cane and manage the tasks of daily living.

Today, Victor is still an active farmer, participating in all of the activities of his farmers’ group, and in the life of his community.

“I may not have vision, but I have my mind,” says Victor. He and his wife have used money from the savings group to help meet their children’s school costs and to start a poultry-raising business, which has continued to grow. And his wife is running her own small shop selling cooking oil, onions and small household items.



\$20 Support a First Nations Leader

This gift helps train First Nations community leaders in Australia to support families and work for positive change in their communities, through training in culturally appropriate techniques to address and heal from conflict and trauma.



Best Seller!

\$25 Safe Water

Water is life! But in many parts of the world, a lack of access to safe water puts lives, health and development at risk. This gift helps people access life-giving clean water and reduces preventable diseases.



\$25 Good Food

Food insecurity is on the rise globally, and it has so many impacts on people’s health and overall wellbeing. This gift empowers farmers with training, resources and support so that they can grow nutritious food for themselves and their communities.



\$25 Adult Literacy

Many adults facing poverty never had the chance to complete their schooling. This gift helps adults access rights, build confidence and enjoy new possibilities through literacy skills and learning opportunities.



\$30 Disability Inclusion

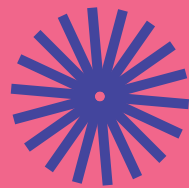
People with disabilities are over-represented in poverty, but the right support can make a difference. Tearfund’s partners work with people living with disabilities, and their families, to enjoy meaningful opportunities, restored relationships and community participation.



\$35 Support Creation Care

Empower those who are hardest hit by climate change, yet contribute least to it. Help Tearfund’s partners equip communities to care for the environment around them and build resilience to climate shocks, and support Tearfund’s climate justice advocacy work in Australia.

A gift that's an investment for the future



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A healthy start to life



A birth announcement is often good news, but it can also carry fear and risk, especially in places where health care and birthing facilities are limited.

In Phongsaly, a mountainous region of northern Laos, Tearfund's partner World Renew Laos is helping babies to enjoy a strong start to life. Community health volunteers, trained by World Renew, support young mothers like Hue Ja with antenatal care, education on mother and child nutrition, and access to health facilities. With confidence and care, empowered women go on to actively encourage other expectant mothers with the knowledge and resources that have made a life-giving difference to their families.

Access to good nutrition and a safe and healthy environment in the early years of development make a vital difference. In a region that faces the highest infant and child mortality rates in the country, where every second child in the province is not meeting growth milestones, a thriving child really is good news.



\$50 Healthy Mums
& Babies

Poverty creates many challenges for mums and babies. Help them overcome these hurdles and thrive, with a gift that supports pre- and post-natal care, volunteer birth attendants and health education.



\$50 Women's
Empowerment

Lasting transformation happens when women are supported, connected and empowered. This gift impacts individual women, their families and communities through Self-Help Groups, training and income-generation activities.

Best
Seller!



\$50 Goat

Gifts like this support households to earn an income through animal husbandry, rearing animals such as goats or other livestock. Raising animals can also improve nutrition for a family.



\$60 Business
Kick-Starters

Without a stable source of income, families can struggle under the burden of poverty. Help secure a livelihood and improve social participation by kick-starting a small business through a support network, training in new skills and access to a loan.



\$70 Toilet

Not only do toilets improve hygiene, they also provide safety, dignity and better health outcomes for everyone. Whether a school toilet block or a household latrine, this gift helps lead to healthier, empowered communities.

Best
Seller!



\$85 Holistic Health

This gift supports community health and mental health initiatives, empowering vulnerable communities with access to life-giving care and services, support networks, and education about health, nutrition and mental well-being. The result: stronger, more resilient communities.

Give a gift that keeps giving!



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Clean water = better health



In a world where more than two billion people lack access to clean, safe water, something as seemingly simple as clean, accessible drinking water close to home can be truly transformational. Tearfund's local Christian partners are working with communities to bring safe, clean water to thousands of people – and with it, renewed hope and health.

In the village in Pakistan where Tulsi and his mother Mero live, a canal several kilometres away used to be the main source of water. And when the canal was emptied for maintenance once a month, people had to travel even further for water, or collect it from puddles and ponds, where the water was often polluted. To make matters worse, small children had to be left at home alone while their mothers went to collect water.

Tearfund's partner the Diocese of Hyderabad provided a hand pump to the village, and now it has a reliable source of safe water. Tulsi and Mero are very happy to have a water pump in their village now – it saves time, people are healthier and children are not left alone!



\$100 Community
School Class

Accessing education can be a huge challenge when students face barriers such as living in remote communities, conflict and lack of resources. This gift helps create brighter futures for students in difficult contexts through access to schooling.



\$150 Hunger
Response

Around the globe, hunger – driven largely by conflict, economic and climate shocks – is continuing to rise. More than 700 million people around the world know the personal, daily ache of chronic hunger. Help provide healthy, nourishing food with this gift.



\$250 Climate
Resilience

Tackling climate change offers an opportunity to create better lives for people. This gift helps people living in poverty to meet the challenges of a changing climate, and empowers Australian Christians to speak up and act for a more sustainable future.



\$490 Hope in
Hard Places

Support life-giving work in some of the world's most complex environments. This gift supports Christian partners who work courageously and tirelessly for hope and transformation in communities where people face the extremes of poverty and injustice.



\$990 Social
Enterprise

Help unlock new opportunities for people facing poverty and marginalisation through entrepreneurship and social enterprises. This gift helps provide access to training, seed funding and opportunities for entrepreneurs in developing countries to build viable social enterprises with a positive impact.



