


TWAM

Tools with a Mission

My gift of lasting *hope*



Ensuring my tools
and my loved ones tools
continue to be used and cherished

A Christian charity sending tools across the world

Why leave my tools to TWAM?

The words we hear time and time again are:

‘I wanted to leave my tools to my family, but my children aren’t interested and I would hate to see them go in a skip’

Dad’s say to this to us about their tool boxes

Mum’s say this about their sewing machines

Children say this to us about their parents belongings

All are thrilled to think tools and machines treasured in life, will continue to be treasured and used by the next generation. Tools unwanted by us, still have an immense value in the developing world and will often be cherished and passed down through the generations.

We take tools, sewing/knitting machines, computers and bikes for refurbishing, sorting into trade kits before sending to over 1000 partners across Africa. Our partners work in their local communities to break people free of the cycle of poverty through training in skills and the provision of a TWAM tool kit.

There’s no point investing a year training a young person to be a mechanic if at the end of their course they have no tools to work with.

**Bequeathing
your cherished
tools to the next
generation**

A man in a light green shirt is working on a wooden project in a workshop. He is using a hammer and a chisel. In the background, there is a chalkboard with drawings of a chair and a table. The workshop has wooden walls and various tools and materials are visible.

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My lasting gift

Meet Morris

Morris is from a very poor family in Uganda. They relied on him to support the whole family but with no skills or potential to earn an honest living, he made some very bad decisions. He is typical of the ultra-poor TWAM tries to help with its livelihood creating projects,



One of TWAM's partners offered him a place on their construction course and he jumped at the chance. With hard work and determination he passed his course and was given a TWAM builders kit.

But when he returned to his community, he knew he had a problem, as they only knew the old Morris. So to show his community that he was well trained and could be trusted to build their homes he offered the poorest widow in the community a free house. She lived in a dilapidated mud hut but son had planned to build her a house, and had bought some bricks and tin. Tragically he died before completing the job. Morris wanted to help her and he also wanted to show the village that he was no longer the 'old Morris' they once knew. He did a great job on the house and it proved to be the turning point of his life.

Everyone was so impressed by his work that ever since he has been inundated with work. He has now employed other boys who trained with him and has himself trained two boys from the village.

Morris has also been able to get his brother James back into school as he can afford to pay the school fees. Morris is a fine example of what can be achieved when skills and tools replace despair with hope. Not only has Morris had his life transformed, but so have his family and an old lady who never dreamed she would have a new home.

Your tools and sewing/knitting machines can transform entire communities. Morris is the living proof!

Tools: my lasting gift

How to leave your tools to us

If you want to leave your tools or sewing/knitting machine to Tools with a Mission there are different ways you can do this. They are:

- 1 When writing your Will** include within it your wish to leave your tools or machine to us.
- 2 Add a codicil to your current Will.** A 'codicil' lets you make amendments to your existing Will without the need to completely rewrite the original document. In a codicil you can specify small changes to any of the details in your original Will, for example add a new gift or remove (revoke) previous ones. It is important to note that a codicil does not replace your existing Will and is only valid when it refers to the Will it amends. The codicil will need to be witnessed and signed in the same way as your Will and you should make sure the two documents are always kept together. A codicil stating your wish to leave your tools or machine to Tools with a Mission is sufficient.

Whichever option you choose please be as accurate as possible in listing your tools and their location. For example 'I leave to Tools with a Mission the complete contents of my tool shed' or 'I leave to Tools with a Mission my carpentry tools except for my lathe which I leave to (name).' Please include the charities full name, address and charity number.

“Mum would be thrilled that her sewing machine was being used in Africa.”



Donating tools after a loss

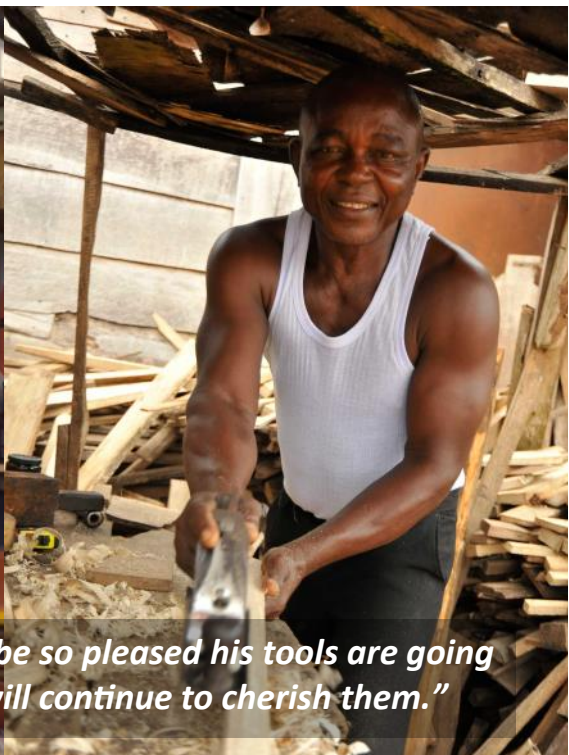
Many of the tools donated to TWAM come after a loss. We receive many phone calls from relatives and executors needing to clear homes but not wanting to throw cherished belongings away.

