



Dear Supporters,

We are now heading into June and have been living under social distancing and shielding measures for more than two months. Many of us have adjusted to the new normal routines. Here at the Mission, for example, we now work in smaller teams with gloves, face coverings and regular hand washing. We may stand at a distance but we are all in this effort together: making welfare phone calls, preparing food or toiletries parcels, and collecting donations.

Since our last update our Chaplaincy hotline 07864 705 668 continues to help combat isolation. Our small volunteer team have continued making up emergency food parcels and essential toiletries packs which are being delivered by our partner agencies to those most in need. We have also begun to distribute £10 shopping vouchers to those in vulnerable tenancies through Simon Community Scotland. To date 20 have been purchased.

Among the many donations we have received, was a substantial donation from Nestle Health Science through Elaine Clarke, executive territory manager and a friend of Giffnock South Parish Church. The donation of nine products, over 55,000 items was valued at over £117,000 retail. We are grateful to the drivers and logistics team for arranging the transport from the midlands depot. We have been working hard with our partners to make sure these meal replacement shakes and cereal bars reach those most in need. Our thanks for local distribution go to: Social Bite, Marie Trust, Simon Community and Turning Point Scotland for helping us to spread this kindness widely.

We have been sharing on Facebook fun photos of those out fundraising. Allison, a supporter from St Enoch Hogganfield Church, has been taking 10,000 steps to her birthday. Ian, a friend of the congregation at Greenbank Parish church, reached new heights as he cleared moss from his neighbour's garage roofs to raise funds for LHM. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more fun photos and do keep sharing with us what you are up to in lockdown!

We ask for your continued prayer support for,

- our vulnerable client group, who consider the Mission community to be their family, and who are missing the sense of routine and companionship LHM offers,
- the team members who remain on furlough or who are shielding,
- the small group of volunteers and the many partner agency staff, who prepare and distribute emergency food and essential toiletries parcels to the most vulnerable,
- the hotels providing accommodation to our homeless community; Ibis, Rennie Macintosh, Copeland, Queenspark, St Enoch, Alexander Thomson, Chez Nous, Hillhead and Willow
- our directors who continue to provide their support and encouragement during the Covid-19 response.