

# Your Lasting Legacy



# A letter from our Director

Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to consider leaving a gift to AWM-Pioneers in your will.

AWM-Pioneers is involved in sharing the gospel among Arab peoples wherever they may be found. This ministry includes sending workers to engage in personal evangelism, media and discipleship programmes, supporting indigenous-led movements of believers and compassion projects seeking to redress some of the desperate physical and emotional needs of the region, especially pertinent in light of the latest refugee crises.

God has faithfully provided every penny needed to enable this vital work to continue, and a key part of this provision has been the legacy gifts kindly left in the wills of faithful supporters like you.

In the pages to follow we share some of our history, some of the current needs that legacy gifts can help towards and provide some information to help you in preparing your will. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration as you decide upon the next steps to make provision for the people and ministries that are close to your heart. After you have done this, I would encourage you to speak to a solicitor to begin the process of preparing or amending your will.

May the Lord bless you and give you His peace as you undertake this unique opportunity.

Yours in Christ,  
**Phil Elam**  
UK National Director



**Our legacy supporters come from all walks of life but share a common passion - that Arab people encounter the love of Christ and that they might become His followers.**

# A Lasting Legacy

Leaving a gift in your will to AWM-Pioneers will mean you're continuing our legacy of bringing Good News to Arab people that was birthed in the 1880s.

AWM-Pioneers' roots can be traced back to 1881 when George and Jane Pearse were reaching the Kabyle people in Algeria. Shortly afterwards Lilius Trotter was called to reach Arab Muslims in Algeria. From one generation to another, this ministry has expanded to include not just North Africa but also the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East, and now also includes work among Arabs in mainland Europe and the UK. Methods may have changed over the years, now making the most of the internet and social media, but the vision of seeking to share the gospel of Christ with Muslims of the Arab world wherever they may be found remains

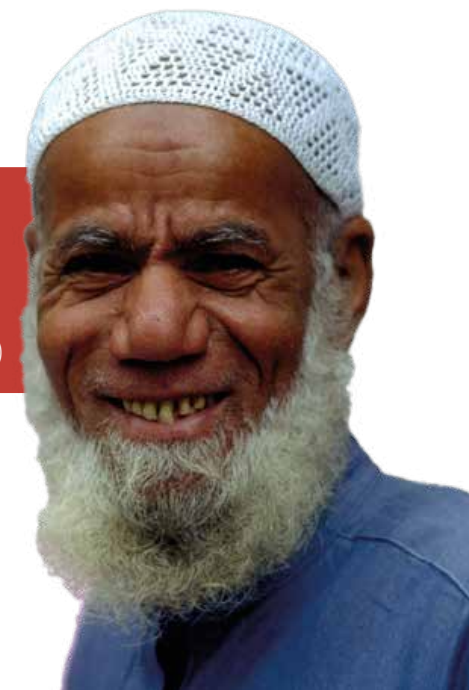
the same. As we continue this work we are building on the legacy of those who have gone before us.

We can see wonderful truths from God's word that encourage us as we consider what our legacy will be. The writer to the Hebrews shares that we are 'surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) – those who have gone before us. And the Psalmist reminds us that, 'One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts' (Psalm 145:4).

As a supporter of AWM-Pioneers you have already been part of this legacy. But by leaving a gift in your will, you can ensure this legacy continues on well into the future.



**'One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts'** Psalm 145:4 (NIV)





# How your legacy gift will support AWM-Pioneers

**T**hank you so much for considering leaving a gift in your will to AWM-Pioneers. Our legacy supporters come from all walks of life and their gifts, whether small or large, enable the work among Arab peoples that they have valued during their lifetime to continue into the future. Every year our ministry is underpinned by these generous legacy gifts which build God's Church in the Arab world.

There are many projects and ministries that your legacy gift could support. These include:

- Equipping, training, and supporting missionaries as they prepare to go and serve in the Arab world both short and long term.
- Discipling and developing national leaders as they establish churches and encourage church-planting movements.

- Serving those in need in countries such as Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon.
- Resourcing our media teams to respond to the growing number of people searching for Christ online.



