



One of the more unusual Gift For Life gifts was a dam given by Dam Watch.

Giving a dam at Christmas

People got into the spirit of Christmas, not only celebrating Jesus' birth, but through purchasing gifts that will impact the lives of the poor. TEAR Fund was inundated with Gift For Life requests for items such as goats, child immunisations, safe water and toilets.

Dam Watch, a Wellington dam engineering firm decided to break from the tradition of giving bottles of wine at Christmas and buy a dam as a gift for its clients.

"We wanted to give something that reflected what our business was about and the response has been positive from clients," says Dam Watch Managing Director Murray Gillon. "We tossed around the idea of a goat or a chicken, but I wanted to give something connected with water, and TEAR Fund's Niger Dam project fitted with what we are about. The gift of water will have a huge impact on the quality of the Niger nomads' lives. We also liked that the gift was from a reputable source. TEAR Fund is known to us as being a trustworthy agency and for its low overheads, so felt we could entrust our money to the organisation."

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