

Mission & Giving update 30th September 2020

Cambourne Church has recently managed to send £750 to both Pastor George in Uzimatele, Kenya and Claudaline in GOMA. We have received grateful thanks from both of them, along with an update on the situation in Uzimatele.

Message from Claudaline in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Nigel and Cambourne Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers and your hearts of giving to the poorest of this world. Your giving is an investment in heaven, as Jesus Christ said. Your donations have improved people's lives in my country and they still need your support. I will continue to serve the poorest people in my country as I began with Bishop Desire. The Lord has taken him early but we shall continue with the ministry. Your prayers and support have comforted us so much.

Thanks and God bless Cambourne Church!

PS. Archbishop Justin Welby set up a group to coordinate financial support for Claudaline and her family (four children in education) after Bishop Desire's death; I have been informed that sufficient support has already been committed to cover a year's worth of school/university fees for the children, along with the family's living costs. I have asked to be updated on this, but Claudaline requested that we continue to support her ministry among women and children in Goma through the Semiliki Trust, as we have done in the past.

Update from Pastor George in Uzimatele, Kenya

Dear Friends and partners of Uzimatele,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers, the Lord is faithful, he has taken good care of us; and I hope you have also seen God's hand. Uzimatele family have been praying for you and your loved ones and we thank God that you are doing well around the globe. The Covid-19 pandemic affected everyone either directly or indirectly, but we are grateful to God for his protection upon all the Uzimatele families and friends.

The Impact of the Pandemic in our community.

This is how Uzimatele ministry was affected and our community as well.

The children in the family Home who are in high schools were picked up suddenly from school and brought back Home according to the Government's directives. Those in primary schools also stopped going to school. Immediately, everyone was thinking that the situation would last for few weeks or one month then the schools would resume but the situation continued to worsen with negative reports from CNN and local news.

Everything looked like it was the end of the world; we spoke hope to our children again and again to inspire them and to make them know that pandemic was a big threat to everyone around the world but there is still hope because God will see us through.

The government was attentive to check on the safety of the children in the home for fear that the Covid would be dangerous for children's life, but we thank God that God took good care of our children and they are all safe and they are with us.

Education center was affected, there was an abrupt announcement on Sunday in March in our evening local news that there will be no schools on Monday the next day. The children in our Education center did not come to school, the parents and the teachers were confused.

The parents of the school, the church members and our Immediate neighbours all found themselves in a difficult situation because with the government directives to contain the pandemic the curfew was introduced and a new order of working regulations. This did not go well with people in our community who are living in informal settlements and surviving on hand to mouth life, people without savings but with large families.

I thank God for using our friends from Germany and England and our friends in U.S.A to help so much to pay the outstanding bills. We paid teachers and staff, we supported many families with food stuffs and other Items like soap, hand sanitizers, etc. we supported some families to pay house rents because they were thrown out for not being able to pay. We supported youths who did not have homes and we bought them food every day and they cooked and ate in the church.

Through your support I was able to pay the outstanding bills in the church and the family Home and the ministry office. God used you so much and I will be forever grateful. Uzimatele family did not lack; all the 150 children in our Education center and 24 students in our scholarship program and all the members of Uzimatele community church and widows in our neighbourhood, the teachers and volunteers were supported and they smiled with their families.

We are God's family on earth with one goal to be part of the Kingdom's influence by making someone smile because God loves Him.

We have been able to carry out renovations at the Education center during this time that the school had a long break. We thought that this is the best time to renovate the school, plant some trees, flowers, grass and fruits in the school compound. The work is not complete yet; we would like to finish the repairs and paint the school before the end of the year. the Covid curve is flattening and there is hope that the schools will be opened soon.

Currently all our high school students are engaged in tuition, coaching and counselling. This is to keep them in learning moods to prevent them from idleness and the influence of bad groups.

The children of Education center are also under teachers' supervision. Some teachers spend their days at the school compound to offer counselling and guidance to the children especially those who are in the upper classes because they are the ones who are too exposed.

The impact of the pandemic will take time before life comes back to normal, many families are still affected with some of them not able to pay the house rents and even to afford food. The pandemic also caused some families to break up and this has left some mothers to be single mums with the burden of bringing up families single handed.

(Email sent this week) I want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for organizing this donation (£750) for us. I'm very grateful to hear that despite the challenges that the church is facing in England of not being allowed to meet because of the Covid-19 and the restriction that has come along with it, you have been able to make a donation. We are overwhelmed with this kindness and may God remember you and your family and the entire members of Cambourne church.

This donation will help us so much to meet the pressing needs that we are facing as a ministry because life is still very hard here. Thank you also for your prayers. God will see us through. We are also praying for you and we trust that God will cover you all with his precious blood and be gracious to you during this pandemic period.

Wishing you every blessing....I will keep you updated. Thanks.