



World Development Appeal 2016



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To: Ministers, Chaplains, and Congregational Development Agents

The theme of this year's Appeal is **Reclaiming Hope**. The Appeal highlights the enduring and particular challenges of sustainable development in post-conflict situations, and, at the same time, the ways in which the effects of climate change continue to make themselves felt in almost every aspect of sustainable community development, and in almost every context.

The projects being highlighted this year are in **El Salvador** and **Brazil**. El Salvador is still recovering, almost 25 years later, from the long-term after effects of a 12 year civil war which came to a formal end in 1992. Our partner in El Salvador is **PROCARES (Programme for Capacity-Building and Reconstruction in El Salvador)**, who are working with resettled refugees in the Jiquilisco Bay region. The 2016 Appeal will also support **ACEV (Evangelical Action)** in Brazil, who are working with some of the country's most isolated populations in the semi-arid northeast.

Thank you for your committed and sustained work on behalf of the World Development Appeal, and many grateful thanks to the Presbyteries and congregations you serve for their continuing generosity. May our own lives, as well as the lives of our partners, be shaped for the good by our giving.

Grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Either in hard copy, along with this letter, or on DVD, or on the website are:

- Two partner focus papers, for El Salvador and Brazil
- Resources for All-Age worship
- A theological reflection paper
- Posters and leaflets
- PowerPoint and video presentations
- A list of last year's contributions

Note that all these resources will also be available on the World Development pages, which can be found at: www.presbyterianireland.org/world-development

The WDA is an annual appeal of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in support of sustainable development work in some of the world's poorest communities. Funds raised are distributed through Christian Aid, Tearfund, and the CGM. Materials for the Appeal are distributed to all congregations. Related articles will appear in the Herald, in Wider World, and in ReachOut in December.