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Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £170.74. We also appreciate the encouragement in your letter and are grateful for the support and involvement of young people in poverty and justice issues.

Your gift has been assigned to support projects run by our church-based partners in countries such as Brazil. Zé de Antonia lives in Pernambuco state in north-east Brazil, a very poor region which suffers from drought each year. Here, some people in remote villages have to walk up to 18 miles a day to collect water. It's getting harder every year to predict when the rains will arrive: farmers don't know when to plant seed. The lack of water is forcing many families to move to nearby cities. Zé spent 30 years working in Sao Paulo to provide for his family, until one day he was shot on his way to work and decided it was too dangerous to continue working there. It was then that Tearfund partner Diaconia stepped in to help Zé and his family. They taught him new farming methods to cope with the harsh climate. Thanks to a new irrigation system, the land where Zé could grow only beans now has guava, mango, oranges, coconuts, bananas, corn and pineapples.

Zé's neighbours drop by to collect water from his well, and he shares surplus crops with the villagers. 'It has given me a new lease of life,' he told us. Life is no longer a daily struggle for survival: it's something Zé and his family enjoy to the full. 'I thank God first, and secondly Diaconia's staff, the best technical team we could have had,' he says.

We have arranged for our youth 'Network' email publication to be sent to 'pooleyouth@btconnect.com'. We hope you find this a really helpful resource for youth leaders. However, if you no longer want to receive the publication, please do contact us on the details at the bottom of the letter. Also, if you've ever wondered what's behind the headlines - about the real issues - Street Children, Asylum Seekers or HIV and AIDS, if you want to find out more and make a difference by campaigning, praying and standing for justice, you can receive *Activist Extra*, our monthly e-letter. Sign up by visiting our website at www.tearfund.org/activist. Also, don't forget to keep up to date with what's going on in the world by visiting www.tearfund.org/youth.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours in Jesus



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