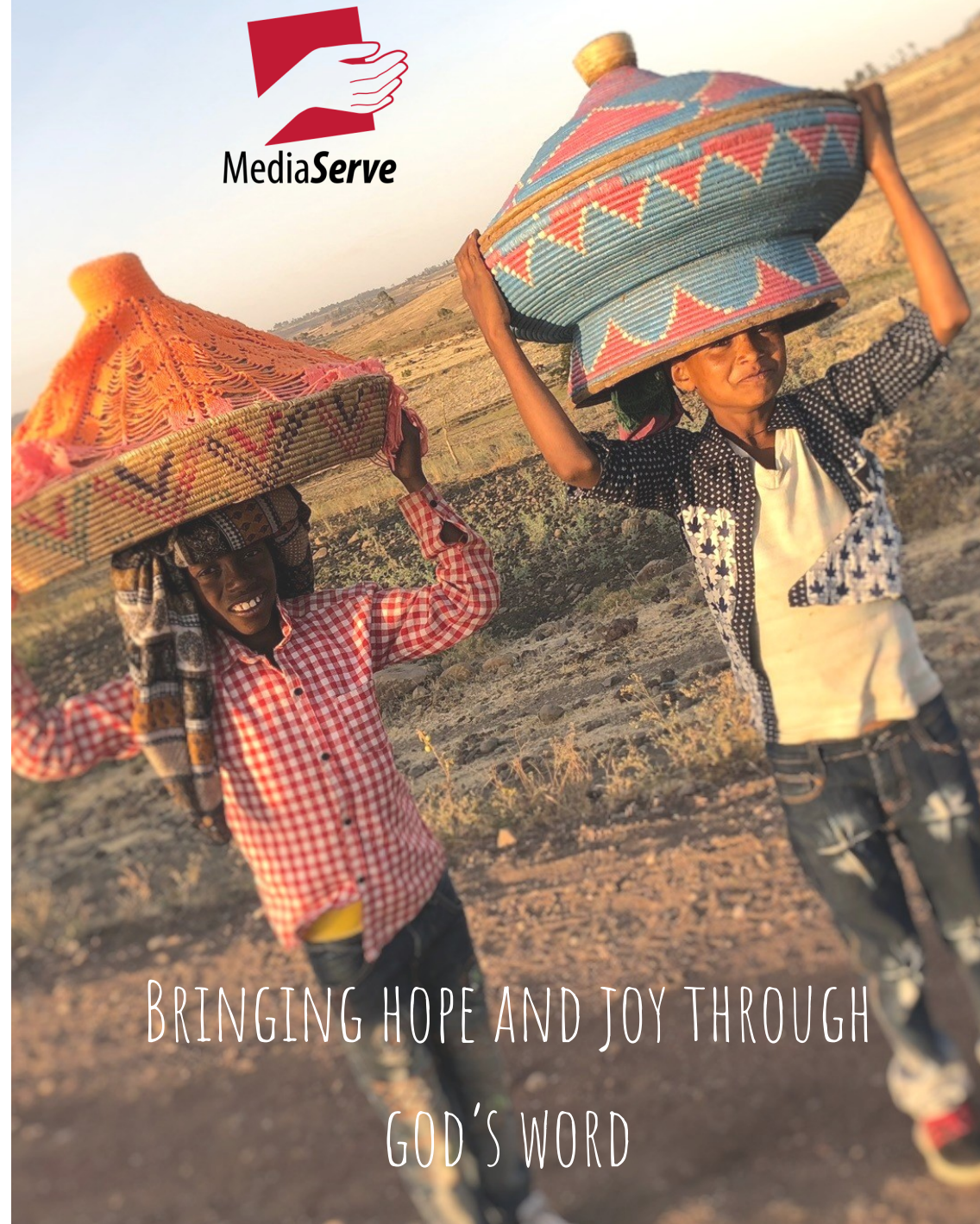


“God wants all people to
be saved and to come to a
knowledge of the truth”

1 Timothy 2:4



BRINGING HOPE AND JOY THROUGH
GOD'S WORD

A GUIDE TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO MEDIASERVE

REACHING MILLIONS WITH GOD'S LIVING WORD

Making a difference for years to come!

