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- **People forced from their homes** by persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, & other serious disruptions of public order (there are more than 82 million of them). Pray for the refugees in places where winter is coming which makes their situation so much worse. Remember the refugees along the Belarus-Poland border & elsewhere in Europe, as well as those in the Middle East, Asia, & the Americas.
- **Pray for those dealing with COVID.** COVID is surging again in Europe. Case numbers are growing in the U.S. too, including in Ohio. Some schools are seeing more cases, & some communities are experiencing surges. As we enter the holiday season, pray for everyone making decisions about travel & family gatherings. Also, continue remembering the world's poor countries where people do not yet have access to vaccines or adequate COVID treatment. The spread of COVID anywhere affects all us. Stopping it depends on the actions of all of us.
- **Victims of kidnapping for ransom.** 2 of the 17 Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) missionaries who were kidnapped in Haiti 40 days ago have been freed. No details are known & the remaining 15 are still missing. (CAM is connected with Amish, conservative Mennonite, & conservative Brethren groups. CAM has partnered with the Church of the Brethren on some projects, including disaster response in Haiti, & the Nigerian Crisis Response.) Haiti has the highest per capita kidnapping rate in the world. Kidnapping for ransom is a growing problem in Haiti & is some other countries.



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