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Dear Roger,

As I headed home from COP26 in Glasgow, I had mixed emotions: heartache for all that has not yet come to fruition from our seed-sowing, alongside joy and gratitude for the many thousands I had seen calling for climate justice and the progress we had played a part in influencing. Thank you so much for praying, speaking up and taking action with us.

Here's a snapshot of what happened at COP26:

- We're now on a trajectory towards 2.4°C of global heating based on countries' climate plans, or under 2°C *if all* promises made at COP26 are kept. Every fraction of a degree matters to people on the frontline, and much more work is needed to get on track for 1.5°C.
- Almost 40 nations and institutions joined the UK in committing to end international support for coal, oil and gas projects. And for the first time, the final COP agreement gave a signal to the end of fossil fuels. Both are signs of progress and things we'd campaigned and prayed for!
- Tragically, rich nations fell far short on the issue of financial support for countries most vulnerable to climate change – support that would enable them to meet their climate targets and adapt to climate change impacts.

[Key moments from COP26](#)

There is no doubt that the promises made in the Glasgow Climate Pact – the formal agreement negotiators reached at the end of the talks – are not enough for the most vulnerable. We heard heartfelt accounts from people on the frontline of the climate crisis, such as the negotiator from Tuvalu who said: *‘We are a low-lying state. Climate change is an existential threat now. It is not fiction, it is not projected – our land is fast disappearing.’*

More people are speaking up about the climate crisis than ever before, and the movement is growing. During COP, petitions were presented to world leaders, tens of thousands of people joined climate marches, and churches held climate services and events. But we knew all along that the work would not end in Glasgow.

Next week we’ll be sharing details of a new action you can take to let the UK Government know that we’re not giving up in our call for climate justice for the poorest.

In the meantime, let’s take a moment to reflect, bringing to God any pain in our hearts for what was not achieved, knowing that he can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. Let’s also give thanks for the positive steps and for the lives that will improve as a result. You may find our [full reflections on COP26](#) helpful for this.

Thank you and well done for making a difference and helping to build momentum in the climate movement that will last well beyond 2021.

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