

## **Legacy of Hope**

### *Remembering Hands of Mercy International in your Will*

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When we bid our farewells, ideally we should not leave unfinished business behind us. The making of a Will is a very personal matter, and it is important that you consider any implications carefully.

After having made adequate provision for your immediate family, you may give thought to leaving a charitable gift to **Hands of Mercy International** and its ministry of Christian compassion.

By naming **Hands of Mercy International** in your Will now, you are helping us to continue to give desperately needy people in the Philippines the start to a new life and a new hope for the future.

### **Our Commitment to You....**

If you are considering leaving a gift to **Hands of Mercy International**, we unreservedly make this commitment to you:

"To carefully and prayerfully use any amount given to lift up the name of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the operation and/or expansion of Christian compassion in the Philippines. To be a voice of righteousness and justice for the poor, and to bring them the truth of the Gospel."

### **Your Will**

As far as you and your family are concerned, your Will could be the most important document you ever sign.

### **What is a Will?**

A Will is your opportunity to provide instruction as to how you want your possessions to be administered in the event of death.

### **Why do I need a Will?**

- A Will gives you the security of knowing that those who depend upon you will be provided for.
- A Will may prevent conflict and anxiety amongst family and loved ones.
- A Will precisely states your instructions and wishes, so your trustees are better equipped to administer your estate the way you intended.
- A Will is also an opportunity to make a final charitable gift that will continue to bless others, long after you have gone.

**To make a legacy to Hands of Mercy International in your Will**, or to change your Will to include such a legacy, you will find below the wording that you should include.

### **For a Specific or Pecuniary Bequest**

A Specific Bequest is a gift of a particular item of property you own. You should make sure that it is clearly identified in your Will.

A Pecuniary Bequest is a gift of a fixed amount of money. Some people avoid making this form of bequest because inflation gradually reduces the value of the gift and means that the Will may need regular updating.

"I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (or the item specified) to **Hands of Mercy International**, Registered Charity No. 1097434 for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Hands of Mercy International for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

### **For a Residuary Bequest**

A Residuary Bequest is a gift given from the residue (or remainder) of your estate – for example, one quarter of the residue of A and one tenth each of Y and Z, etc. The residue is all your property after all other specific and pecuniary legacies have been paid, together with all debts, liabilities, costs and tax.

"I give the residue of my estate to **Hands of Mercy International**, Registered Charity No. 1097434 for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Hands of Mercy International for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

### **Codicils**

A codicil is a change or addition made to an existing Will.

You should consult your solicitor over the precise wording that is appropriate for your Codicil, but here is an example of the wording of a typical Codicil:

"I (full name) of (address) DECLARE this to be a First Codicil to my Will dated (date in words).

1. I give the sum (the amount in words and figures) to **Hands of Mercy International**, Registered Charity No. 1097434 for its charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Hands of Mercy International for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

2. IN ALL other aspects I confirm my said Will.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this (date in words).

SIGNED by the said (name) the Testator as and for a First Codicil to his (her) said Will dated the (date) in the presence of us both being present at the same time who at his (her) request in his (her) presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:

Signature of Testator and two Witnesses.”

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*Hands of Mercy International is not qualified to give legal and financial advice and we would strongly urge you to see a solicitor when you finally decide to make your Will. A solicitor will be able to provide you with professional advice.*

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