

Dear Friend of Missionaries,

The world is in crisis. COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. These men and women already do so much; walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and long after any emergency. However, they desperately need our help and if there was ever a time when World Mission Sunday was more needed, it is now. With that said, I am acutely aware of our own struggles throughout the parishes of Ireland. However, we simply can't ignore the surmounting needs of overseas missionaries and the people they serve.

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**

**18th October
2020**

The World Mission Sunday theme, '**Together we can do more: Blessed are the peacemakers**', must resonate loudly. COVID-19 may bring fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. The virus forces us apart, but World Mission Sunday draws us closer.

Our overseas brothers and sisters, who know more hardship and suffering than we could ever imagine, are crying out for this universal moment of solidarity.

On behalf of the missionaries, and the men, women and children's lives you continue to change because of your ongoing support of World Mission Sunday, I extend my gratitude.

+ Larry Duffy

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