

Bishop James writes...

Dear Friends,

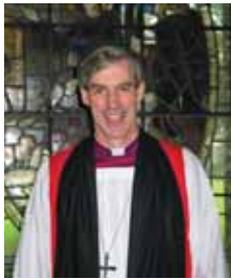
A great deal of time and care goes into the choice of the projects we support each year through our Harvest Appeal. And yet the stories we can share through leaflets and other resources have to be such tiny snapshots of the years of dedicated and faithful work by so many people.

For example, in the project we are supporting this year in Egypt, one of the things that marks it out is the way that this Church-run project designs its work so that Muslims and Christians work alongside one another. The local farmers association that Joseph Tawfeeq, a Christian, belongs to has Muslim members also, and this shared enterprise enables people to build trust within their own community in a way that external 'solutions' never could. The project also works with communities for five years to build up their own capacity to find solutions to the problems they face, and then gradually steps back to let them take control, before moving on to help another community.

I hope you will use your times of personal prayer during this year's Appeal to pray for the individuals whose stories are told here, but also for the many others working so hard to bring about a better world. Please give generously to the appeal – for these people will take our gifts and use them to bring transformation to some of the world's poorest people.

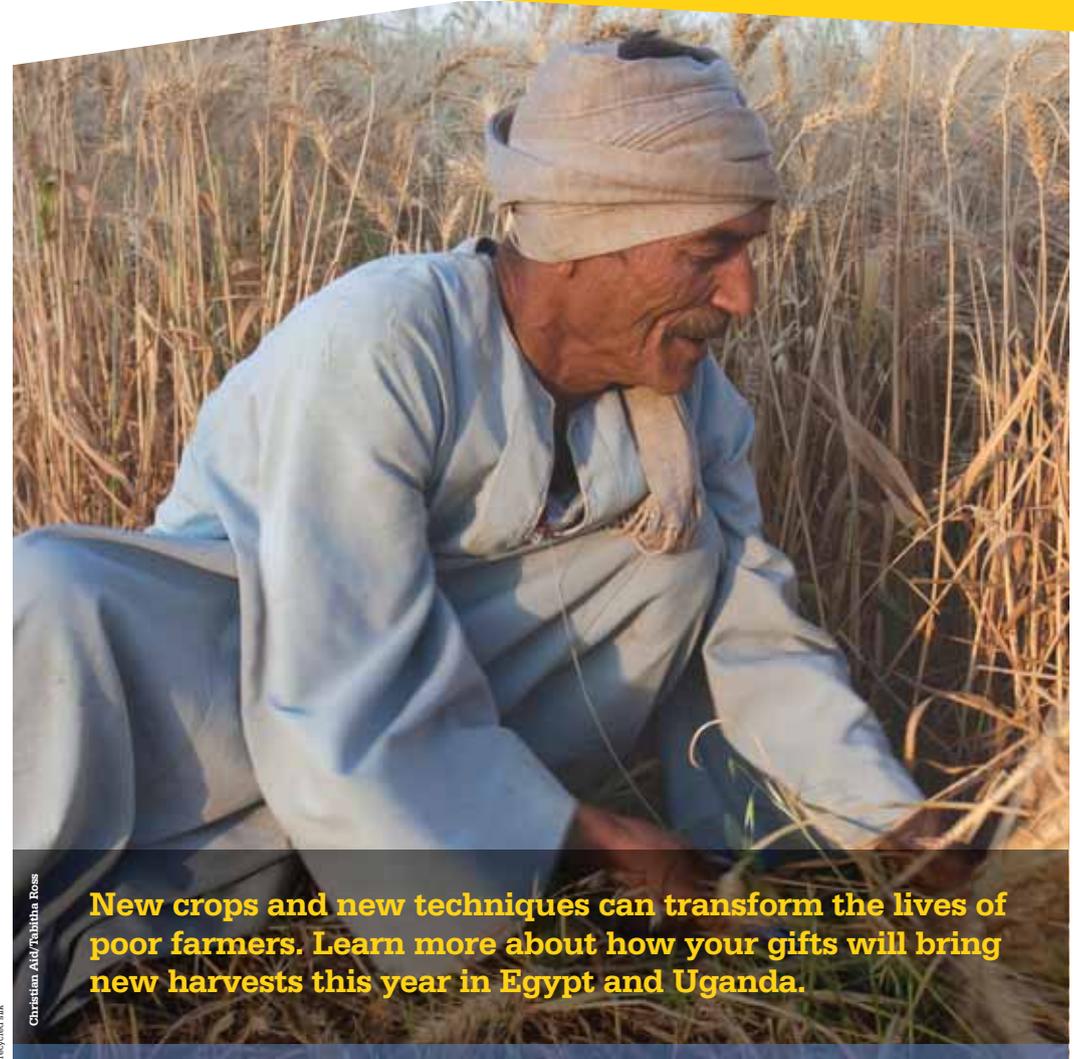
Thank you for all your support.

