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CHRISTIAN AID

Courage to build a new future

Marlen has now installed 38 solar energy systems. And the work continues...

'I thank those who did this with me, because it means a new beginning.' – Marlen

After violent storms devastated her husband's coffee farm, Marlen was on the verge of migrating to the US – as many Hondurans affected by climate change and unemployment have been forced to do.

But then Marlen found a much better way of adapting to climate challenges and earning a living. Through our local partner, she learned how to install solar technology, and received a loan to start a woman-led, sustainable energy enterprise.

Today, Marlen is a pioneer of solar panel installation in remote, off-grid communities. 'Many families have benefitted,' she says.

'They previously burned pine, which is a problem because it causes breathing problems and deforestation. But now they have their solar energy system. And it is something that protects the environment.'

'On my first installation, we turned the solar panel on, and it was so wonderful to me I cried,' says Marlen. 'I thanked God, Christian Aid and its local partner. Then my husband asked me: what do you think? I said, it is precious, but all of us did it.'

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Queen Elizabeth on the 70th anniversary of her Accession to the throne. We send her our loyal and loving greetings on this momentous occasion.

We are thankful for her 70 years of dedication and service to our nation, For her integrity, goodness, courage in difficulties and her steadfast faith in God.

And for her gracious and wise leadership, respecting all peoples of all faiths and ethnicities at home and in the Commonwealth.

May we pray for her at this time and in the years to come as she experiences more, the frailty of her years.

ARTISTS ON THE DOORSTEP

Musicians are bringing live music to people's front doors, playing gigs to help combat social isolation.

SIERRA LEONE'S FLYING STARS - AMPUTEE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

There are a total of 5 teams, all bearing marks of the brutality of the civil war of 1994-2002 from amputations by rebel soldiers, bullets and land mines.

They are indeed an example of courage and possibilities to the nation.

CAFOD

is marking its 60th Anniversary this week.

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FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

A day to pray for an end to all forms of racial discrimination in all its many guises
To respect the God-given dignity of all peoples
And to pray for racial justice.

NHS CORNWALL

20 Wards are currently out of use in the county on account of Covid.
There is a backlog of 150 people who are still occupying hospital beds in the County, who can't be discharged because care packages are not available.
21 ambulances were waiting outside A and E at Treliske one morning last week and people waiting hours for an emergency ambulance. May we pray for all concerned, patients, staff and those responsible for planning and delivering services.

UKRAINE

Russian made military drones with British components are being used by separatist forces in Ukraine and could now be used to target UK soldiers deployed there.
Ukraine produces a third of the world's grain and is the world's fourth largest exporter of wheat.
Any military invasion would cause havoc with the world's breadbasket.

ADDENDUM

Many apologies with regard to last week's news re help given to refugees in Muswell Hill by Christian and Jewish communities working together. This remarkable interfaith project included also Muslims from the local Mosque.

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