**Mission & Giving update on our African partners (April 2020)**

As you will see from the attached email replies from our mission partners, the coronavirus epidemic is worldwide and it is much harder to cope with in poorer parts of Africa than here in the UK. Let’s continue to pray for the ministries being carried out in these two countries.

Please look at the church website under the tabs ‘Church Life’ and then ‘Mission & Giving’ to read more about our mission partners in previous updates, if you are interested to learn more.

Nigel Taylor (Mission & Giving Group)

**Bishop Désiré in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo**

(Désiré replied to my recent email, informing him that we had sent £750 to support his ministry through our charity partner “Semiliki Trust”, the first half of our promised 2020 donation.)

*Hello Nigel. I am very sorry about this huge number of the innocent deaths of human beings in the UK, victims due to a crazy world.*

*In DR Congo the number is reaching 160 with 18 deaths, 5 healed and 60s are improving. And in Goma we have 3 cases already. We are also in lockdown but very difficult to stay at home. People can still go to the open market. Our government is unable to care for people and this may cause people to go outside begging otherwise they may die with hunger. It is a horrible situation and we need to kneel unceasingly and cry to God to come and have mercy and rescue us.*

*In the diocese, I encourage pastors to have home groups for prayers and Bible readings to keep spiritually warm and it is going on well. We do also use the radio to have a one hour morning service on a local Christian radio station where we are a member. This is helping a lot to reach out to hundreds of people at once and they are responding positively. This Covid19 is another opportunity for mission. Even if the church buildings are closed, heaven is open for us and God is with us as Emmanuel in this time. We are experiencing a dangerous storm but Jesus is expecting us to go to Him and ask for help and we are assured of his sure solution.*

*Thank you for the donation already sent to us through Semliki Trust.*

*Would you please pass my regards to all the brethren of the Cambourne community and inform them that they are in my prayers and thoughts. We follow the media on TV and radio and we pray for them and for the UK Prime Minister and others.*

*Have a holy week.*

**Pastor George (and Jackline) in Uzimatele, Nairoi, Kenya**

(Pastor George replied to my email, informing him that we had sent £750 to support his ministry at Uzimatele, particularly in the Family Home, which has been transferred to him through Dan Chalke at our charity partner “People”. For information, George and Jackline look after 10-12 children in their Family Home, some of whom are normally away at secondary school, the others normally attending the local primary school which George also looks after.)

*Dear Nigel,*

*I hope you are well. I'm happy to hear from you today, it's encouraging to hear from you, especially during a time like this when the world is trembling in hopelessness during this time of corona virus. Me and Jacky and the children are well. The Lord has taken good care of us.*

*All our primary and secondary children are at home after the schools were shut down on Monday this week.*

*Most of the people are staying indoors voluntarily as advised by the government.*

*I also want to inform you that Dan had transferred your donation and we received it yesterday after some delay by the bank. And we are very very grateful and kindly pass our gratitude to the members of Camboune church.*

*Keep us in your prayers as we pray for you too.*

*Have blessed weekend and I will keep you updated.*

*Thanks.*