



I hope this email finds you well! How are you? It would be really lovely to hear how you're doing as you ease out of lockdown.

I'm working on filling a 'Jar of Hope' by putting some money in instead of buying chocolate...its my little attempt at fundraising for CAFOD's Summer of Hope!

I'd like to thank you for your continued support in sharing CAFOD's messages at this challenging time. It is so vital that we continue talking about CAFOD's work. I heard a statistic this week from a survey that throughout England and Wales, only 56% of mass going Catholics actually know who CAFOD are. Many people said that they didn't know who we were, but if they did, they would be likely to donate. So please do keep up the good work of educating people of what CAFOD is about. There is a great video on [CAFOD's story](#) that may be of interest for you to watch too.

The picture above shows local farmers supplying food to hungry families in Brazil. All over the world our work to reach communities affected by coronavirus continues, with your help. Thank you for anything you've been able to do to spread the word about our appeal so far.

We think that most parishioners don't know about our appeal, so you can play a crucial role for CAFOD at this time. Please see our [prayers in the time of coronavirus here](#).

Please grab a cup of tea to read through the bulletin below where you'll find inspiring stories from Summer of Hope volunteers raising money in Bangor and Wrexham, hear about when I lobbied my MP this week on Zoom and a forthcoming inspiring talk on CAFOD's work in Nigeria.

With best wishes

Colette Byrne
Community Participation Coordinator – Wrexham Diocese



“I am afraid of being infected. But there are others who are more vulnerable than me”

Collins, left, a project officer for Caritas Bangladesh, decided to stay and help the Rohingya people in Cox’s Bazar during the coronavirus outbreak.

“I was extremely scared on the first day,” he says. “I have been working in the camps for more than two years but I had to look at it differently this time. People live in such congested and damp places that the virus will spread in no time.

“I cannot say I am working with total happiness and no fear. But there are others who are more vulnerable than me, who need our support. We have our families, our houses, but the Rohingya people don’t have land, they live on the bare minimum.

“If we can be by their sides during this crisis and make them feel that they are not alone, this will leave a huge impact on them.” [Read Collins’ full story here.](#)



Help us make this a [Summer of Hope](#)

Our Summer of Hope is taking shape. CAFOD volunteers and supporters are finding creative ways to raise much-needed money for our Coronavirus Appeal and we need you to get involved and encourage others, because it’s difficult to reach everyone at the moment.

My little Jar of Hope is nothing compared to the incredible challenge that Beatrix in Bangor set herself which was to walk the distance of the Inca Trail in Peru! Well done Beatrix on completing your challenge and for raising over £200 for CAFOD, we’re absolutely delighted with your kind support! Here is a photo of Beatrix during her challenge in the beautiful welsh landscape.



A very happy birthday to Maureen in Wrexham who very kindly asked for donations to CAFOD in lieu of birthday gifts. Thank you so much, such a thoughtful way to support CAFOD’s work.

I believe there are some children in Wrexham who are also raising money, I’m still waiting to hear about that. If you know of anybody doing anything in your area for CAFOD’s Summer of Hope, please do let me know and please do keep encouraging people to take part. Even the smallest things make a difference, for example, someone sent a donation in lieu of their haircut which they didn’t have due to the lockdown!

Please can you help us spread the word?

Could you ask your family, friends and fellow parishioners to give what they are saving from missing dinners out or not getting a haircut during lockdown to help ensure clean water and food reaches some of the poorest families in the world during this global emergency? See our [Hope in the time of Coronavirus](#) film for inspiration.

Could you set up your own challenge on Just Giving and share a link in your parish newsletter or Facebook page to encourage people in the parish to donate?

Can you help spread the word to others in your parish?

If you are going into your parish church for Mass or private prayer over the coming weeks, could you speak to your parish priest about placing a coronavirus appeal poster in the Church entrance? The poster can be downloaded [here](#).

If your parish is circulating an electronic bulletin, could you please ask if this notice could be included?

With your support, CAFOD is acting quickly to help the most vulnerable communities on earth protect themselves from the coronavirus. Join CAFOD's [Summer of Hope](#) campaign with your family and friends to raise money to bring hope to people affected by the coronavirus. Some of us might be able to give what we save from that missed haircut to help the poorest families in the world survive the global emergency.



Unite against coronavirus: sign our petition

Our coronavirus petition is asking our government to do more to help countries in the Global South cope with the pandemic. We now have 6,000 signatures - we usually reach 30,000 and we're going to try and get there, even when we can't collect signatures in church.

We hope to hand in our petition to the government in September, so we have a long way to go. To ensure we can have the maximum impact with our politicians, please sign if you haven't already, and share with your family and friends. [Add your name here](#)

Above: Coronavirus awareness-raising in Zimbabwe.

Hear more about the great work you support

Hundreds of volunteers are joining us each week for our online talks and Eucharistic Celebrations. You can listen live or listen later to a recording. Recent talks include [Marking life's key moments](#) and



[CAFOD's response to the global COVID-19 crisis.](#)

CAFOD's online talks

These have been really informative and popular. You can catch the recordings on our website. Please do [register and join us](#) live on **Tuesday 7th July at 11am** to hear how CAFOD is helping people in Nigeria cope with the Corona virus.

On Tuesday, I joined climate campaigners from around the country to take part in the national climate campaign 'The Time is Now', where campaigners met with their MP virtually, to lobby them about climate change and the need for a green and fair recovery from the current economic crisis brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic. My new MP, Kim Johnson, was on board with everything we said, she was keen to take our questions to Parliament. It was great to see 2 CAFOD campaigners on the call too! We still need more people to do this, the more we raise our voices, the more we'll be heard. Visit cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Volunteer-with-us/Volunteer



*Creator God,
Help us to 'hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor' as we petition our government to heed the anguish and suffering experienced by the poorest of the poor on our planet and the call of the Earth to respond to its cries as the climate crisis deepens.
Amen*

By CAFOD volunteer, Trevor Stockton