

ased on the gospel for Sunday 10 June – Mark 3:20-35

“Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

In this reading Jesus is being accused by the people, and the teachers of the law, of being ‘an impure spirit’ because he drove out demons.

Jesus’ family are concerned by his actions and call him away from the crowd. But Jesus refuses to acknowledge his relations and instead recognises everyone who does God’s will as his brother and sister.

Through Jesus’ example here we are reminded that we are all part of the same global family.

4.5 million people from the Democratic Republic of Congo fled their homes in the last year due to conflict and violence. Other Congolese people are taking in people who are not directly their family even though they don’t have much themselves.

Bernard Balibuno, who works for CAFOD in DRC, explains, “I met Kavuro, a single mother of four children who fled her village because a militia group looted and killed people in her area. She is living with a host family from her church, but they are also very poor.

“In such a terrible situation, host families share their already limited resources with families like Kavuro’s, despite seeing their own situation deteriorate day by day.”

These actions remind us of the love we can show to our global community even when it may be a daunting task.

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Through the example of Jesus' courage to preach even in front of those who contested and rebuked him, may we be inspired to be strong and a strength to others, even when we are being challenged. Amen.

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