

COFFEE WITH A MISSION

“One in Christ, United in Mission”

WE ARE ALL MISSION

A simple proposal for our communities and groups: a coffee, a conversation and the testimony of one or more missionaries, to listen, to let ourselves be challenged and to discover how we can live and sustain mission from our own reality.

1. WHAT DO WE WANT TO EXPERIENCE?

To create a close, welcoming space for meeting a missionary, learning about their experience, discovering other realities and recognizing that all of us, from our vocation and our concrete place, take part in mission.

2. WE PREPARE THE MEETING

- Invite one or more missionaries.
- Prepare a welcoming space, preferably in a circle.
- Share coffee, herbal tea or something simple.
- Display the theme where everyone can see it: “One in Christ, United in Mission.”
- Have cards or sheets of paper ready for the final moment of reflection.

3. WE LISTEN TO THE EXPERIENCE

This is not a lecture. It is an informal conversation. We let the missionary share their experience, and we can guide the dialogue with a few questions:

What led you to take the step of going out and putting yourself at the service of mission?
What did you find when you arrived in that reality?
Which people or experiences have especially marked your journey?
What have you received from the people with whom you have shared the mission?
What difficulties, surprises or lessons have you experienced?
What does being a missionary mean to you today?
What seeds of the Gospel have you discovered where you have been sent?
How can we collaborate concretely with the mission?

4. WE TALK IT OVER

What surprised me in what I heard?
What especially challenged me?
Where are our “frontiers” today?
What comfort zones are we called to leave?

Where can we discover the seeds of the Word?
What does it mean to me that “we are all mission”?

5. I PAUSE AND ASK MYSELF

I HAVE DISCOVERED...	
I FEEL CALLED TO...	
I CAN COLLABORATE...	

6. FROM THE CONVERSATION TO COMMITMENT

As a community, we choose one concrete commitment. We do not need to do many things; we need to do something we can sustain.

PRAY for the missionaries and the communities they accompany.

LEARN ABOUT a concrete missionary reality.

ACCOMPANY a missionary or a missionary community.

COLLABORATE with the missionary initiatives of our Juan Bonal Foundation (FJB) and of the diocese.

RAISE AWARENESS among other people about our missionary responsibility.

GO OUT to meet a concrete frontier in our own reality.

OUR COMMITMENT AS A COMMUNITY:

7. WE CLOSE WITH A PRAYER

SPONTANEOUS. All together

OR WE READ together the following

Lord Jesus, You call us and send us. Help us to discover that we are all mission. Give us an open heart to go out to meet others, to recognize your presence in every person and to discover the seeds of the Word in every people and culture. Bless all the missionaries who have left their lands and their securities to put themselves at the service of the Gospel. Make us also witnesses of your love wherever we live. May we, united in You, know how to walk together in mission. Amen.

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