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Dear Bromley Borough Foodbank Church supporters,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support, particularly over the past few months. We know and fully appreciate that many churches and members of the congregations have stepped up their assistance to find ways of helping us navigate this Coronavirus pandemic. These included finding alternative methods of providing us stock, offering financial assistance, volunteering with us as we amended and adapted our usual model of working and of course, more importantly upholding us in prayer. A recent visit from the Deputy Mayor recognised the impact of the churches within our community so well done for serving so well, it has been noted! Despite lockdown and the challenges presented to us, we have been able to continue to serve all those in need who have been referred to us through our referral agencies within our borough. We are confident that with your support the Lord will continue to work and provide for our various needs within the many areas of operation here at Bromley Borough Foodbank, including providing a new warehouse location, so thank you!

As we enter the harvest season, we understand that this year will look very different for many churches as they are unable to physically meet, making food collections difficult for churches to arrange. If you are able to help us, even if it is in a more limited way, then that would be very much appreciated. Our current items of need are:

Desserts (jelly, Instant Whip, sponge puddings etc)  
Tinned fruit  
Rice pudding  
Custard  
Cold meat (ham, corned beef or luncheon meat)  
Various Toiletries  
Small bottles of sanitiser

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We currently have plenty of pasta, long life milk, rice, baked beans and soup.

Should you feel it would be more convenient for your congregation to offer alternative financial support during this time then this would also be appreciated. This will obviously allow flexibility to purchase required stock, including special items to put into the 600 or so hampers that we normally give out at Christmas time. Sadly, we expect the special event at Tesco's that helps fill these hampers to be reduced in scale this year. Funds can also be used for other running costs involved with Bromley Borough foodbank such as warehouse space, staff costs and the much-needed PPE. If you would prefer to donate money this time around and are able to arrange for us to receive it in a single donation via your church, we can ensure you are specifically thanked.

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm via email with Andrew Clare, on [stock@bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:stock@bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk) as to how you wish to proceed this year, so our team can make plans to welcome you at the warehouse or make arrangements to collect from your church if required.

Our ultimate aim at Bromley Borough Foodbank is to help people break free from becoming food dependent on food support and to assist them with the underlying issues which have brought them to this crisis point. We are delighted to have now received funds to have access to our own Citizens Advice advisor. This advisor will attend our settings or give remote telephone support to help people maximise their household income. Prayers for the right person to be appointed would be greatly appreciated and our hope is that this position will be filled by mid-October.

If your church would like to hear more detailed information about our work here at Bromley Borough Foodbank at one of your services, then please do get in touch as we would be happy to discuss this opportunity further.

Again, on behalf of all the team and those we serve within the Bromley Borough thank you for your continued support, together we are changing lives and making a real difference as we share Gods love for his people.

Mathew: 25 35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Yours sincerely

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