We have a national team of volunteer collector who will come and collect tools and sewing/knitting machines. We also have Refurbishment Centres across the country who accept donations. Sadly there are areas where we do not have collectors and where we may have to ask you to arrange delivery of the donation.

Please check our website or ring us to see if there is a volunteer collector or Refurbishment Centre near you.

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"Dad loved his tools, he would be so pleased his tools are going to another craftsman who will continue to cherish them."

Remembering someone special

Many people these days choose 'donations in lieu of flowers'.

This is a great way to contribute to the costs of the refurbishment of the tools you are donating to TWAM. We have produced three different cards entitled 'Remembering Someone Special'. They can be discreetly placed on chairs or pews before the service. Friends and relatives can either use them to make a donation on the day or to send them to the funeral director or directly to TWAM at a later date. TWAM will keep a record of all donations and let the family know how much has been donated.

Please contact our Ipswich office if you would like us to send you some cards.



The wording inside the card is:

The family requests that donations today should benefit the work of Tools with a Mission

Tools with a Mission (TWAM) collects and refurbishes tools to send to charities and missions across Africa. Tools are sorted into trade kits such as Mechanics, Carpenters, Builders, Plumbers and given free of charge. Kits are given to trainees graduating from vocational training courses or completing their education. Many simply go to people in need of support to rebuild their lives. TWAM sends out around twenty four containers a year containing over 300 tonnes of tools, sewing and knitting machines, computers and school books. Your support will help us to continue our life transforming work of supporting small local charities across Africa who would otherwise have no means to access life changing tools.

What can I leave to TWAM?

We send out tools in trade packs for individuals but also send out industrial tools and sewing machines to vocational training centres and community workshops. If you're not sure what we accept please ask.

Our current tool kit list is:

- Blacksmith's tools
- Builder's tools
- Carpentry tools
- Electricians tools
- Gardening tools
- Ground workers tools
- Leatherworkers tools
- Masons/builders tools
- Motor mechanics tools

- Painting and decorating tools
- Plumbing tools
- Shoemakers/cobblers tools

We also send out:

- Sewing machines (manual, electric and treadle)
- Knitting machines
- Mountain/trial bikes
- Desktop and laptop computers

We're sorry but we will not be able to accept items that we cannot use or that are broken beyond reasonable repair. We have a national team of volunteer collectors but if we do not have one near to you we have to us for the donated goods to be delivered to one of our refurbishment centres. Centre addresses and contact details can be found on our website.

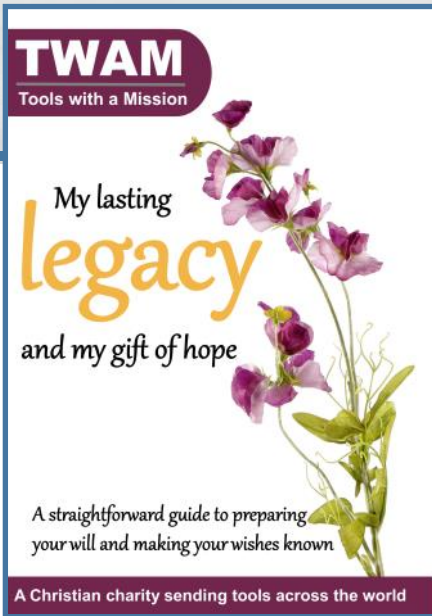
We send out around 24 containers a year filled with over 300 tonnes of tools. There are huge costs involved, so we are grateful when people consider a financial donation to help cover these costs for the tools they have donated.

Young people training to be mechanics in Zambia



What can I leave to TWAM?

Thank you for giving your tools to TWAM. This vital gift will enable us to support thousands of children and adults of all ages to break free of poverty through dignified livelihood creation.



My lasting legacy

We also have available a legacy booklet full of straightforward advice on preparing your will and making your wishes known. It can be downloaded from our website or send by post. Please contact us on the details below for a printed copy.

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