

Dearest Friends,

May 2020

Greetings from Kenya! Well, Kenya is much like America these days in the sense that productivity has come to a screeching halt. But, while America is trying to 'open' again, Kenya, with only 400 confirmed cases of Covid 19, is shut down for at least 21 more days. Four weeks so far with three to go.

I walk and run in circles inside our apartment and have averaged over six miles per day since Covid. Losing no weight. Gaining in fact. Not in any better shape it seems. At least I'm moving. You know how it is. You're probably doing it too. We go for food, banking and recording of church services. That's it. Nothing else. Home with Susie and she lets me stay here all the live long day and I'm thankful! Lots of time in the office and Zoom meetings.



*Before Covid-19*



*Sunday Prep*



<https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsFellowshipNyalivideos/922159571570509/?d=null&vh=e>

Our church, Crossroads Fellowship - Mombasa, is online every Sunday at 10:30. We are getting better at this church without walls. It's amazing how much freer I felt when I stood in our church building to preach before this thing. And I have to say is, I'm very tired of preaching to a camera and asking it to come to Jesus! It is super deflating to a pastor like me to go from an attendance of 1450 to 0 overnight. We've kept everyone paid so far in both March and April. Very thankful to good people in our church that continue to give during this time. And our media team is doing a great job. Join us on YouTube.

But anyway, being down doesn't mean we are out! The service of the Lord goes on! We have learned how to do some things we didn't know how to do before. Furthermore, we have utilized funds to help many who are affected during this time for food distribution. Typically, we try to give a family enough for a month. So far, we have served about 600 families that represent 3000 people and that all adds up to a lot of meals. At each station we have great people who have taken the time to share Jesus with those who come and then become the hands and feet of our Lord and distribute the food. We've done this at seven different centers / churches /at our schools - ten different times.



*Food ready to distribute*



*Accepted with joy*



*Some Tiwi recipients*



*Food for a local orphanage*



*Mamas with donation*



*New Rescue*



*It's a girl!*

At Life Spring, all goes on as normal but we do now have an additional angel with us. A child was abandoned in our county and we were called to take her. (see above picture) We could have this little one for quite a while...possibly years. Right now, she is safe and in quarantine for 14 days on our campus in Vipingo in the loving care of great staff!



*Tiwi Academy Assembly*

School is out until June 5th they say now. Your generous gifts have enabled us to continue paying teachers while some private schools may shut down for good.



*Zoom Birthday Party for Jim*

Susie and I both had "Covid Birthdays". We had decided to skip celebrations but Susie insisted on making me a cake. So did our daughter Rachel in S Africa! I blew out the candles all the way from Mombasa to South Africa while everyone sang Happy Birthday to me on Zoom! Thank God for technology.



*Blowing out candles on internet!!*



*Donation positions*



*Social distancing for food*

Our Crossroads Community Center is looking good. There's not been much building during this virus but our Impact Youth have already met in it. We need to finish and furnish now so it'll not be completely finished for a while.



*Crossroads Community Center*



*Pastor's Conference before Coronavirus*



*Susie helps at conference*



*Life Spring kids coming to greet us*

And always, of course, we thank you for serving with us through your donations to us at Christian Light Ministries and Operation Give Hope. I realize that you perhaps face unemployment or a cut back on your income in some way. We are all praying for each other that we all get through this. Just know that we are thankful for your partnership to serve Kenyans. God bless each and every one of you.

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