



Donnay and her family in their Old Omo village, Ethiopia. Photo: Christian Aid / Sosina Mengistu

This Christmas, make a decoration from recycled materials as a simple act of hope and solidarity.

As you create, take time to reflect on Donnay's story and the injustice behind it. Display your decoration at home, in your church, or share it with your MP to encourage conversations about climate justice and as a reminder that everyone deserves a safe and flourishing future.

Step one: Reflect on Donnay's story

Donnay and her family lost their home to severe flooding of the River Omo which affected their whole community, the Danesch people.

'The flood was sudden and devastating. We escaped with our children without any belongings.' - Donnay

This was not just bad weather. Severe weather events are made more frequent and severe due to climate change, caused by the burning of fossil fuels. Major polluting corporations continue to profit from fossil fuels. Meanwhile communities like the Danesch people, who've done the least to cause the climate crisis, are experiencing the worst impacts.

At Christmas, we remember Jesus' birth in the manger. He came into the world in humility and solidarity with people in hardship. As people of faith, we're called to stand alongside our global neighbours, challenge the causes of injustice, and work for a world where people and creation can flourish.

Read Donnay's full story in the Christmas appeal at: caid.org.uk/Christmas

Think about;

- How would it feel to lose your home overnight?
- Why are those who've contributed least to climate change experiencing its greatest impacts?
- What responsibilities do wealthy countries have towards communities like Donnay's?
- Read Amos 5:24, what would it mean for justice to roll like a river for Donnay's community? How might we be part of that?
- What does it mean to stand alongside our global neighbours in solidarity?



Step two: Create your decoration

Use whatever you already have at home: Scrap fabric or felt, old Christmas cards, packaging, scrap paper, ribbon, wool, string, buttons, beads, pens, paints or pencils

Choose a shape;

- Star: hope and light
- Fish: representing the River Omo and the communities who depend on it
- Heart: love and solidarity
- Christmas tree: new life and restoration

Or create your own design.





Donnay plants a new farm after the flood. Photo: Christian Aid / Sosina Mengistu

Make your decoration;

- Cut a shape from cardboard or paper and decorate it, sticking your message on.
- Or, sew a fabric decoration and embroider a short message onto it.

Add a piece of string or ribbon so it can be displayed.

Step three: Share

Display your decoration somewhere visible at home or in church. Use it as a conversation starter about climate justice and Donnay's story.

You could even take a photo with it and share it on social media.

Step four: Act - Send your decoration to your MP

You can send your decoration to your MP with a short note explaining why Donnay's story matters to you and asking them to support climate justice.

A handmade gift can be a creative and memorable way to engage a power holder.

You could ask them to;

- Make major polluters pay for the damage they've caused to communities like Donnay's
- Support climate finance for communities adapting to climate change.

Suggested messages;

- Stand with Donnay
- All I want for Christmas is climate justice
- Make polluters pay
- Justice for communities facing floods
- Or come up with your own message.

- Support a debt justice law so countries can invest in people and climate resilience.
- Help build a fairer and more sustainable future.

Together, we can stand with Donnay and communities across Ethiopia. Let's challenge injustice and call for the changes needed for people and creation to flourish.

We'd love to hear from you. Share your photos, stories and any responses from your MP with us at campaigns@christian-aid.org

Find out more about the Restore campaign:

Website: caid.org.uk/Restore