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Care for Our Common Home

RNDM News

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide news of RNDM involvement in actions and activities related to our ministry of Caring for Our Common Home.

Good news story from Vietnam.....Sr Teresa Nga

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Gia Lai; this season is both sunny and cold, windy and dusty. During our daily visits, we often hear people sigh:

“Oh! If it doesn’t rain today, I’ll have to spend a million just to buy water for the coffee trees,”

“These past few nights, I’ve had to hurry to fetch water...”

Or the elderly in the village share their wisdom:

“If Gia Lai is still cold this month, the sun will get harsher, and the rains will be long in coming.”

Those are real, everyday stories. Indeed, we witness streams that no longer murmur with flowing water, natural reservoirs gradually revealing their dry bottoms. Gazing at the land and sky, I hear echoing within me the words of Jesus to the Samaritan woman: **“Give me a drink.”** (John 4:7)

Could it be that the Earth is also crying out with the same thirst that Jesus once felt?



“As Jesus was thirsty,
The Earth is thirsty too.
Thirsty for love,
For a gentle presence,
For human hearts to pause...
To simply come back,
To quietly listen...
“Please... slow down...
Just breathe...
Look at me,
See what I truly need...
I need to rest,
After carrying your burdens for so long.
I need to be refreshed,
Washed free from the dust of this world.
But more than that...
You need me too...
Only when we live in harmony,
Can life truly blossom...
For both of us.”