Many of us want to make an impact on the world, to leave it in a better state after we are gone. What can make a greater difference than people hearing God's Word, to be able to receive Christ?

Thanks to the generosity from donors and partners, **MediaServe** has, for the last 25 years, provided local churches and evangelists with Bibles and tools for discipleship. But... the need is still great! In Ethiopia for example, only 2% of believers have their own Bible.

MediaServe plans to continue reaching the unreached through local churches and evangelists, in areas of the world where there is a lack of Scripture.

Designating **MediaServe** in your will is one way to ensure that God's Word reaches the ends of the earth, and makes a difference for generations to follow.

Anna-Karin Vaz Contreiras
Executive Director of
MediaServe



All at MediaServe are very grateful to you for considering including a gift for our work in your will.

Thank you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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SIMPLIFYING THE JARGON

When writing a will you will come across a lot of legal jargon; here are explanations of commonly used terms.

- **Will.** A document in which a person specifies the method to be applied in the management and distribution of the estate after death
- **Codicil.** This is a document which a solicitor can write and add to your will if you would like to make a change to your recorded wishes
- **Probate.** The official procedure of proving that a will is valid, which then authorises the executors to deal with the estate
- **Testator / Testatrix.** This is you, the person making the will
- **Executor.** A person chosen by you to carry out the terms of the will—generally a younger relative or friend, may also be your solicitor
- **Legacy.** A gift left in the will to a relative, friend or charitable organisation
- **Inheritance tax.** This is a tax paid to the government if your estate exceeds a certain value. Making gifts to charity in your will may reduce your inheritance tax liability
- **Estate.** Everything a person owns at the time of death including property, possessions and money
- **Intestate.** This is when a person dies without having made a will. Your estate may not be distributed as you would wish if you die intestate.

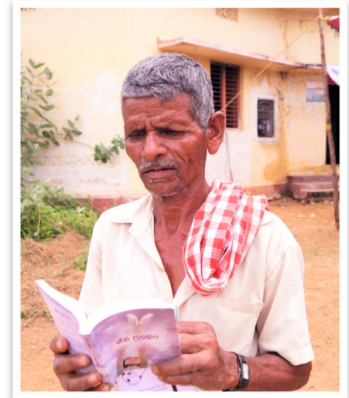
WHY LEAVE A GIFT TO MEDIASERVE?

Imagine knowing that your gift helped these people to know Jesus and be transformed by His love?

Gifts of this kind, known as legacies, are absolutely vital to the future of our work. So, by including **MediaServe** in your will, you'll be making sure your values live on, long after you die. And wherever people are confessing Christ as their Saviour, you will be there alongside them!

In financial terms your legacy may be large or small. Either way, it will be used so that people will hear the Gospel and receive God's Living Word.

- Generous people like you are vital for the future of our work
- A gift left in your will to **MediaServe** will bring the good news of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom for generations to come



WHERE WILL YOUR MONEY GO?

Taking the Gospel to Jewish people

God's first task for the founders of **MediaServe** was to provide Jewish people with the Word of God. Your gift will help us to continue this.

Many are reading God's Word for the first time. For example, 500,000 copies of the Russian Jewish Bible (*Star of David Bible*) have been given to Russian Jewish families, primarily in the former Soviet Union.

40,000 have been given to the Jewish communities in Ethiopia and Israel.

Through this ministry, Russian Jews who might never have picked up a traditional Bible are reading God's Word for themselves.

MediaServe also reaches Jewish communities in China, India, and Myanmar with *The Prophets Speak* in their own language. Communities hidden for generations are now being found and given God's promises.



"God's promises to his people are explicitly and easily accessible in the Star of David Bible. When people read this Bible they easily understand it and come into covenant with their God. Not only the believers, but unbelievers, too, love this Bible." Pastor Solomon

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This leaflet does not constitute legal advice, and we always recommend that you approach your solicitor for definite answers—this is merely guidance in taking the first steps towards making a will or leaving a legacy

■ Is it essential to have a will?

