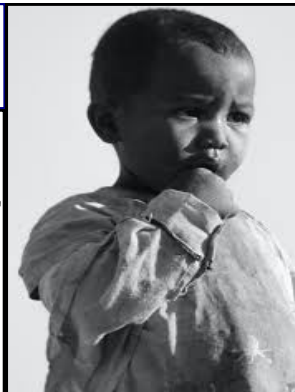


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Hi All I hope this finds you well during this difficult Covid period. I had hoped to write to you all earlier with news of how those we sponsor in Western Kenya were going but I was struggling to understand myself and know a way forward in helping them. I think I can report more accurately now. The Kenyan government stopped schooling and church gatherings and implemented curfews back near the beginning of this year and have just recently informed people that schools from primary and secondary will be closed for remainder of the year. Churches are able to open under very strict guidelines, our university students can return in September and our bible school students have just started up again. Our tailor team were able to finish sewing all the 645 new school uniforms which will be presented to our primary students next January when they hopefully return to school.

Our widows were able to get their seed in before covid and they recently harvested their grain after a pretty good season although there was some flood damage in places.

Consequently, this year's mission team consisting of myself, Hilary and Dharsh bible teachers from Sydney along with a doctor friend called Andy had to cancel our plans. I'm grateful to them for their willingness to give of their time, gifting and resources for the people of Kenya.

We had received government approval for two medical camps and had organised two church leader conferences but unfortunately they have been cancelled for the time being.

Our plans for the remainder of this year is to continue to support the ones we help both physically and spiritually as God enables us. We will support the university students and any technical students that are able to continue in September. We are currently assembling those of our older students, pastors and teachers willing and able to come to Samia to teach some of our primary and secondary students in small allowed community groups in line with current government regulations. We are hoping that these students can be mentored during this process and helped not only with their education but also spiritually. We have engaged the tailor team to start making reusable masks for students, widows and church leaders. We are trying to assist any sick ones with medical help.

I know it doesn't sound like much but we have been limited by this covid outbreak and government regulations. Some other ideas on how we can help may come to our attention in time. I'm blessed to have Ben and Benjamin in Kenya helping organise these things and communicate with people and government. Please pray for their health and safety as they travel and their families at home. Please pray for the bible teachers as they also travel to teach their students. Please pray for the frail and sick, those with ongoing medical conditions like diabetes and hypertension etc. Please pray our students are able to learn even if limited and praise God for the willingness of those we are helping or have helped in the past with their education coming back to help the younger ones. Pray for churches as they try and comply with government regulations and still minister to their flocks.



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- \$50 Medical Gift Card**..Provides healthcare to those in need
- \$100 School fees Gift Card**..Provides school fees for a secondary Student in Western Kenya

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AIDex is a mission that reaches out to those most in need in a remote rural area of western Kenya. We aim to help with the education of vulnerable children, Assist Widows with their agricultural projects. Provide medical help for the sick and equip church leaders with the word of God – loving them, encouraging them and assisting them in many of their needs both physical and spiritual.

Our promise is every dollar you give to AIDex goes to Kenya. (None of the money raised goes to administration costs in Australia nor Kenya). Thank you so much for caring for these beautiful people! May God bless you! Please pray for these loved ones and/or support them financially: Donations can be made directly into the AIDEX account through electronic transfer. **Account Name: AIDEX BSB: 803-078 Account No.: 100057667** Note: For those who would like to make a regular contribution this can be set up via your internet banking system or through your Bank.

Thankyou for your ongoing support of AIDex and its ministry in Kenya. The people we minister to in Kenya are very grateful for your support both financially and prayerfully.



Some of the current rules around their meetings together like church, bible school are:

1. Each church must have a Thermometer Gun
2. Must have an Isolation room
3. Must have a pit latrine
4. Must have sanitizers in sprayer container to sanitize the whole church.
5. Must have at least 3 hand washing places with running water
6. Must mark the church with 1.5m social distance apart in sitting arrangement
7. Everyone must wear face masks while in church.
8. Each service is strictly one hour
9. Must have adequate ventilation
10. Must print and display posters on sanitation
11. Ages 58+ and 13 yrs below shouldn't attend service
12. Each church must be certified by a public health before reopening.
13. Only one midweek Fellowship (in church not homes).
14. Must have a composite pit and a dust bin.

According to the web in relation to Kenya, they currently have: 31,441 cases, 516 deaths and 17,869 have recovered.

We appreciate your ongoing financial and prayerful support of our ministry. We were going to struggle to meet our financial commitments this year but now due to covid, that's no longer an issue and hopefully we can commence in full swing next year without a struggle.

If you would prefer not to receive these newsletter, please let me know. We have a new website which I hope you can check out. An updated website was well and truly overdue. You can find many testimonies of God's grace and provision there as well as pictures and video's.

God's blessings Russell & Dianne Marke & family