James



New harvests

The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal 2011



New crops and new techniques can transform the lives of poor farmers. Learn more about how your gifts will bring new harvests this year in Egypt and Uganda.

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Please put your gift in the church collection and complete and include this tear-off slip to increase the value of your gift by 25 per cent, at no extra cost to you.

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(please tick) I am a UK taxpayer and intend tax to be reclaimed on my gift of :

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What can I do?

Pray for Christian Aid and COC-Bless in Egypt and Tearfund's work with the Church of the Province of Uganda

Give generously to the appeal

Invite others to pray for and give to the appeal also.

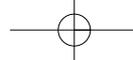
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The proceeds of the appeal will be split: 45 per cent to Christian Aid for their work with COC-Bless in Egypt, 45 per cent to the work of Tearfund in Uganda (if either of these projects should become over-funded, then any surplus funds would be used for similar work in that region), five per cent to the Cumbria Development Education Centre, 2.5 per cent to Carlisle One World Centre and 2.5 per cent to the World Development Movement.





Trust rewarded in Egypt



Courtesy of en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:A_green_bean.jpg

If you are poor and struggling to even feed your family, it is a huge leap to try something you have never done before. Yet that is exactly what Joseph Tawfeeq did. COC-Bless, the development arm of the Coptic Church in Egypt, who we are supporting through our appeal, persuaded him to grow green beans for export to Europe. Joseph trusted their advice and his crop flourished, earning enough for the essentials and even celebratory presents for his family.

People often think of Egypt as a beautiful and exotic tourist destination, but it is also a country struggling with dire poverty – more than 20% of the population live below the poverty line.

Joseph says: 'I started hearing about things that this local association [set up by the Coptic Church] called Salam was doing – running health classes, organising literacy lessons, helping farmers. I spoke to others to find out more and get involved. People felt that Salam was part of them and that it encouraged them and trusted them. I trusted Salam, so I was not afraid to take a risk and try growing green beans.' With a smile he adds: 'My message to people in Europe who buy Egyptian green beans is, "Eat more so that we can export more!"'

With your support, COC-Bless can reach many more communities such as Joseph's. [Thank you](#) for your gifts.

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Adapting to climate change in Uganda

More than a quarter of people in Uganda do not have enough to eat, and this situation is being made worse by climate change. The country is seeing increased temperatures, and the rains on which farmers depend are becoming more irregular.

In north-east Uganda, rains didn't arrive and the harvests failed completely, Anna Nacur (pictured) and her family survived by eating wild fruits and seeds. The fruit was bitter, and Anna's children suffered diarrhoea and illness. Her story is repeated, over and over, in communities across the north-east and east of the country.

Lack of water, soil erosion and loss of crops, trees and livestock make life difficult for people here, about 60 per cent of whom face

food shortages at some point during the year. The rising temperatures are leading to lower crop yields and making some traditional crops no longer viable.

Our appeal is supporting the Teso Dioceses Development Team and Karamoja Dioceses Development Services, both part of the Church of the Province of Uganda. They are helping poor communities to cope with erratic climate conditions, for example by improving agricultural practices and introducing drought-resistant and high-yielding crops that are better suited to coping with climate change.

Your gifts will enable more communities to benefit from this project. [Thank you](#).



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– Joseph Tawfeeq



Tim Babay/Tawfeeq

Anna Nacur and her family are surviving on wild fruits after harvest failures.



Tim Babay/Tawfeeq

Your gifts could help many more people such as Anna Nacur

£34 could pay for a six-month training course for a woman in a vocational skill such as sewing or hairdressing, to enable her to set up her own business

£95 could pay for a training session on new agricultural practices for farmers

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For more information, see overleaf

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19

