

What is more important- this life or the next life?

1: Christian Aid

From www.christianaid.org.uk

'Our Aims

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.'

'What we believe

We are the international development agency for 41 sponsoring churches and keen to serve and work with other churches, too. We were established so that the sponsoring churches and others 'could respond to Christ's command to care for all in need'. Everything we do is in response to God's gift to the world, of his son Jesus Christ. Jesus promised 'good news' for the poor and 'freedom' for the oppressed, calling us to action.

Jesus called his followers to 'love God and love your neighbour'. Through his life and teaching, his death and his resurrection, he inspired his followers to love God, love their neighbours and long for justice.

Our faith in God, and in his loving relationship with us, gives us confidence and hope that poverty can be ended, despite all that might stand in the way.'

2: Young Nuns

From: *The Guardian*, 'Young Nuns go for life with the vow factor', Riazat Butt, 20.10.11

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'The habit is catching. A small but growing number of young women are choosing poverty and chastity over careers and motherhood.

Producer Vicky Mitchell spent six months filming women such as Clara, 24, as they prepared to become nuns. A language and philosophy graduate, Clara, from the north-east of England, was raised a Catholic. "We've always taken our faith seriously. It's not just one aspect of our life, it frames our whole worldview," she says. "I've always been encouraged to foster my relationship with God." She was 18 and about to leave home for university when she began thinking about her future. "I was thinking about marriage and what God wanted me to do with my life. I got a niggling feeling that maybe God wanted me to be a nun. That feeling never left me." In the programme, Clara is seen graduating, socialising, praying and shopping for long-sleeved, blue nightdresses and slippers that won't squeak in the convent's corridors.'

3: Let the Children Live!

From: <http://letthechildrenlive.org/>

Who we are

'Let The Children Live! is a charity that works in Colombia with children from the streets and shanty-towns of the city of Medellín. These children were once called 'the disposable ones'...

Let The Children Live! is at present working with 320 very vulnerable boys and girls in this city. For most of them it is their last hope. Their ages range from babies to teenagers and they are often unloved and unwanted; even beaten, robbed, raped and sometimes murdered. By the rest of the world they are either unknown or forgotten.'

Our work

'Let The Children Live! is a Christian charity and is strongly pro-life. We believe that no human being is 'disposable' and that every person is precious to God. We are concerned to ensure that each child is cared for as an individual, with his or her own special needs and can experience life 'in all its fullness'

4: A Rocha

From: <https://arocha.org.uk/about-us/>

'Underlying all we do is our biblical faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society.'

'This is our response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and a demonstration of the Christian hope for God's world. We do this through:

- practical involvement in nature conservation projects and ecological research;
- campaigning on biodiversity issues;
- engaging with churches, schools, communities and individuals.

Part of the worldwide family of A Rocha organisations committed to conservation action as an expression of Christian mission, we work collaboratively with others who share our passion for the planet and our desire for its flourishing.'