\$1900 Well

When a reliable source of water isn't available, health and livelihoods are held back. A safe and sustainable source of water, and the training and resources to maintain it, can make all the difference for an entire village.

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Give a gift that supports community

\$5000
Village Package



Help bring joyful transformation to an entire community! The gift of a Village Package directly contributes to a community supported by one of Tearfund's Christian partners, helping to fund a range of development activities like Self-Help Groups centred on literacy, savings schemes and livelihood skills, safe water and sanitation projects, sustainable agricultural training and gender and human rights training for men and women.

When you give the gift of a Village Package, you'll receive a certificate and project outline, detailing the village and project where your support is making a difference for people facing the challenges of poverty.



Be the change and run a Useful Gifts Shop!



Looking for a way to put your faith in action and fight poverty? Run a Useful Gifts Shop. It's easy!

Give your community a chance to fight poverty, reduce waste and share hope, by selling Useful Gifts in your church, business, small group or school.

Running a Useful Gifts Shop is a fun, easy and impactful way to raise funds for Tearfund. Set up your shop to celebrate a special occasion, or over a few weeks in the lead-up to Christmas – the options are endless.

Tearfund will send you everything you need to empower your community to make a difference through a Useful Gifts Shop. Our team is here to answer any questions and cheer you on!

Register Now!
Visit tearfund.link/24gcu
or call 1800 244 986

Anne's Toowoomba Useful Gifts Shop

At Rangeville Community Church in Toowoomba, Anne Harris faithfully runs a Useful Gifts Shop every year – and it's a role she loves.

"I find it so encouraging: the stories that I hear of children saving their pocket money all year," said Anne. "The first year that someone bought a Well, that was so exciting! And this year we sold five Wells. Running a stall is just very rewarding and encouraging."

Anne loves the fact that the projects that Useful Gifts support benefit whole communities: "The ripples go out, and you're not just helping one person, you're helping many."





Help bring **hope** to **hard places** with a monthly gift

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Restorers

Learn more about Restorers here

Be part of a community of passionate Christians dedicated to renewal, transformation and the restoration of hope in hard places across the globe.

Restorers are at the heart of Tearfund's work around the world. It's their regular, faithful support that allows us to invest in renewal, forge long-term partnerships with frontline workers and communities in need, and deliver lasting change for the people we serve.

Join Tearfund Restorers – give monthly and bring hope to the hard places.

tearfund.org.au/restorers

How do Useful Gifts work?

When you purchase a Useful Gift, you contribute to sustainable community development projects run by Tearfund and our partners around the world and in Australia, or to community education and advocacy work in Australia.

The specific gift you purchase is representative of the type of broader community development work done

by Tearfund's partners. For example, if you buy the Chickens gift, you are supporting an overall sustainable food and livelihoods program in which communities are provided with the skills and tools to transform their lives through better agriculture techniques, training and resources. In this way, your purchase is not a one-off gift, but a contribution towards people and communities becoming self-sufficient.

If, at the time of ordering, there isn't a need for your chosen gift, Tearfund will redirect donations where they are needed most. You'll still receive a card for the gift you originally purchased.

Want to know more?

Visit usefulgifts.org to read Frequently Asked Questions about the Useful Gifts Catalogue and project stories about each gift at work.

Find out more here!

Buying your gift: it's easy!

You can order your Useful Gifts by post, online or over the phone.

Post: Complete the form on the back of this catalogue. You'll receive a printed card for each gift you order (unless you indicate your preference not to receive printed cards), and a receipt, in the mail.

You can pay by cheque, money order or credit card. Mail your form to Tearfund, PO Box 110, Forest Hill VIC 3131.

Online: Use the online shop and checkout at usefulgifts.org. You can choose to receive a printed card, a PDF to download and print, an e-card, or no card. You'll receive a receipt by email.

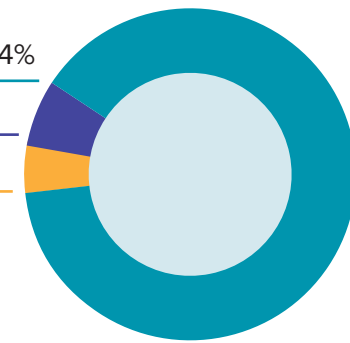
Phone: Call our friendly team on 1800 244 986 (toll free) and order over the phone.

Each Useful Gifts card has a picture of the gift, some information about it and a project story from one of our partners sharing about the gift in action. There's plenty of space inside to write a message if you're giving the card to someone else.

Where the money goes:

- Projects & Community Education 84%
- Fundraising 9%
- Administration 7%

2022/23 Financial Year.
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B	Health & Nutrition	5		
C	Early Learning	5		
D	Seeds & Tools	10		
E	Teacher Training	10		
F	Girls' Education	15		
G	Where It's Needed Most	15		
H	Support a First Nations Leader	20		
I	Safe Water	25		
J	Good Food	25		
K	Adult Literacy	25		
L	Disability Inclusion	30		
M	Support Creation Care	35		
N	Healthy Mums & Babies	50		
O	Women's Empowerment	50		
P	Goat	50		
Q	Business Kick-Starter	60		
R	Toilet	70		
S	Holistic Health	85		
T	Community School Class	100		
U	Hunger Response	150		
V	Climate Resilience	250		
W	Hope in Hard Places	490		
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Y	Well	1900		
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this catalogue exceed the amount needed for the projects those gifts are
intended to fund, Tearfund will redirect donations to other development
work or projects.

This appeal closes on 30 September 2025. Donations received after that
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Useful Gifts Catalogue. Any gift purchased on a recurring gift basis will go
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