

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service



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Covid-19 and Cyclone Amphan

Report on the Appeal

Rig David writes:

We thank you immensely for your ongoing support and donations given to the COVID appeal. With the funds you have sent, we have been able to provide 3000 and more families with food and medical supplies, many of which are communities in the CRS slums and villages, and in parishes under the Diocese of Calcutta.

There are now other agencies supplying food, and the Government is distributing cooked food in the streets, so there is no further need for CRS and the Diocese to continue with the food aid programme. Their intention is now to turn to the next urgent need, which is the relief of communities hard hit by the cyclone.

They have identified nine places where help is most needed. These are impoverished communities where the dwellings are poorly constructed, very often with roofs of mud covered with straw. As a result of the cyclone, 1,150 families have been made partially or completely homeless. There is more detail of the devastation caused by the cyclone on the website at:

<http://www.cathedralreliefservice.net/news/stories/>

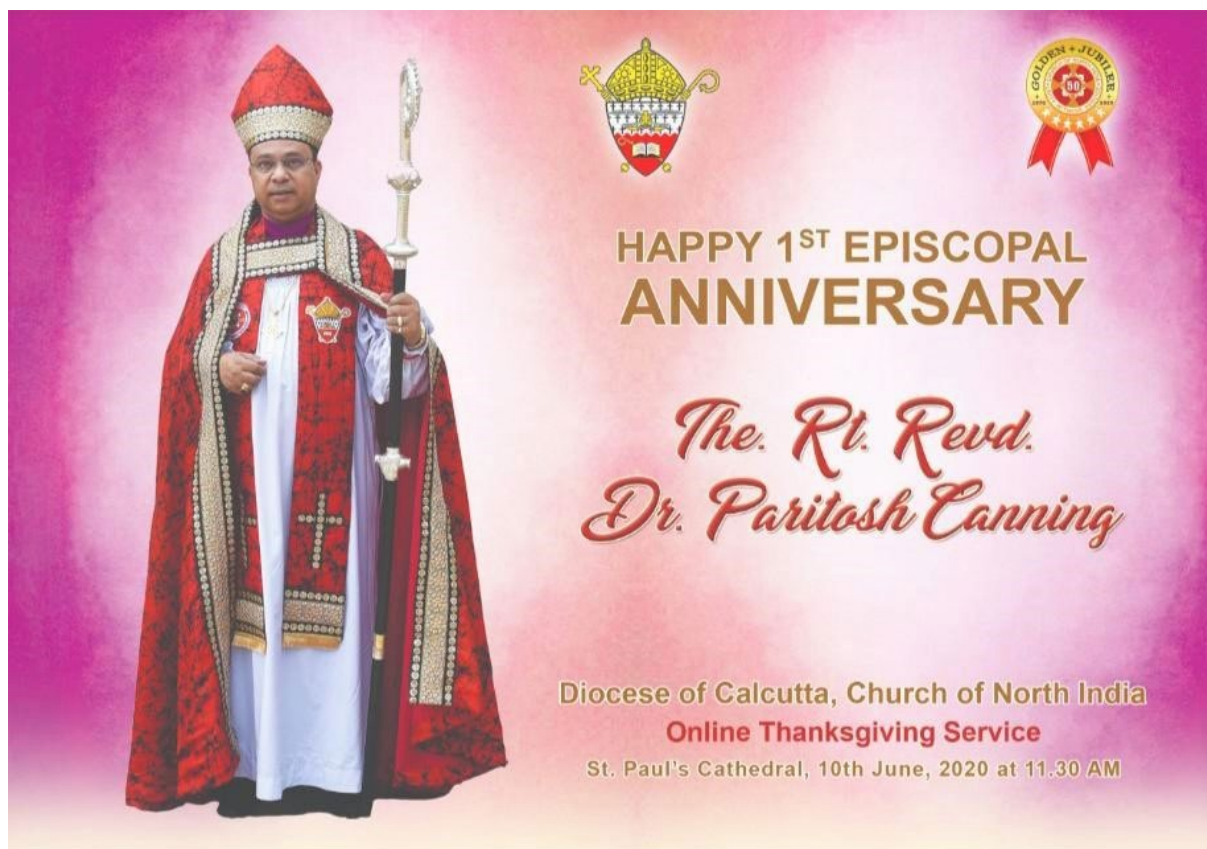
The planned programme is to support the families by supplying materials with which to repair their homes, and also to provide basic cooking utensils. The budgeted cost of this programme is approximately £9,500. The cost of the programme to supply food and medicines was £11,500, and so the overall total is £21,000.

Through your generosity, we have so far raised £14,500. CRS therefore needs a further £6,500 to complete the planned relief programme.

The final stage will be rehabilitation. Rig describes a general sense of hopelessness, particularly among women and children. Men, who have worked as migrant labourers, are returning home with no work and no means to support their families. CRS will therefore concentrate on extending the women's empowerment programme, so that women can acquire skills with which to earn money. Two new training centres have already been set up with the aid of the Diocese, with CRS providing the training for the women. Another priority will be to get children back into schools as soon as they can be reopened. These are of course all core activities of CRS which will be met from their regular funding.

Thank you all once again for your generous support for this Appeal

To end on an upbeat note, Bishop Paritosh celebrated his first anniversary as Bishop of Calcutta on the 10th June with a thanksgiving service in the Cathedral



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If you wish to support the Appeal please send your donation to the Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

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CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code 40-52-40. Account No: 00096998. Account Name:

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<https://www.justgiving.com/calcutta-ccrs>

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