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- for people in developing countries who are dealing with COVID-19 and the food crisis the pandemic is causing. Transportation and travel restrictions are causing **food shortages** and high prices.
- for the **people of Nigeria** who continue to deal with the violence and destruction caused by Boko Haram. Of the hundreds of thousands who have been driven from their homes, 700,000 are Brethren. More than 8,370 Brethren are among the dead. These numbers grow every day. The Nigerian Brethren continue providing aid, and trauma counseling as they are able. Remember, many of those providing help have themselves suffered losses from Boko Haram attacks.
- for **those dealing with storms, fires, flooding, earthquakes, and other disasters**. We've had a record 5 named storms in the Atlantic at once and new ones continue to develop. The record western fire season also continues. The **fires burning in South America** are causing major damage to the rain forest region that will have devastating affects even beyond the local areas because of the important of these ecosystems for the entire planet.
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- for **everyone** caught up in the fear, frustration, anger, sense of helplessness, or destructive allure of the powers that are working to divide us into warring camps instead of seeking to bring us together so we can all use our varied gifts to address the issues that confront us all for the good of everyone.



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