

REQUEST FROM THE MISSIONS
COVID EMERGENCY



Help the Franciscan friars
to support the poorest
during the Covid emergency
in India, Congo, and Colombia

Our poorest brothers & sisters in the world need our help.



Brother Dario and his confreres in Colombia distribute food



Brother Kevin, with families in Congo, gives thanks to God before distributing food

In Colombia



“ We friars of the Franciscan Province of St. Paul the Apostle in Colombia carry out **our mission among the indigenous population**, those of African origin, the campesinos and the people who live in run-down urban suburbs. In this time of pandemic, we are close to those who are suffering, especially the poorest. **Most of them do not have stable employment and have always lived on day labour, which is now impossible to find; so, the problem for families is hunger.** Therefore, we have organized food aid and encouraged generosity among the communities with the **Solidarity Tables**, an activity that consists of collecting food and sharing it in the community. Unfortunately, in the most remote regions of the country, which are **difficult to reach, many adults and children have died because of Covid and lack of food.** Even today the distribution of food parcels continues to the poorest sections of the population: **our help is indispensable!**

Br. Dario, Colombia

In Congo



“ In a country with a fragile health system, **the pandemic is making the situation unsustainable.** The restrictions and curfews that the Government has imposed to contain the pandemic, without having a programme of economic support for the people, have made **the Church the only refuge for those who have nothing.** We, friars, have never backed down and have launched a project to assist

the weakest and most needy: students without parents, coming from all over the country to attend the only state university in Brazzaville, poor families in the parish, and children in the orphanage. **Rice parcels, pasta, oil, dried fish, and canned food are distributed regularly to families, and health care is provided at the convent.**

To continue this work of charity we need help!

Br. Kevin, Congo - Brazzaville

Read the testimonies of the Franciscan friars who work among them!

In India



Here in the State of Andra Pradesh in India every day we live side by side with **an impoverished population; we take care of families and children; we support the leprosarium patients and the elderly who are alone and without help.** Because of Covid today, the situation is even more difficult because those who lived on begging and occasional work have no chance of supporting themselves without our assistance. That is why we **distribute parcels with 10 kilos of rice, 1 kilo of sugar, 1 litre of oil, curry, as well as soap and protective masks**—an indispensable help for the 500 families who can only count on us to eat and survive.

The situation is serious! We need help to continue helping!

Br. Charles, India



Brother Charles and his confreres meet families and the elderly in the peripheries with food and protective equipment.



**SUPPORT FRANCISCAN WORKS OF CHARITY
FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
OF THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES**

Help the Franciscan friars who are close to the world's poorest

In countries where health care is fragile and where there are no programmes to help the people made even poorer by the pandemic, many people can count only on Franciscan charitable work.

Help our friars to provide food, support, and care for the poorest people in the world.



Br. Charles in India



Br. Kevin in
Congo - Brazzaville



Br. Dario in Colombia

HOW TO SUPPORT THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS

If you donate by bank transfer, remember to indicate the reason and name, surname, and address so that you can be thanked and informed about the project.

- by **BANK TRANSFER** to a bank account in the name of FONDAZIONE OFM FRATERNITAS ONLUS
BANK: Banca Intesa Sanpaolo
IBAN: IT15T0306909606100000168958
BIC-SWIFT: BCITITMM
REASON: Franciscan charity

- **ONLINE** www.ofmfraternitas.org

Your donation becomes practical help to families to survive this emergency. Thank you!

YOUR LIFE IS A HYMN OF PRAISE

With a legacy or bequest, you can praise the Lord for the wonders he has done in your life!

When writing your Will or Trust, you can ensure that the Franciscan missions and the good it does all over the world have a solid future. Your legacy to the OFM Fraternitas Foundation (Non-Profit) will make it possible to carry out important projects in faraway isolated areas of the world for those who are most in need. For more information on how to include us in your Will or to discuss a legacy: call **+39 06 92917107** or write to sostenitori@ofmfraternitas.org.

Together we can select the project to which you will designate your legacy. By making this generous decision, your love and care will live on into the future. If you would like free legal advice on how to include the OFM Fraternitas Foundation in your Will, take the next step by writing to: sostenitori@ofmfraternitas.org.



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