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Dear Member

November 2021

I'm writing to you from De Aar, South Africa, and I'm praying for families and women all around the world this Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we remember and give thanks that he too experienced family life and understands and cares deeply for the plight of those who are suffering.

My name is Sarah and you've helped me to heal after my experiences of violence, difficulty and sorrow. I want to share with you the difference your support has made to my life, and how you can help many others this Christmas.

For me, the trauma and grief started in my childhood home, when my father in his rage and violence killed my mother. At the time I felt as though everything had suddenly stopped, and for years afterwards my grief and shock shaped how I perceived the world.

When I lost my mother like that, I lost my childhood in the same instant. Instead of hope I felt fear. As the only girl, I also became responsible for looking after my brothers.

It's through the kindness I've received - including support from Mothers' Union - that I've finally been able to heal, and to stop the abuse from repeating itself in my own family.

I was just ten years old when my mother was killed.

I was too young to know what it meant for us as children to have experienced my father's violence. But I know now. Boys who witness violence in the home, like my brothers did, can be more likely to continue the cycle of abuse and destruction when they grow up.

That's why as Mothers' Union members we must all continue to stand together against gender-based violence. We have to put an end to this abuse.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

Proverbs 31:8

Mothers' Union is taking part in the Big Give this Christmas, which means a chance for you to help more women like Sarah. If you can give online at www.mothersunion.org/christmas-2021 between 30th November and 7th December, your gift will be doubled.

Please turn over

My gift to help map a brighter future for women, children and families.

Double **the impact**



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30 NOV—7 DEC 2021

Between noon 30th November – noon 7th December the Big Give will **double** donations* made online at www.mothersunion.org/christmas-2021

Follow these simple steps to donate online and double your donation.

1. **Set a reminder** in your calendar/diary for 12 noon on 30th November. If it is easier, you can place this form as a reminder on your fridge with a magnet!
2. **Donate:** Visit www.mothersunion.org/christmas-2021 (remember you will need your email address to donate)
3. **Spread the word:** encourage your family and friends to do the same!

* Up to a fixed amount which will be visible on the MU Big Give page when you make your donation

If you would like your donation to be doubled this Christmas but do not know how to donate online, why not get a family member, close friend or branch member to help you.

If you are unable to give online, you can donate by sending back this donation form, every gift counts in our efforts against gender-based violence.

Thank you!

Don't forget

Stick me on your fridge or pin board so you don't miss the chance to double your donation!

