Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our companion diocese in Honduras is in severe financial crisis and needs our help immediately. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everything is on lockdown in the Diocese of Honduras. The severity of the shelter-at-home order is that Honduran citizens cannot leave home more than twice per month and those two days are determined by the last three digits of a national I.D. card. Supplies are scarce and unreliable at best.

The income for the Diocese of Honduras does not come from its parishes. Instead, the revenue for Honduras comes from its Episcopal schools. In addition to these schools doing a phenomenal job at educating future Christian leaders, they are also lucrative and have until now contributed substantially to the Diocese of Honduras’s goal of becoming self-sufficient. Unfortunately, the Episcopal schools in Honduras are another casualty of the COVID pandemic and have been closed for months, generating no money for the operations of the Diocese of Honduras.

For the past two months, Bishop Allen has been able to make payroll thanks to money he had set aside in reserve. As of June 1, however, all reserves are depleted. Bishop Allen needs $34,000 monthly to make payroll. I give thanks to God that due to your generous disaster relief donations in the past, the Diocese of Central Florida was able to wire $17,000 to the Diocese of Honduras this morning, equaling half of one month’s payroll. I am asking you today for your assistance to raise the other half of this month’s payroll ($17,000) to ease the terrible financial burden Bishop Allen is carrying.

Donations of any amount can be made in these three ways:

1. **Text** “DCF Honduras” to “73256” to donate via credit/debit card or bank account (Leave a space between “DCF” and “Honduras”. Letters are not case sensitive.)

2. **Online** via credit/debit card or bank account – www.tinyurl.com/HondurasRelief

3. **Check** made payable to “Diocese of Central Florida”
   Memo Line: “Honduras Relief”
   Mail to: Diocese of Central Florida, 1017 E. Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801
As you have proven time and time again, this is a diocese which loves, gives and cares deeply. It is my fervent prayer that you will join in this appeal for financial relief for our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Honduras as they face an extraordinary time of crisis.

Grace to you,

[Signature]

Gregory O. Brewer
Bishop

P.S. If you would like to read more about the challenges being faced by the people of Honduras, you can read more at this link – www.tinyurl.com/HondurasInCOVIDTimes.