

January – March 2020

Gaza

Thank God for the success of the *Mind and Body* program for women with breast cancer. Continue to pray that the women will have an increased sense of hope and resilience and that this will be carried over to their families.

Pray for funding for the Ahli Arab Hospital in the wake of reduced funding from governments overseas.

East Jerusalem

Thank God for the success of the remedial education programs at the Spafford Children's Center, in particular for the increased confidence of children in their literacy, maths and doing speech therapy.

Pray that more parents will be able to send their children to the centre to receive assistance for the problems they are experiencing.

Pray that fathers of children attending the centre will gain an increased interest in the welfare of their children as they receive therapy.

Vanuatu

Pray that attitudes towards gender-based violence amongst communities will continue to change so that women and children are protected from violence and abuse. In doing so, we are mindful of the scourge of violence and abuse within our own society.

Pray for protection for communities during the current cyclone season, and for resilience as they prepare for future extreme weather events.

Solomon Islands

Pray that the message of respect for women will continue to break through to men as they learn about the effects of gender-based violence. We pray for men who have been imprisoned for crimes of violence, and for their continuing transformation.

Pray for youth as they seek employment opportunities. Pray that they will have an increased sense of their own worth.

Kenya

Pray for our project in Nyeri as it attempts to make the community safer as people are taught about their legal rights, given tools for peaceful relationships, and school students are taught how to create healthy and safe school environments.

Pray for our partner, the Anglican Church of Kenya, as they continue to work with paralegals and children to ensure safety in communities.

Mozambique

Thank God for our partner, the Missionary Diocese of Nampula, as it continues to work with communities on HIV/AIDS prevention and management, and child nutrition.

Thank God for the new savings groups that have been formed throughout the year. These will help fund the tuition for school students so that they can obtain an education.

South Africa

Pray for our partner, the Department of Social Responsibility, in the Diocese of Grahamstown, as it facilitates conversations around how churches can be a safer place for women and girls.

Thank God that cases of sexual assault have been reported to safe persons in the community so that school students can feel safe in their environment.

Ethiopia

Pray for resilience for the Afar people as they continue to face the effects of a changing climate, particularly in the form of drought and less predictable rains.

Thank God that the recent persecution of members of the Afar people has ended. Pray that peace will continue and that the people will be treated fairly.

India

Pray for the health of Rig, who runs the work of our partner, Cathedral Relief Service, in Kolkata.

Thank God that self-help groups in the project have been able to produce finished bead products and candles as a result of training they have received, and that this is bringing economic benefits.

Myanmar

Thank God for the courageous work of our partner, Akhaya, as they teach women to make jewellery in a culture in which women are seen as 'not worthy enough' to touch gemstones or learn the art of jewellery-making.

Pray that Akhaya will be able to find more women who want to be trained in jewellery-making. A six month commitment is generally needed and this is a long time to commit for women within their culture.

Emergencies

Thank God for the work that CAN DO has performed on laying out procedures for Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH). CAN DO has been the first consortium to develop such procedures.

Thank God for CAN DO's Disaster Ready program which includes the launch of a smart phone app which allows people to see where safe facilities are located in the Guadalcanal region in the event of a disaster.

Australia

Pray that our work with churches across Australia will continue to grow as we work together to raise funds for and awareness of our work overseas.

Pray that we will be able to reach more people with the message of God's love for the poor of the world and that people will join us on the journey of following Jesus in this way.