

A Message from World Renew during COVID-19

The last few weeks have been challenging for families and communities everywhere. With the COVID-19 outbreak declared a “pandemic” by the World Health Organization, each of us is now dealing with some amount of disruption and risk in our daily lives. For some, this may involve more inconvenience than serious implications but for others, health and wellbeing are at stake.

As Christian believers, we have a refuge and strong tower in times of uncertainty. Our peace and courage doesn’t come from ourselves, but from God, who does not change no matter the circumstances. In challenging times like these, God is our source of courage and hope. By His example, He challenges us to continue to care not only for ourselves, but for others, especially those who are vulnerable and have limited resources.

“World Renew works in 32 countries worldwide,” said Carol Bremer-Bennett, World Renew U.S. director. “We are doing all that we can to keep communities safe and take the precautions needed to ensure the health of those around us. We are adhering to the recommended international, national, local, and denominational guidelines, and we are eager not only to resume our work as usual, but mitigating the effects of the virus where we can.”

“We care deeply about the communities we serve and we take this duty of care to heart,” Bremer-Bennett said. “We can find comfort in the words of Psalm 91: ‘The Lord is your refuge and dwelling, no harm will overtake you and no disaster will come near you. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways’ (vs 9-11). Please join with us in prayer for those most impacted by this disease and for a timely cure.”

How do we live as people of faith and courage in this circumstance? [Take care of yourself and your loved ones](#) and share [reliable, up to date information](#) with others

While practicing “social distancing” and “self-quarantine/isolation,” be creative in reaching out to others to stay connected and engage with your local church and community. Keep your neighbors in mind who may be struggling or suffering in these challenging times, practicing kindness and generosity.

We can pray for each other, for those in need, and for the courage to live out God’s love and generosity as we live in daily hope. For ongoing updates on the status of COVID-19 in countries where World Renew works, and for information on the ways you can continue to participate in the World Renew community, we invite you to visit our site. In addition, we will continue to share updates and stories of connection in the coming weeks.