

January – March 2022

Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza. (Director: Suhaila Tarazi)

Pray for the staff at Ahli Arab Hospital, that they will be able to enjoy time with family and other loved ones over the Christmas season.

Pray that the hospital will continue to be able to play an active leadership and educational role in encouraging people to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as case numbers continue to grow.

Spafford Children's Center, East Jerusalem. (Director: Shahd Souri)

Thank God for the grant from AOA that has been able to fund a new integrated information technology system and network to help children, youth, and parents learn basic skills needed for online education.

Thank God too that the centre has been able to offer intensive catch-up classes for students affected by the COVID-19 school closures. Most children have been able to gain the equivalent of one school year in just 11 weeks of classes according to pre-and post-standardised tests. This is an amazing result in the circumstances.

Anglican Church of Melanesia, Vanuatu. (Project leader: Ethel George)

Thank God that a new project promoting safety and resilience in communities will be commencing in January.

Continue to pray for ongoing protection for women as the Anglican Church of Melanesia further highlights the problem of gender-based violence.

Anglican Church of Melanesia, Solomon Islands. (Director: Dr Abraham Hauriasi)

Praise God for the work that is being done by our partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, on addressing sensitive societal issues such as domestic violence. Pray for new understandings, and the clear guidance of the Holy Spirit as behaviours are re-examined.

Thank God for the women and youth entrepreneurs who have been trained in financial literacy to develop their confidence in running their own business. Pray for the success of these ventures.

Anglican Church of Kenya, Mount Kenya West, Kenya. (Director: Millicent Wambugu)

Continue to pray for Nyumba Kumi (volunteers) in the Imarisha Maisha project as they aim to empower different community members with a variety of skills to ensure the sustainability of their work.

Thank God that the resilience of the most vulnerable people within the community has increased.

Missionary Diocese of Nampula, Mozambique. (Project leader: Muassite Miguel)

Pray for our partner, the Anglican Diocese of Nampula, as they educate vulnerable communities on the importance of protecting their environment with conservation and climate-adapted agricultural practices.

Pray for the many thousands of internally displaced people (IDPs) who have fled conflict and violence in Cabo Delgado province who are now receiving help from within the Diocese.

Afar Pastoral Development Association, Ethiopia. (Director: Valerie Browning)

Pray for the work of APDA as they continue to work to reach all malnourished people as well as delivering mothers in what are extraordinarily difficult conditions.

Continue to pray for safety and security for very large numbers of people displaced as a result of conflict in the Tigray region.

Cathedral Relief Service, India. (Director: Rig David)

Thank God that women like Sumitra have been able to attend the Nari Dana Production Unit to continue to produce masks, thereby earn income when most male members of families have been forced to remain home due to lack of work.

Please pray for the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination roll-out throughout the country, and for safety for our partners and the communities we work with in Kolkata.

Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (LEADS), Sri Lanka. (Director: Diordre Moraes)

Pray for the country to be led with wisdom and justice, especially as shortage of money has resulted in queues to purchase certain commodities such as cooking gas.

Pray that COVID-19 will not spread further, that the families of those affected will be kept healthy and that people will be kept safe in public gatherings.

Emergencies

Please pray for continuing stamina for those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response in low-income countries. With only four percent vaccine coverage in many of our partnering countries, pray that vaccines will get to those who need them.

Australia

Pray for our developing relationships with churches throughout Australia, that we will be able to partner with them in spreading the good news of God's love for the poor.

Pray that our staff will be refreshed for 2022 as they continue to seek to use their gifts and talents to glorify God.

Finally, please pray for the new CEO of AOA, Jo Knight, who will commence in February in her first CEO role.