



Legacy Pack

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Supporting Share Jesus International with a legacy

Thinking about giving to Share Jesus International?

No one likes to think about writing a Will. But whatever your age, an up-to-date, professionally written Will is important. It ensures that your wishes for your estate are carried out and that your family and friends are provided for in the way that you have envisioned. However you decide to leave your estate it is important to think about your family and friends before you give to an organisation and you should always give these decisions careful consideration.

About Share Jesus International

Share Jesus International is a national charity aiming to communicate the message of Jesus in contemporary culture and to mobilise a new generation of young Christian leaders. We innovate and pioneer new projects to present the timeless Gospel to contemporary society.

Share Jesus International was formerly known as the Rob Frost Support Group, which was founded by the Rev Dr Rob Frost in 1986 under the auspices of the Methodist Church. In 2000, Rob believed the work should become more ecumenical and 'Share Jesus International' was birthed, backed by the main leading denominations.

When people ask what Share Jesus International do, it is often hard sum up. Historically we have pioneered national tours ranging from musical productions such as Burning Questions and Hopes and Dreams (which featured the Millennium Prayer) to multimedia touring lectures such as The Agenda looking at legal issues facing the Church and Hope for Planet Earth looking at how Christians respond to Climate Change. The work has also included front line mission which have included 'Share Jesus' short term mission and the development of resources such as Essence, exploring evangelism in a spiritual age. Perhaps our most well known project has been Easter People which attracted 1000s of Christians annually for worship and teaching. On top of all of this, Share Jesus International also led a variety of media projects and provided year out opportunities in arts and mission.

In 2007, Rob died of cancer and his son Andy Frost was appointed by the Trustees as Director of Share Jesus International. Andy had worked with his father for seven years before being made Director. He continues to lead a plethora of innovative projects. Although, over the years, the projects have changed, the values have not.



Share Jesus remains committed to communicating the Gospel.

Andy and the team continue to regularly go and preach at events and churches across the Country. They also help lead mission ventures with local churches. On top of this they pioneer resources that will help equip the Church in its mission. These products range from DVD resources to 'coming of age' manuals to help young men become followers of Christ.



Share Jesus remains committed to engaging with Society.

One of Share Jesus International's biggest projects is Pentecost Festival, a missional festival in the heart of London. Through the festival, one of the key aims is to demonstrate God's values in society. We want to communicate the Christ cares about the environment, about the poor and about justice. We currently run bi-annually retreats called 'Influence' to help church leadership teams engage with a constantly changing world and are planning future national tours that will help Christians relate their faith to global issues.

Share Jesus remains committed to empowering young people.

Through the Emerging Culture department we run a host of projects that range from short term missions with partner churches to our quarterly /thoughts magazine. Most recently we have pioneered a new youth leadership course which gives leaders in their late teens teaching, experience and the opportunity to put their dreams into action. We also run an internship programme for young leaders in their 20s as they discern their calling.





What a gift to Share Jesus International would mean

We would love for you to consider giving to Share Jesus International by leaving a legacy to us. The Bible encourages us to give generously and while we may give to various charities in our lifetime we can also do this through our Will. It is an amazing blessing to those included in your Will and giving to us will help our work in advancing God's kingdom here on Earth.

If you leave a legacy to Share Jesus International it means that you know that your money is going to something that you believe in and support. The work of Share Jesus International is important and your support of it would be a great encouragement and help.

As you will have seen from our prayer letter we have many projects that we are busy with and any money you give will go towards funding them and ensuring that SHARE JESUS INTERNATIONAL has a future.

Preparing a Will

There are various things that you need to do when deciding to make a Will. We would advise you to always seek the help of a professional Lawyer as you run the risk of making mistakes which could be much more costly to rectify than the saving made. You may also be in danger of the Will being declared invalid which would leave you in the same position as if you have never made a Will.

When writing a Will it is important to firstly work out what your estate is. This is your assets less your liabilities. In your Will you need to decide how you want your estate to be passed on. You can also specify funeral arrangements. In your Will you appoint executors; family, friends or professional advisors who are responsible for dealing with your estate in the event of your death.

Your Will may have tax implications as if your estate is worth over a certain amount, please check the insert included. By talking to a professional adviser they could help to ensure those who benefit from your estate don't pay more tax than they need to. For instance, owning a property may make your estate liable for Inheritance Tax. If the total value of everything you leave when you die is above the available threshold (which varies from tax year to tax year), your beneficiaries will have to pay Inheritance Tax at 40% on anything above it. The legacies that you leave to UK registered charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax.

In some circumstances it may be sensible to set up a trust. This may be advisable if you want to leave money to young grandchildren as it can be put into a trust until you feel that they are at a suitable age to acquire direct control of it. You could also set up a trust for charitable giving. This can offer tax advantages as it reduces your taxable wealth. To do this you would need to get professional help.





Ideas for wording

Though you should consult a professional Lawyer about writing your Will you could go with these suggestions for how it should be set out.

Residuary Legacy

1. I give x % share of my real and personal property not hereby or by any codicil hereto specifically disposed of after payment of my debts, pecuniary and specific legacies, funeral and administration expenses and any taxes in respect of my estate to Share Jesus International (registered charity number 1089784) of The Church, Tolverne Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8RA.
2. I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of Share Jesus International shall be a sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.
3. Pecuniary Legacy
4. I give the sum of £ x (pounds) free of tax to Share Jesus International (registered charity number 1089784) of The Church, Tolverne Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8RA.
5. I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of Share Jesus International shall be sufficient discharge for my executor/trustees.
6. Specific Legacy
7. I give my (short description of the property given) free of tax to Share Jesus International (registered charity number 1089784) of The Church, Tolverne Road, Raynes Park, London SW20 8RA.

If you want to add Share Jesus International to an existing Will, you can leave a legacy by using a codicil which is a document which lets you do a simple update or alter an existing Will.

Different types of gifts

A legacy is a gift which you specify in your Will. It can take three forms:-

1. Residuary legacy: A gift of the remainder or part of the remainder of your estate once all other gifts have been made. This is a popular way to leave a gift as it is often expressed as a fraction of your estate rather than a cash sum and therefore retains its value over time.
2. Pecuniary legacy: This is a gift of a fixed amount of money. However this value may need to be reviewed as its value will decrease over time.
3. Specific legacy: A gift of personal possessions such as antiques, furniture, jewellery, land or buildings.

Whichever you may decide to give to Share Jesus International it will be appreciated.



Thank you

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support of Share Jesus International. We thrive on the partnerships that we make with individuals and organisations and many have journeyed with us for many years. Thank you for your help in continuing this journey in providing for us in the future. Anything that you can give is greatly appreciated as we invest in our work.

It is really helpful to let Share Jesus International know that you have included them in your Will so that we can update you on our work according to your wishes. You do not need to let us know but it will help us in planning for the future.

Though you may have been associated with various Share Jesus International projects in the past our work may change and develop and it is often helpful not to specify too strongly what you would like your legacy to go towards. Any general donations will be allocated to where the need is greatest. This enables us to progress our work in the way that is most needed at that point.

Share Jesus International is committed to using donations in the best possible way. We believe that our work is important to many people; as a support and as a point of contact with Christianity.