

Global COVID-19 Grants: Offerings of Hope and Love

Millions of people around the world still face extreme hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vulnerable and marginalized people, who already struggle daily to survive, now face even greater life-threatening hunger and illness due to restrictions designed to slow the spread of the virus; food and vaccine supply chain disruptions and scarcity; increasing prices for basic commodities; poor social safety nets; and limited access to livelihoods, markets, and health care, including vaccines.



The Church of the Brethren COVID-19 Global Pandemic Grant program provides funding to Brethren congregations and international partners whose work brings humanitarian assistance to these critically at-risk populations. Through mid-2021, programs in 12 countries have already brought hope and love to sisters and brothers in need—and the need is still great.

*Overflowing
with
Hope*
—Romans 15:13



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Will you join us, as you overflow with hope, in sharing God's love through financial and prayer offerings to support the Global COVID-19 Pandemic Grant program?

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"Thank you, brothers and sisters, for sending not only a monetary contribution, but also your spirit of solidarity and compassion by walking with us in the Spirit of Christ."

—mission partner in Honduras

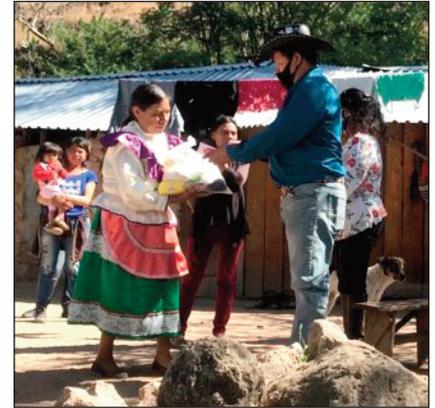
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Nigeria – Hand sanitizer and hand-washing stations are provided to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.



Nigeria – Grant funds enabled distribution of basic food and hygiene supplies to vulnerable people, including elderly widows, who were affected by government pandemic restrictions and the disruption of food supplies.



Mexico – Food parcels were delivered to indigenous Mexicans living in an isolated village in a high desert area in central Mexico.



Haiti – Grant funds enabled the purchase of bulk foods and hygiene supplies which were divided into small parcels for distribution to rural populations living in poverty who were affected by stay-at-home policies and supply chain disruptions.



Honduras – Food supplies were distributed to vulnerable people, including single mothers, elderly and disabled persons, and informal sector workers who are experiencing hunger because of the pandemic lockdown.



Honduras – Grant funds enabled rural community pharmacies to stock up on medical and hygiene supplies prior to the anticipated COVID-19 lockdown. The pharmacies provided basic medical assistance and continued service to those with chronic illnesses, as well as virus prevention education.



DR Congo – Pandemic restrictions and border closings left marginal populations, such as the Batwa community, vulnerable to low food supplies and high prices. Grant funds purchased food bought in bulk for distribution.



Rwanda – Food distributions assist vulnerable people affected by the government's severe pandemic lockdown policies and the closing of the border with DR Congo, including a large population whose livelihood depends upon cross-border trade.



Venezuela – Grant funds purchase ingredients for hot meals which are prepared by Church of the Brethren members and distributed to those in need in their communities.

"My brothers and sisters have not forgotten me!"

—80-year-old woman with no support

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