**I shared the gospel with one of my friends and, as she was open to learn more, we spent time discussing her spiritual questions. Praise God that she has now accepted Christ!**

Miriam\*, a Yemeni believer

# Why consider leaving a gift in your will to AWM-Pioneers

**B**y leaving a gift in your will to AWM-Pioneers you are making an impact among Arab peoples for generations to come. Even after your life on earth has come to an end, you will be extending God's Kingdom and playing a part in seeing Christ's Church flourish as workers like **Alexandra\*** and **George\*** embrace opportunities to support and disciple Arab people.



**Alexandra** has been greatly encouraged by the opportunities that her deep and genuine friendship with a local lady teaching her Arabic has brought. After her last lesson, she came home filled with excitement having sat and listened to her teacher repeat back to her our message of good news. Numerous times when workers explain the huge difference between salvation by grace, compared with that of works, there is simply no recognition. So, to see someone who has heard and can now articulate the truth is hugely encouraging. The rest, as we say, is up to the one who can bring the increase.



**George**, a worker from Scotland met a man named Daniel\* who struck up a conversation with him about the number of sheep in Scotland! Later Daniel mentioned that in his youth he "had done many bad things", and was worried about what he would say on the day of judgement when God opened the record of his deeds. George told him of the Good Shepherd who has laid down His life for the sheep – those who follow Him. He encouraged Daniel to abandon his hopeless attempts at self-atonement and place his trust in the Saviour of the world.



**'Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'**

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

*\*Names have been changed to protect identities.*

# Types of legacy gift you can leave to AWM-Pioneers

**T**here are a number of ways to remember AWM-Pioneers in your will. The most common types of legacy gift are pecuniary, residuary, and specific legacies. We have provided example wording for each of these types of legacy gift. Speak to your solicitor or will-writer to decide which type of legacy gift will suit you and your circumstances best.

## ● Pecuniary Legacy.

Simply giving a fixed sum of money.

**Example wording:** I give to Arab World Ministries of PO Box 51, Loughborough, LE11 3WQ, registered charity number 1059106 [£ insert amount in numbers / insert amount in words] for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Manager, a trustee, or other proper officer at Arab World Ministries for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

## ● Specific Legacy.

You can leave a specific item to AWM-Pioneers for use or sale to support Arab people.

**Example wording:** I give [insert description of the item] to Arab World Ministries of PO Box 51, Loughborough, LE11 3WQ, registered charity number 1059106 for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Manager, a trustee, or other proper officer at Arab World Ministries for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

## ● Residuary Legacy.

Leaving the residue of your estate to AWM-Pioneers. You can decide to leave a percentage of, or all of, what is left after your estate has been shared out amongst your loved ones, and any debts or tax paid off, to AWM-Pioneers.

**Example wording:** I give to Arab World Ministries of PO Box 51, Loughborough, LE11 3WQ, registered charity number 1059106 [all / \_\_% of the residue] of my estate for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Manager, a trustee, or other proper officer at Arab World Ministries for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s).



## Our promise to you

**L**eaving a gift in your will to charity is a big decision. That's why, here at AWM-Pioneers, we are here to support you every step of the way.

**This is our promise to you:**



**We know that your family is your top priority**



**We will never pressure you to leave a legacy gift**



**If you decide to leave a gift in your will, you can change your mind at any time**



**We will steward your legacy gift to ensure it makes the biggest difference in reaching Arab people with the gospel**

**Some things to consider when leaving a gift in your will to charity:**

**Inheritance Tax:** A gift left in your will to AWM-Pioneers is currently tax exempt and it could reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate.

**Pensions Gifts:** You can nominate AWM-Pioneers to receive any unused funds in your pension pot upon your death, should you wish to do so.

**Finding a solicitor:** For support in writing or amending your will you can contact a solicitor through the Law Society at [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk) or you can find a Christian solicitor through the Lawyers Christian Fellowship at [www.lawcfc.org](http://www.lawcfc.org).

**Further information:** For further information about wills, legacies, inheritance tax planning and pension gifts visit the HM Revenue and Customs website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk).



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