



Remembering Serving in Mission

What am I worth?

When you have completed your research the next step required is some practical preparation in relation to your estate. As mentioned in 'Where there is a Will there's a way...' booklet. (If you do not have this booklet please contact us or request one online by clicking here www.sim.co.uk/legacypack)

What do I do next?

Once you have an idea of how much your estate is worth you need to decide who the beneficiaries are to be. You will need to think about what you want to leave to who, you can express it as a percentage of your total estate or as individual amounts. You may want to give specific items to specific beneficiaries. At this point you will probably need to contact your solicitor for help in drawing up your will. Remember a will is an important legal document. We recommend that you get advice from a solicitor so your wishes are fulfilled after your death. You can ask solicitors for a quote for writing your will before you engage them. If you do not have a solicitor, ask a friend to recommend one or see the details on page 3 about finding a Christian solicitor.

Making a Will is an important responsibility for each Christian.

A valid will can ensure that provision is made for your family from your estate. It can also ensure that others benefit from your estate. A valid will helps to avoid legal complications. It can also help to minimise tax liabilities. In contrast if you die without leaving a valid will, sorting your affairs out could be complicated and costly.

There are three ways that you can make a bequest to Serving in Mission. They are:

1 A Pecuniary Legacy (or bequest)

This is a stipulated amount of money left in a will. A disadvantage with this type of bequest is that inflation may reduce the value of your gift, so your will may need updating during your life time.

Sample wording

I give to **SIM International UK**, a Registered Charity Number 219763 of
Wetheringsett Manor
Wetheringsett
Stowmarket
Suffolk
IP14 5QX

the sum of £ [in words] for its **General Purposes*** and I direct that the receipt of the Finance Director or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.'

2 A Specific Legacy (or bequest)

You can make a gift of a particular item of property, not money. The item must be clearly identified in your will.

Sample wording

I give to **SIM International UK**, a Registered Charity Number 219763 of
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my [description of property e.g. my Faberge egg and Rolls Royce] absolutely for its **General Purposes*** and I direct that the receipt of the Finance Director or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.'

3 A Residuary Legacy (or bequest)

This is a gift of all, or part of the remainder (residue) of your estate once all debts, liabilities, pecuniary legacies and specific gifts have been paid.

Sample wording

I give all [or a share of, fraction or percentage] to **SIM International UK** a
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the residue of my estate for its **General Purposes*** and I direct that the receipt of the Finance Director or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.'

**It is especially helpful to SIM International UK if gifts are given for General Purposes as they can then be used where they are most needed at the time. However, if you want to leave money for a specific ministry or purpose please use the following wording: 'It is my wish (without imposing any legal restriction) that the bequest is used for the following ministry or purpose ... provided that in the reasonable opinion of the SIM trustees there is a need for such funds for that ministry or purpose at the time of my death.'*

Donations in memory – an alternative to floral tributes.

Many people today are requesting donations to a favourite charity rather than floral tributes at their funeral. If this is stated in your will, your executors can make sure your wishes are known. The following wording can be used:

I request my executor to make it known that rather than flowers at my funeral; I would prefer that donations are made to

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When you have thought all this through and made the necessary decisions. Make an appointment to see your solicitor. Having a clear idea of what you want to do will save time when you visit your solicitor. When you go to your solicitor remember to take with you:

- The full names and addresses of your beneficiaries and executors.
- Any previous will and supporting documents.
- A list of jointly owned items.
- A list of any special items which you want to go to special people.
- The full names, addresses and charity numbers of any charities you want to remember in your will.

You can find a Christian solicitor by contacting:

The Association of Christian Law Firms

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The Lawyers Christian Fellowship

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Church Villa
29 Church Lane
Temple Normanton
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Tel: 01246 856783
Email: admin@lawcf.org
Website: www.lawcf.org

Other information which may be of help go to:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Death/Preparation/DG_10029