We are a community...

ON MISSION IN OUR WORLD.

"THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US."

Jesus came to show us how to live a truly human life.

He lived his Mission as a human being, just like us.

This is a message

for EVERY DAY

for ALL TIME

for ALL PEOPLE

in ALL PLACES.

Sr Joan Chittister speaks to us:

"To ask what it means to be human strikes at the fabric of the soul.

We have all seen humanity even when we cannot define it.

It is blazoned in our minds

and becomes the measure of our actions....

To be human is **to give yourself for things far greater than yourself.**Being human means **to enter into someone else's pain**.

To be human means to give oneself to the pursuit of the spiritual, and to honour the sacredness of life.

To be human is to listen to the rest of the world with a tender heart and learn to live life with our arms open and our souls seared with a sense of responsibility for everything that is.

Without a doubt, given these criteria, we may indeed not live the "better life", but we may in the end. at least have lived a fully human one."

From the writings of Joan Chittister. OSB

'I have come that you may life and have it abundantly." John 10:10.

HUMANITY AT WORK

The Face of BEING HUMAN

A father's story....

Michael Seawright from our parish writes:

My son Mike is the Founder and Executive Director of an international humanitarian charity called ReliefAid. It is unique in that it delivers relief to the needy in war zones as the need develops rather than during ceasefires.

Currently Relief Aid is operating in Ukraine, Syria and Afganistan. In conjunction with supply partner's Shelter Box in the United Kingdom, a Canad ian medical aid company and Dunedin based Escea, that supplies cooking stoves. Thousands of families have been supplied with materials that aid their survival.

In Ukraine, the humanitarian need started a few days after the outbreak of the war with Russia.

ReliefAid's teams were established and aid warehousing facilities were obtained to distribute aid across the country even into areas where the Russian troops were a matter of a few kilometres away.

Medical aid is also being supplied to hospitals.

If you want to support families in war zones who desperately need our help, please visit:

www.reliefaid.org.nz

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Some background on the Mission carried out by ReliefAid

Delivering humanitarian assistance to communities in conflict zones not only requires specialist skills but also well-developed networks.

- * ReliefAid has the ability to rapidly mobilise on-ground networks in order to provide humanitarian relief to families inaccessible to other aid organizations.
- * In order to maximize the impact on communities affected by conflict we are looking to develop partnerships with like-minded organizations who share our vision but who do not have the networks necessary to support communities in war affected countries such as Syria.

We want to hear from you if your organization is interested in helping communities in hard to reach places.

Please contact us for more information.

ReliefAid's work includes:

*accessing conflict affected countries, such as Syria, where few aid agencies are able or willing to operate

Our parish is blessed to have a connection with this Mission through Michael.

Let us in return support Mike and all those who help him with our prayer and in any other way that we feel drawn.

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