



Our Refuge and our Fortress

Dear Nekesa (Harvesters),

We want to update you on the situation in Kenya from what we shared in our last newsletter. We are all standing together in faith believing that our Lord Jesus Christ, through this time, is our protection.

He is our God, in Him we trust!

Psalm 91:2 "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

In March 2020, life as we know it had drastically changed. The government of Kenya announced the first confirmed Corona Virus case. A decree was immediately issued to close all schools, from preschool to university. Bungoma Bible School had no option but to officially suspend studies and request all students to return to their homes.

All our children at Bungoma Bible Children's Home, from preschool through University, have returned home as well. While we are having to hold all of our boys at home, at the same time. We are so happy to have them home, healthy and safe.

Recently we have been placed on lockdown in Kenya. This has created many problems for the poorer class-Kenyans who live hand to mouth, and are only able to eat what they have managed to sell that day.

As many of you have seen the sense of panic buying and anxiety, it is not unique to the US. Kenya has also experienced these problems. Not only from the markets having been closed down, but also due to the devastation of the locust swarm in Kenya.



Covid-19 workers



Deserted streets in
Bungoma due to
lockdown



Locust infestation

This has been the worst locust infestation in 70 years for the country of Kenya. Many regions are affected and the locust have continued to swarm and migrate, leaving devastation and dashing hopes for a good harvest this season. One concern is that there may be a resurgence of the locusts as the offspring of the first infestation are hatching to move again.

While much may appear to look hopeless, we know that we serve a Faithful God that has promised to provide for us and deliver us from the pestilence, from the pestilence that walks in darkness. (Psalm 91:6) It is He who led us to begin the storehouse the month before. In everything, we choose to give thanks.

Amidst the fear and anxiety, we are happy to announce that our children are home and safe! **We have welcomed 5 new children** at the home who are orphans. We are so excited to have them and show them love and comfort. We look forward to sharing their stories with you in the next newsletter.

We trust our Lord Jesus Christ that He is our refuge and our fortress! We will make it through this season. We now have grains and foods that will last for over 8 months.

Thank you to our partners that gave above and beyond last month to help us purchase enough foods to sustain our children through this time. That is a huge blessing and we thank the Almighty God for providing for us, and for touching the hearts of everyone who supports and prays for us.



Justus and Margaret
Ochuro

We are grateful for your continued support. We do request your continued prayers as we navigate this season! We believe that God is always fighting for us, and indeed we are victorious. God's abundant grace and mercy be with everyone. We Bless You and Pray for You!

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Forever Grateful,
Justus Ochuro



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