A VICTORY AND A CALL FOR VIGILANCE: CLIMATE JUSTICE

Of the places where people are paying a very high price for climate change, the countries of Central America look large. So it is with profound gratitude that we bring you the news of Juana, José, and the Guapinol 8, and with renewed determination that we hope you will continue to help. Together, let us never forget...

J uana Zúñiga has been sentenced to 20 years in prison, fines, imprisonment, and some terms for failing to protect her community’s rights to clean water. But all through the years when her partner José Alfonso Cedillo was imprisoneed as one of the “Guapinol 8” for peacefully protecting the exploitation of their community’s natural resources, this 37-year-old mother of seven remained calm.

The path to the mine

Despite the river’s beauty – nestled in the Carlos Federico National Park, in 2013 the Honduran government allowed an iron oxide mine to be built in the protected area, and the river named Guapinol. Soon it wasn’t fit for the animals, and the people who had relied on the Guapinol for centuries found it hard to buy bottled water for cooking and cleaning.

“Three thousand people signed a declaration saying they wanted the area free from pollution. If we remove çalmin, we’re accomplishing what is happening. This is a story, a legend of our struggle which will remain an example for our children,” Land and native rights’ human rights thank you for never giving up.

FORGOTTEN CRISIS STATUS:

HONDURAS - NICARAGUA GUATEMALA

The three Central American countries where you work are among the deadliest for environmental activism. Defenders must strive from climate change. That’s why we need your support for 2023.

A victory and a call for vigilance

Trócaire and Irish Aid, look for the tick box on the reply form, to help. (If you are already eligible, you will have received a special pack in April with a form to fill in.)

FOR EACH EXTRA BIT OF GOOD YOU DO, THANK YOU

A nytime Trócaire supporters like you kindly give £250 or more in a year, and fill in the form that can be used 44.9% on your gift in charity tax relief from the Revenue... or tick the UK Gift Aid box that allows us to receive an added 25p in Gift Aid.

Please never forget that in standing together, the chance at a better tomorrow can belong to all. Please mean your Trócaire Box today or give us trócaire.org to boost our appeal. Help families like Thandekile’s by calling in your gift to 1800 800 506 (Trócaire Belfast) or 0800 912 1200 (Trócaire Railbank).

To all who so kindly donated this Lent, thank you – though those fleeing a leaky hard require for humanity, your generosity and your compassion are nowhere賴切ched around the globe. Thank you. Today and always, you are our light against the darkness. Thank you.

Congratulations, Trócaire!

Thank you for every bit of good you do. Your generosity has helped provide the urgent food aid, critical healthcare, and solar-powered wells that allowed us to receive an added 25p in Gift Aid.

How to confirm if you’re paying tax:

For NI Supporters: To confirm if you’re paying tax this year, contact us on 028 9025 4000 information@trócaire.org and ask if you are entitled to help. If you are already eligible, you will have received a special pack in April with a form to fill in.

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How can you help in the future? If we don’t have your contact details and you’d like to hear from us by phone or email, please provide your contact number and/or email address below.

In any envelope to: Trócaire, in any envelope to: Freepost envelope provided, or post returns to: Awards Bursary and Student Support, 20 Waterford Court, North West Business Park, Waterford, Ireland.

For NI taxpayers, Trócaire is entitled to claim a gift of £250 or more in one year.

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Are you a UK taxpayer? Trócaire can claim back an additional 25p for each £1 you give... each £1 brings more help to those who suffer around the world. And that’s a hundredfold gift—indeed. To find out if you participate in Gift Aid or charity tax relief schemes, see below.

May you have peace, love, and joy this year. And remember, the chance at a better tomorrow can belong to all.

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With vulnerable people facing massive food shortages and economic upturn due to the disruption of grain supplies and devastations in Ukraine, looming the months ahead will be difficult ones for humanity. We are right now looking to you to make a difference. For today, it is a comfort to know that you are there to help. Never give up. LIGHTING THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE. Thank you for helping to make this work of the heart go on.

The Power of Early Intervention

Trócaire CEO Caoimhe de Barra on the life-saving power of early intervention.

It’s been over two months since Russia launched its invading attack on Ukraine. Two months from now, the terrible crisis will no doubt have changed again. But on this day, through our sister organisations Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland, your love as a hand of compassion for refugees – a generous heart to his kind hands, there is food and water to give them.

A place for her babies to sleep

She remembered her family sleeps on the ground to survive when rookied bands came. In the countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, such as Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic, 15% of all children are hungry. In some places, four out of five people need humanitarian support.

From your heart to his hands

When Audrey (38) became a volunteer at the Shogun border crossing between Ukraine and Poland, he said goodbye to his wife Daria just the week before, knowing she’s safe in Germany. It was a miracle, he said, that they made it. His wife, Aneta, is a folk hero in her village, feeding their family year round – even during the lean times. "This type of community that are so very resilient..." she says. "This type of community that are so very resilient..." she says. She takes a deep breath and opens the world’s eyes to the truth. Thank you for standing with the people of Gaza.

A family upended by war

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