

Sawyer Scoop March 2020

Hello Everyone,

I am sure you are reading this from self-quarantine or maybe even lockdown. What crazy times we live in! The Coronavirus has reached Kenya as well and we are currently at 33 infected and one has died. Many Missionaries and foreigners have quickly left the country and returned back to the States or their home countries. I'm not sure where people are running to and the danger of traveling seems to be more than just staying put. One of our people ask me yesterday if I was leaving as well and I replied to her "If we leave what happens to all of you?" She said "Thank you so much for not leaving us in this difficult time." Kenya has currently suspended all travel in and out of the country.

These people we work with are not just people but our brothers and sisters in Christ. They have nowhere to run away to. We have currently moved all the workers onto the mission station and the men are all living in the boys boarding at the school. The station is on lockdown except the clinic. No one goes in or out unless they are coming for medical care. About 35 of our workers have went to their home places and currently on the station we have 16 men, 21 in the Children's Home and 4 clinic staff with their families. If you add it all up, we have about 44 people living on the station besides the missionaries. We are housing and feeding them all as well. Please continue to pray that our supplies will hold up. Kenya is currently on a curfew and there has been talk of a possible lock down in the near future if needed. We are starting to run low on funds and even getting funds has become an issue. We actually had a suspicious case in our clinic today for an older man and had to call in the government doctors to further test him. We are waiting to hear from them what the outcome is. It is sad to say but pray it is just TB.

Laura continues to stay very busy homeschooling our girls and the girls when they are finished seem to fill their time making videos to Disney songs.

I am personally staying busy with the current projects that we have going on and my 16 guys who are still working have not missed a beat. This Sunday we will be doing an online church service for our people. Please pray it goes well as there is so much trash out there and being spread over social media. Many false teachers have taken opportunity to spread their lies and give people much false hope. I'm starting this Sunday a series for our people on true hope. We miss our people badly and all the Bible studies and get togethers we do with them. It has not been easy now almost two weeks without seeing many of them.

Soyian continues her dialysis and things are going well. We even had an ambulance that came today and will come each time to carry her to her appointments which will be twice a week about two hours away from us. Many of you have given money for this and without you I'M not sure what we would have done. You don't know how much you have helped and quite frankly saved this girls life.

We continue to pray for you all in this very unique and trying time for our world as a whole. We also want to say thank you for your prayers and your continued support financially of the Sawyers and all the ministries going on here. We know it is not easy and may be trying times ahead but we know the One who holds it all in His hands.

"We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."



This is a new project we are almost finished with, it is called "The Snack Shack" A cantina for the school but also if someone wants to come and get a cup of good coffee, milkshake, french fries, or some other snack it will be available also. We are hoping it will bring more people on the station and we can build more relationships.



Since the mission is on lockdown, we have a barrier across the road where you enter the mission. We also finished the guard house on the left and we have a guard 24/7 right now. The guard is one of our guys from church, Mike. Pray for Mike it is not an easy job.

Prayer requests:

- For all of us here on the station to stay healthy
- For our medical staff as they continue to treat people
- Our supplies last and if possible, we can get more money and supplies if needed
- For our church people
- For Kenya. Many here live day to day and the thought of being quarantined for any amount of time means no food and no money for them and their families. Speaking to a man the other day he said Corona is not for sure we will face it, but starvation is for sure if we can't work.