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Breaking the cycle of poverty this Christmas

For girls like Nawalat, a bicycle is much more than a means of transport...

Cover image: Nawalat stands with her mother, Tausi

Image above: Nawalat stands with her bicycle, ready to make the journey to school Nawalat stands with her bicycle, ready to make the journey to school

Do you have any treasured memories, featuring a bicycle? Perhaps you enjoyed helping your child to take their first, wobbly bike ride with the stabilisers off. Perhaps you love the thrill of watching bicycles whizz round the velodrome when catching the Olympics on TV. Or perhaps you're a keen cyclist yourself, and know with great familiarity the thrill of life on two wheels.

For communities living in rural Uganda, bicycles are more than a mode of transport – they're a vital tool to help break the cycle of poverty.

Nawalat is a young girl living in Butagaya, Uganda. For her, every day can be a challenge. She dreams of becoming a nurse – she loves learning, and has a passion for Chemistry. But her journey to school is long and difficult, and as the eldest child, she must help her widowed mother and younger siblings at home.

Young girls like Nawalat have the potential they need to break the cycle of poverty. Through your support, one of the local partners All We Can works with in Uganda has helped her to access a bicycle – and now, she can take her future into her own hands.

Nawalat's two-hour walk to school, and the risks she faced along the way, meant she often arrived late, and was turned away from class. A good education is vital in helping children like Nawalat break free from the limitations of poverty. When girls like Nawalat are unable to complete their schooling, they can become trapped in poverty. In rural communities, girls are often perceived as father's property, or their bride price as a source of income – so early marriage is prioritised, to the detriment of the girl's education and her future.

Similarly, the long walk to school means that communities like Butagaya face high dropout rates. Out-of-school girls are more likely to become teenage mothers – and so the vicious cycle of poverty entraps another generation.

But now that she cycles, Nawalat arrives at school on time, every day – and she can help with chores at home as well. Her dream of becoming a nurse has been made possible, thanks to her bicycle.

'I feel good, because with the bike I am able to reach school in time' said Nawalat. 'I am no longer a victim of late coming. I have enough time to settle down and read my books... I feel relieved with the bike.'

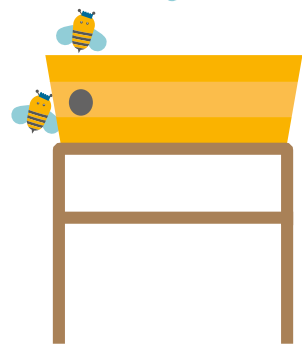


PEDAL POWER

£66

£66 could provide a child, like Nawalat, with a bicycle – ensuring that they can make the (often very long) journey to and from school quickly, easily and safely.

Give an Extraordinary Gift this Christmas. Find out more at allwecan.org.uk/gifts



A sweet business

Making an un-bee-lievable difference in Ethiopia

Image: Nebyou demonstrates his new, safe and efficient beehive

Meet Nebyou, from rural Amhara in Ethiopia. He lives with his wife and three children – and is a proud beekeeper!

Nebyou has been keeping bees for a number of years. However, until recently, he was using a traditional style beehive – which could be difficult to access, and often resulted in poor honey production. Unfortunately, when he came to collect honey from the traditional beehive, he would often end up killing bees in the process due to its access methods. The traditional-style beehive also often fell prey to predators – like ants, who would kill the queen bee and destroy the colony.

Thanks to one of All We Can's local partners in Ethiopia, Nebyou has received training in beekeeping, and been able to access a more modern style of beehive – enabling him to take his honey-making and beekeeping business to the next level! The improved beehive has a number of benefits. It is easier to use, simpler to manage, and most importantly, it enables bees to produce more honey. It also helps protect the bees against predators like ants.

'I now understand these new kinds of technology, and type of bee hive. It's a great change!' - Nebyou

Nebyou is already reaping the benefits of this improved enterprise. His income has quadrupled since embracing his new hive. He uses the money he earns to help provide for his

family – supporting his children through school, and ensuring that they can live comfortably.

For Nebyou, bees aren't just a way to make a little money and secure a sustainable income for his family – they're a passion. 'I naturally love bees' he shared, when asked why he is so fond of beekeeping. 'They are in medicine; I use the honey. One time I was sick - I am asthmatic. I used the new, raw honey to help me recover. That's why I love them.'

BUSY BEES

£14 could help a family like Nebyou's to set up their own honey business to support the family's needs. This gift could provide a family with the materials needed to build a beehive, along with training in bee-keeping.

You can also create a real buzz this Christmas, by giving two *Busy bee* gifts for only £22, with our *Create a buzz* special offer!

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Our commitment to anti-racism in all aspects of our work

Since George Floyd's murder in May, All We Can, like many other organisations, has sought to review and improve its stance on anti-racism. As an organisation rooted in the Christian faith, we are an open and inclusive movement for change - for all people. Our commitment to partnership means that in all our relationships, we believe in sincere collaboration –working together in solidarity and partnership, not in control.

Over the past few months, All We Can has taken action so that we might become a more intentionally anti-racist organisation. Strengthening policy and looking to increase representation at all levels of our organisation, appointing trustee diversity and inclusion champions, creating a staff working group and facilitating ongoing conversations through an online hub so that learning can be shared, facilitating in house training on equality, diversity and inclusion, and improving our recruitment of staff, volunteers and trustees to be more inclusive – these are just a few of the things we are doing to ensure that we improve, learn and grow more conscious in the area of anti-racism, and other forms of diversity and inclusion.

Similarly, our partnership approach prioritises the voices, opinions and needs of the communities we serve. We know that communities themselves are best placed to decide their development needs – not us. We are committed to speaking out about models of aid and development that are based on colonial principles. We will also continue in our efforts to shift the power and control in our work.

**All We Can serves those most in need, regardless of faith, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, or any other protected characteristic.*

How are you and your church committing to becoming more anti-racist? Below are some questions you might like to ask yourselves about any international development work your Church supports.*

- *Is the money we send to international development charities only made available to recipients of a Christian faith, rather than to all in need?*
- *Does proselytising take place in the work we support?*
- *Are we supporting charities who genuinely work alongside local communities – or simply reinforce colonial attitudes to giving by taking the lead, and not working collaboratively?*

We would love to hear the ways in which you are tackling this important issue.

You can find our Chief Executive, Graeme Hodge's, full statement on Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion at All We Can on our YouTube Channel
[youtube.com/allwecanuk](https://www.youtube.com/allwecanuk)



Image: Gemma Hunt, narrating All We Can's nativity

A Big Thank You from All We Can

Throughout this strange and unsettling period, All We Can has been incredibly grateful for the steadfast commitment, support, and love of people like you. From the bottom of our hearts – thank you for your extraordinary support for people living in some of world's most marginalised communities.

From watching our 1.17 broadcasts, to singing along with us during The Big Church Sing, giving so generously to the Emergency Coronavirus Appeal and using our All We Can at Home resources, you have helped remarkable transformation take place, and supported people to stand firm through this difficult time.

Over the Christmas period, we want to continue to support you and your churches. All We Can have developed a range of advent resources, where you will find carols, resources, and a nativity performed by primary school children and narrated by the incredible CBeebies presenter, actor and entertainer Gemma Hunt.



ORDER YOUR ADVENT RESOURCES TODAY!

Download your resources and materials to make use of in your church this Christmas, and find out how you can join All We Can for an Extraordinary Christmas Carol and Nativity service by visiting:
allwecan.org.uk/nativity



Image: The community celebrate the impact of bicycles outside a church in Butagaya, Uganda

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