

In Brazil, our partner *Justiça nos Trilhos* supports communities, including those of Aylla and Lara, helping them seek justice from polluting companies and protect their rights and our Common Home.

"Hello! My name is Aylla and I live in Piquiá da Conquista, in the state of Maranhão, Brazil. Last year, 312 families, including mine, were relocated from our old village because of industrial pollution. Around my home, there was a railroad on one side and steel mills and a cement factory that emitted toxic dust and fumes on the other. Back there, the air we breathed was really bad and it made us sick. We couldn't ride our bikes anymore because the streets were dangerous and full of potholes, and company trucks drove by too often. Here, I'm really happy! I can walk, ride my bike and go to the field to play soccer, my favorite sport!"



To meet Aylla and Lara, watch the two videos from the series ***A Day in the Life***... and don't miss the new podcast on Brazil, all available online!



LET'S PLAY !

What are some of the impacts of the Carajás railway on nearby communities in Brazil?
Circle all correct answers.



Houses crack due to strong vibrations.

Families are disturbed by the loud noises.

People and animals get injured trying to cross the tracks.

Iron ore dust from open wagons pollutes the environment.

Deforestation and the loss of animals harm traditional ways of life.

On track for JUSTICE

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Lent calls us to three actions:
praying, fasting and almsgiving.



PRAYING

We pray to grow close to God, the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.



FASTING

We fast from things we enjoy. When we do this, we create space for God.



ALMSGIVING

We give alms because we are inspired by God's love of every part of His creation. We respond with charity, helping others in their need, and with justice, bringing transformation to systems, policies and ourselves. We do this in participation with God, to build His kingdom on Earth.

WHO WE ARE

Since 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been working alongside families and communities in the Global South to build a world of peace, justice and dignity.

Guided by the **Catholic Social Teachings**, we support women and social movements to create lasting change.

We want to eliminate the causes of poverty and inequality in the world through **awareness and fundraising campaigns** across Canada and by supporting our partners' projects in 34 countries around the world.



Journey "on track for justice" with our Solidarity Calendar to **learn, think, pray and act with us** during this holy season of Lent.

