

*Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

**—1 Peter 4:8-10**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

I play drums. If I sequester myself in my drum room for a while, I can improve my technique, maybe learn a new rhythm, and generally benefit exactly one person – me. If I play together with other musicians, magic can sometimes happen. If we play in front of an audience, it’s quite possible they will feel this magic too. Suddenly, hundreds (thousands?) of people have their lives positively transformed, if only for a little while, because we are all in it together.

Peter tells us that we can love and forgive one another in our immediate families – or we can expand that love and forgiveness into our community and to other communities and countries, regardless of race, religion or any other differences. We can express hospitality by inviting a few close friends to dinner, or our entire country can open its arms to refugees from war-torn parts of the world. We can each sit in our “drum room” by ourselves or share our gifts alongside others in a much greater collective and effective way.

Episcopal Relief & Development is a vibrant example of sharing love, hospitality and God’s gifts throughout the world. Together we can.

**—Chuck Hamilton**