It is not a legal requirement to have a will but if you don't, at the end of your life, much of your estate may be distributed in a way you would not have wanted.

■ What if I already have a will?

Make sure you keep it up to date. Small changes, such as leaving a gift to **MediaServe**, may be possible by adding a document called a codicil. We strongly recommend you consult your solicitor with regard to any codicil.

■ What about inheritance tax?

Most legacy gifts to MediaServe will be exempt from inheritance tax and therefore can help to reduce the tax burden on beneficiaries. Your solicitor can advise on how to make your will tax efficient.

■ I want to leave a gift to MediaServe. What are the charity's details?

Registered in England & Wales: MediaServe, P.O. Box 4148, Swindon, SN2 9JR.
Charity number: 1139276.

*You don't have to tell us if you've included a gift to **MediaServe** in your will, however, if you'd like to, we'd love to hear from you.*

A pastor in Ethiopia testified: "We thank the Lord for the vision that God has put in your ministry to come with God's Word to us. It is a huge blessing to have the Bible in the Oromo language. We are so happy! Before, people used to ask us where they can get the Word of God but we couldn't afford to give them a copy. But now we have the possibility to give God's Word to those who are hungry and thirsty. We are so happy!"

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



At **MediaServe** we know that a legacy is not just a financial gift but a gift of trust and one that we truly value. However large or small, your gift will be used to support our work in spreading the Gospel and seeing lives transformed.

As your will is a legally binding document, **it is sensible to seek professional help when making a legacy in your will**, whether making a will for the first time or amending an existing one by way of a codicil. Your solicitor will be best placed to advise on the wording, taking into account your wishes.

Options for leaving a gift in your will with **MediaServe**:

- Wherever the need is the greatest, allowing us maximum flexibility to use your gift according to our priorities at the time. This is the most common form of leaving a gift.
- To a particular project or country you are passionate about, for example, one you have supported over the years.

There are two main ways you can leave a gift in your will to **MediaServe**:

1. A fixed amount of money known as a 'pecuniary gift'
2. A share of what is left of your estate once all costs are paid out, known as a 'residuary gift'

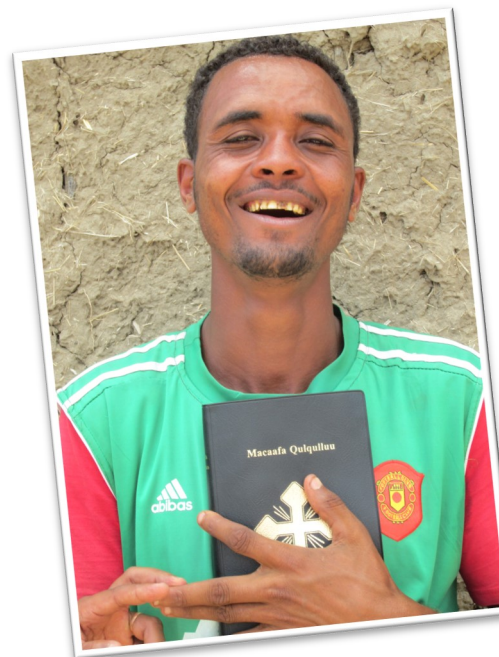
WHERE WILL YOUR MONEY GO?

So far, we have provided 12,000,000 Bibles and tools for evangelism and discipleship... this can only happen with support like yours.

MediaServe has been telling people about Jesus in over 30 countries and 48 languages by providing pastors and evangelists with tailor-made tools for the harvest. All around the world, people are making Jesus known.

We've seen churches experience massive growth after receiving Bibles and evangelistic / discipleship material. New believers share their faith with family and friends. People who were once considered unreached by the Gospel are now following Christ.

Leaving a gift in your will to **MediaServe** will help us equip this generation and those that follow to share their faith and bring the Good News of Jesus, transforming lives and communities across the world.



A man in Ethiopia who received a Bible for the first time said:
"The Bible I received today is more precious than anything that the world can provide. It is more precious than gold, more precious than silver, because it is the Word of God."