

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 12th - 18th MAY

Poverty pushed Aline to the brink Abused, homeless and hungry, Aline dreamed of a better future. It seemed impossible. But with a little support from you, someone like Aline can make their dream come true.

Aline, from Burundi, was married while still a child. When her violent husband forced her to flee, she was plunged into extreme poverty. Driven from her home without her children, Aline had no roof over her head, no food and no money. She was left wandering the streets people insulted her and few showed her any kindness.

However, Aline took her first step back from the brink thanks to small business training funded by Christian Aid. Putting what she had learnt into action, Aline united with others to set up a Village Savings and Loans Association. It gave everyone a way to save and borrow money. And it helped Aline set up a business selling avocados and peanuts.

Today Aline has a thriving business. She has built a house (using handmade bricks!) to provide a safe home for herself and her children. In addition, she is now using her experience to help other families escape extreme poverty.

This Christian Aid Week, will you help a family like Aline's to push back against the inhumanity of poverty?

I am planning to do a sponsored skip: 70 skips (with a skipping rope!) every day of May, to raise funds for Christian Aid, to help people like Aline in Burundi. You can make a donation online through my webpage:

fundraise.christianaid/christines-skipping-challenge

Alternatively, you can make a donation in the enclosed envelope and drop it off at the Village Shop or Martindale post box. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please take the trouble to fill in your details - which increases your gift by 25%. Thank you.