

Shining Christ's Light in Darkness *(continued)*

The more places IOCC is able to reach, the more Christ's Light reaches into the world, providing hope and love to people otherwise trapped in the darkness of disaster or oppression.

Saint Paul reminds us that Christ gave us His Light to shine in our hearts. We in turn are compelled to make sure that the True Light is reflected from our hearts to every corner of the world, so that no one sits in the hopelessness of darkness. Let us support the work of IOCC together, and we can make the world a brighter place, with Christ's Light shining into every place where there is darkness.

Indeed He is risen!

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Dear Brothers,

Christ is risen!

The Holy Apostle Paul writes to the faithful of Corinth these words: "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."

This Light of Christ, so evident in the Paschal celebrations, is a powerful tool in the ministry to the needs of others. This Light is the light which gives rise to the work and ministry of IOCC. There are so many places around the world that have been darkened by disasters: either brought on by nature or by human hand. Some of these places are in our own backyard, and others are worlds away, but all these places need the light to shine upon them to provide hope to those suffering through the darkness.

Remember how, as a youth playing with a small mirror, you could make the light of the sun or a lamp bounce off the mirror into other places. These were places which the sun or lamp was not able to reach directly. Places like behind the sofa or down a hole. It was a marvel to help the light reach areas that were otherwise dark. I remember even using the face of my watch to reflect the light coming in a window into other places around the room—making the light dance around the room like a searchlight lighting up the sky. I found it fascinating that the light that was reflected off my watch was even brighter than the light which was already in the room.

When we support the work of IOCC, we assist in spreading the Light of Christ around the world like the mirror reflecting light into a dark place. The challenge is for us to see how far and how deep we are able to bring that Light into the world.

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