

Christian Aid New Road Baptist Church Oxford OX1 1LQ

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Dear Jennie,

We are writing to thank you and all the members of the Aylesbury Christian Aid Group (OR11655) for organising a collection for Christian Aid at the Aylesbury Tring Road Tesco Superstore on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January which raised £140.19. We'd like to say a big thank you to anyone who helped in any way, whether that be from organising the collection or standing with a collecting bucket on the day; we're very grateful for your hard work and support!

I'd like to tell you a story about a man named Theodor Davidovic<sup>1</sup>. Theodore was born in Serbia and orphaned at the age of eight. When civil war broke out, he fled the country as a refugee, and spent two and a half years in refugee camps, where he and other refugees received food parcels from Christian Aid. 'In the camps it was Christian Aid who sent the parcels,' Theodore recalls. 'They were feeding us for two and a half years and I never forgot... I vowed there and then to do my best as long as I live.'

Sixty years later, Theodore is now in his 90s, but he still continues to collect for Christian Aid. 'Your Christianity is not only to come and pray and sing hymns,' he says. 'It is to put your beliefs into action, helping somebody that needs your help.' For over 70 years, Christian Aid has relied on volunteers, like Theodore, and like yourselves, to raise funds for us so that we can help our global neighbours in need. We're extremely thankful to you all for putting your beliefs into action. Without you, Christian Aid's work helping those in need in some of the world's poorest areas would not be possible.

With renewed thanks for your continued support and best wishes,

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• Christian Aid, New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square, Oxford OX1 1LQ • Phone: 01865 246818 • Email: oxford@christian-aid.org Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Christian Aid has a vision – an end to poverty – and we believe that vision can become a reality. We urge you to join us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> You can watch Theodore's story here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HmU-OIL5h4&list=PLYcDc2s179jsCFVr8ulSNjQuQ3iLxjLds">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HmU-OIL5h4&list=PLYcDc2s179jsCFVr8ulSNjQuQ3iLxjLds</a>.