

“Christ asks us
to welcome our
brother and sister
migrants and
refugees with arms
wide open.”

POPE FRANCIS



Share the Journey

Walk with us around the world



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Just one world

Talk as you walk

- ▶ What stories of journeys can you think of from your family or community? Have you, your parents or grandparents moved for work, safety or other reasons?
- ▶ Read the story. You will hear several different stories during the walk. What difficulties and choices did this person face? How does their experience compare to yours?
- ▶ How can you help people forced to flee their homes by supporting work overseas or in your local community?

Act


Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of people on the move.

The Catholic community has stepped up in support.

We're walking around the world to show world leaders that they must step up too. They must agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018.

Every mile you walk will send a powerful message.

Sign here



Dear Prime Minister,

War, persecution, natural disasters and poverty force millions of people from their homes. Most come from poor countries, and seek safety in other poor countries nearby.

Please work with other world leaders to ensure the global compacts (agreements) on migration and refugees will:

- respect human dignity
- protect the vulnerable
- support host countries
- keep families together
- tackle the reasons why people migrate.

Yours sincerely,

Now turn over and fill in your details ►

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Meet **TAHMINA**

Bangladesh to Lebanon
to Bangladesh



► **Where is Tahmina now?**

Tahmina is training in a sewing workshop run by CAFOD's partner, so that she can support her family without leaving home again.

“My husband and I are separated. There was no one earning money for our family, so I migrated from Bangladesh to find work. I paid a middle-man who got me a job as a domestic worker in Lebanon.

I worked from early in the morning until midnight. I wasn't paid for two months and didn't get enough to eat. When I told my employers I wanted to leave, they told me I had to pay them. They beat me. My children found OKUP (CAFOD's partner in Bangladesh), and they helped bring me home.”





Meet **DAVID**

Sudan to Uganda



► **Where is David now?**

David is rebuilding his life in Bidi Bidi refugee camp in Uganda. Our sister agency, Caritas Uganda, gave him seeds and tools so he can grow his own food and now he trains other people in agriculture.

“I didn’t want to leave. I had just graduated from university and wanted to stay and build something there. But the soldiers came and started shooting. I lost some good friends on that day. When we arrived we didn’t know where to start. There was nothing here. But we just settled and made things work. We had to be strong.”





Meet **MANUEL**

Venezuela to Colombia
to Peru



► **Where is Manuel now?**

Manuel (40), his wife and three children found a warm welcome at the Attention Centre for Migrants in Bogota, Colombia, which is supported by the Church.

“**When new** management took over my workplace, anyone with certain political views was fired. I was stigmatised as a traitor. I couldn’t find work and food was scarce. Sometimes we only managed one meal a day.

At the border, my older daughter was almost turned back, but eventually we all crossed legally. If I go back to Venezuela, I could be sent to prison. We want to get to Peru and seek asylum, but we have sold everything and have no money left for the ticket.”





Meet **MOHAMMED**

Syria to Lebanon



► **Where is Mohammed now?**

Mohammed is doing well at school, supported by CAFOD and a local Syrian women's organisation in Lebanon.

“I was born in Damascus. I remember when we were in Damascus the army entered our home and we had to leave. I didn't bring any toys with me. We didn't bring anything with us. We came here quickly by car.

I love Lebanon. Here I study, but in Syria there are no schools. My favourite subject is English. We want to stay here.”





Meet **KHODESA**

Myanmar to Bangladesh



► **Where is Khodesa now?**

Khodesa reached a refugee camp in Bangladesh, where CAFOD support is providing food and healthcare.

“We waited until the baby was a week old and then we started out. Until then, we hid with our three older children outside our village for safety: eleven people had been killed and their houses burnt.

We walked for days through the jungle before reaching the border with Bangladesh, then we had to wait to cross. We started with four bags, but had to abandon them on the way. We survived by begging from other refugees, but there still was not enough food.”



Prayer to start your journey

God of mercy,
with every step we make today,
we pray your love will fill our
hearts and move us deeply.
Open our eyes to see
the face of Christ
in all we meet along the way.
Amen.

See how far we have walked around the
world on our totaliser at
cafod.org.uk/sharethejourney

Prayer to end your journey

God our refuge,
you share the journey
with migrants and refugees,
lightening their footsteps with hope.
For you, Lord, are close
to the broken-hearted.

Pour out your Spirit
upon world leaders.
May they see the tragedies
of our human family,
and be moved to respond with
wisdom, compassion and courage.

Open our eyes and hearts
to the God-given dignity
of all your people.
Move us to welcome our neighbours,
and so bear witness to your love.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

