

▶ Here is a way to make a last special gift

A SAMPLE BEQUEST ...

I give to the New Zealand Church Missionary Society,

*(Please specify a percentage of your estate, or amount)*

free of all duties, for the general purposes of the Society. I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Society upon payment of this bequest shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Trustees without their being bound to see its application.

Name:

*Note: Although you can prepare your own will, it is advisable to seek the advice of a solicitor.*

***For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.***  
***2 Cor 4:5***

▶ Every dollar makes a difference!

In many countries the dollar goes much further than it does in New Zealand.

The work of NZCMS in evangelism, schools, theological teaching, medical and developmental projects, has and will continue to make a difference – for many decades.



# leaving a legacy!

HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST  
SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE ...

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ON A MISSION!

New Zealand Church Missionary Society

## ► Making a will? Why bother?

If you make a will, you are ensuring that your loved ones are provided for after you die. It also gives you the opportunity to leave a legacy for organisations such as NZCMS.

If you don't make a will, the law decides how your estate is to be disposed of after you die. A will is therefore the only way to make sure your estate is dealt with as you would want.

The time to make a will is always NOW, if you haven't yet done so, regardless of what age you are. Making a will, or amending an existing one, is relatively inexpensive. A solicitor can draw up a valid will for you, for a small fee, and advise on the kind of legacy you might want to leave NZCMS. If you already have made a will, a codicil (amendment), which is in effect a postscript, can easily be added.

Using a solicitor means that it is less likely that an invalid will or a will that is difficult to interpret will be drawn up. A properly drawn up will means that it is less likely to be challenged (contested) by anyone else.

## ► What can I leave to NZCMS?

Possible legacy gifts might include:

- > **cash**
- > **real estate**
- > **works of art**
- > **jewellery**
- > **stocks/shares**
- > **pensions**
- > **life insurance policies**

*(NZCMS should be made the beneficiary, but not the owner of the policy).*

*Other gifts may also be suitable as a legacy to NZCMS, and there are other ways of giving.*



## ► Should I specify how the legacy is to be used?

If a legacy is left to general funds then this gives NZCMS the most flexibility. However if you do want to specify a particular area of work it is possible to do that, and a solicitor can suggest an appropriate wording. It is helpful also to include wording that doesn't bind NZCMS to using the gift for the tagged purpose, in case circumstances have changed by the time the legacy is received.

*If you want your legacy to be used for a specific purpose then please discuss this with the General Secretary.*

## ► Having a will drawn up:

Shop around solicitors to compare costs, if you do not have one. Some organisations, such as Public Trust, will draw up a will at no cost. But they will then expect to act as the executors of your estate so you need to check what this might cost.

*Reviewing your will about every 10 years will give you the opportunity to make changes if your circumstances have changed, or you have changed your mind. You can also check to see if inflation has affected the value of any legacies you might be leaving.*

## ► NZCMS aims to:

**Proclaim** the Gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ to all people

**Establish** and strengthen local churches

**Extend** Christ's Kingdom throughout the world

Your bequest can help us pursue these aims, as we respond to the challenge of continuing to find, send and support suitable people to serve where God calls them.

