



Indigenous women
march for their
rights in Chiapas.
(Photo: MODEVITE)

Bringing forth justice faithfully

“Here is my servant ... he will faithfully bring forth justice.” This Holy Week reading is from the first of four “servant songs” in Isaiah. Christians interpret these songs as referring to Jesus, the “suffering servant” who went to the Cross.

What is remarkable about the first song is the servant’s compassion and patience in bringing justice to the world. He is not some famous celebrity or politician who rails against injustice from a podium or from a position of great wealth and privilege. Instead, he works faithfully together with weak and marginalized people who desperately need God’s justice. “He will not cry or lift up his voice ... a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick, he will not quench” (Is 42:2–3).

The good news of Easter is that this work does not end at the Cross. Isaiah describes resurrection experiences – the blind whose eyes are opened, the prisoners who are freed, the “new things” that spring forth (Is 42:7–9). There is resurrection when justice is established.

CJI’s partners work for justice like God’s servant in Isaiah. They faithfully accompany marginalized people, often over many years, and courageously work with people to establish justice, often in areas where few others are willing or able to go.

Please join us in supporting their work!

In all things to love and to serve



CJI Vision and Mission

The **VISION** of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **MISSION** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness-raising and advocacy in Canada and supporting partnerships in the Global South.

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“Here is my servant ...
he will faithfully bring
forth justice. He will not
grow faint or be crushed
until he has established
justice in the earth.”

Isaiah 42:1-4



Syrian schoolchildren in Baalbek, Lebanon.
(Photo: Kristóf Hölvényi/JRS MENA)

Faithfully bring forth justice

2017 Easter Appeal



Canadian Jesuits International

HOLY THURSDAY

13 April 2017

CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Training Human Rights Promoters



Indigenous people demonstrating in Chiapas.
(Photo: MODEVITE)

Indigenous peoples of Chiapas have long suffered violations of their human rights, but current government policies are allowing them to be stripped of their land, natural resources and culture. They are engaged in an intense struggle against injustice.

Training human rights promoters is a capacity-building project supported by CJI. Women, men and youth in 20 parishes and 8 municipalities in Chiapas are being equipped to work alongside indigenous peoples to protect their basic rights. The project also engages in research, conflict resolution and environmental protection.

GOOD FRIDAY

14 APRIL 2017

BAALBEK, LEBANON

Educating refugee children through GEI



Syrian refugee children at a JRS school in Baalbek.
(Photo: Kristóf Hölvényi/JRS MENA)

CJI supports the right to education of refugee children through the Global Education Initiative (GEI) of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). When children are not in school, they risk early marriage, forced employment and radicalization. They also remain uneducated and largely unemployable in the future.

Three JRS schools in Baalbek, Lebanon, serve 860 Syrian girls and boys. In addition to the local curriculum, these children receive a daily meal, healthcare, psychosocial support and extra-curricular activities.

EASTER SUNDAY

16 April 2017

DARJEELING, INDIA

Healing and nursing at Jesu Ashram



Jesu Ashram provides free medical treatment for children and adults like Anjali and Elizabeth.
(Photo: Laura Winter)

For many years, CJI has supported the right to healthcare for people coming to Jesu Ashram. Many of them would go untreated for leprosy, tuberculosis, AIDS, and other diseases simply because they can't afford it. At Jesu Ashram they receive free care.

Founded in 1971 by Canadian Jesuit Brother Robert Mittelholtz, Jesu Ashram now provides long-term care for 150 patients, general ward care for 3,000 patients per year, and out-patient care for 7,800 people per year. It also has a three-year nurses training program and facilities for surgery.