

*“You have turned my mourning into dancing”*

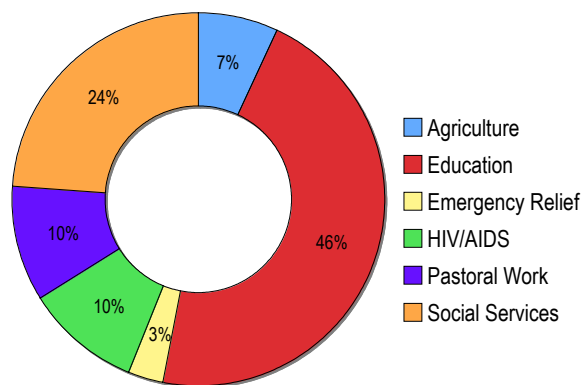
– Psalm 30:11

Through our generosity and commitment, God will wipe away tears. This Easter, turn tears of sorrow into cries of joy by making a donation to CJI. Your gift will go directly to the projects we support, such as the ones in Sri Lanka, Togo, Jamaica and many others. It may mean the beginning of a new life for someone.

## Our work overseas

*This is what your gifts have helped us achieve.*

*Thank you!*



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Sudha Minj, nursing student at Jesu Ashram, Darjeeling.

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# Easter Appeal

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Bamboneyeho Madeleine, 53, lives with AIDS and brings up six children alone. She is a member of *Service Yezu Mwiza*, a Jesuit AIDS project in Burundi.

## The CJI vision and mission

The vision of CJI is of a world of justice, peace and integrity of creation, transformed through our commitment to the poor and our faith in a living God in our midst.

As a response to God's love in the world, the mission of CJI is to support poor and marginalised people in developing countries through the work of Jesuit and other partners, and to carry out educational advocacy in Canada, linked with our overseas work.

We work with Jesuit and other partners rooted in the Jesuit tradition in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

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## Wiping all tears

*“He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; There will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone.”* (Rev. 21:4)

Christ's resurrection of love and life overcomes death. This everlasting reality nourishes hope of a new world without suffering. Can such hope survive in our broken world? The efforts of our partners in developing countries and your generosity reveal that God works through us to wipe the tears of those who suffer, paving the way for a new tomorrow.

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## Holy Thursday – 21 April

*“In the world you will have hardship but be courageous: I have conquered the world.” – Jn 16:33*



Sri Lankan refugees in a camp in Tamil Nadu, southern India

The people of north-east Sri Lanka bore the brunt of that island’s civil war for decades. The war ended in 2009 but deep scars remain: many are maimed by landmines, bombs, bullets or torture; countless families have lost someone; homes have been destroyed; and deep-seated injustices are still unresolved. Widows are vulnerable, lacking support and security. Keerthana lost her husband in the war and was later detained in a so-called ‘welfare centre’ with her little daughter Sangeetha. “Eventually we were released and resettled in Kilinochchi (former rebel territory). Life was tough and bleak. A worker of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) came looking for me and offered timely help. Today, I manage a small poultry farm and am self-reliant to some extent. The help of JRS brought meaning into my life.”

*Gently entering the lives of a crucified people in their hour of need gives them hope and strength for new life. Let us pray for war-afflicted communities; that they may have the courage and faith to persevere in their hardships and to build lasting peace.*

## Good Friday – 22 April

*Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.*  
– Sixth Station of the Cross



Leandre Awesso

My name is Leandre Awesso. I learned that I was HIV-positive in 2006 when I went to the Loyola Hope Centre (CEL) in Lomé, Togo, for testing. My wife was already attending several programmes for people living with AIDS at the CEL, getting medical, psychosocial, spiritual and nutritional support. I did not want my status to make me a beggar. I wanted to do something, not just ‘wait for the rain to fall’. I was employed at the CEL as a cleaner and now I can meet the needs of my family, help my friends, and even save some money. The CEL organised training for caregivers and I attended. Now I reach out to others with HIV, visiting them regularly. The CEL has wiped away my tears and now I have hope to live.

*Worldwide 33.3 million people live with HIV, 22.5 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa. Many still lack treatment and face stigma and rejection. Let us pray that each one may be able to access the support needed to live in dignity. We remember also caregivers who, like Veronica, reach out to those abandoned to their painful fate.*

## Easter Sunday – 24 April

*“Lord Yahweh has wiped away the tear from every cheek.”*  
– Is 25:8



Suzanna Smith

“This year the team at St Anne’s Church wanted to offer something new to address the challenges our Church members face in West Kingston, Jamaica,” says Fr John Sullivan SJ. “We decided to focus on assisting our young people in pursuing university education. The cost of tertiary education is nearly the same as it is in Canada and is therefore prohibitive for someone from the inner-city. Through the generosity of Canadians we were able to sponsor three young people in their studies.” One of the recipients, Suzanna, says: “I am so grateful; words can’t express my feelings. Living in the inner-city, it is not every day that someone receives an opportunity like this.”

*Amidst much poverty, violence and, sometimes, despair, the light of the empty tomb shines brightly in West Kingston. As we celebrate the gift of new life this Easter, let us pray that education may be truly universal, offering to all the opportunity to build a future.*