



Dear Nekesa (Harvesters),

Bungoma, Kenya has just been placed on another lock down. We are entering our third wave of corona virus. The government has closed all the schools and sent the children home again. The churches can still meet, but we are only allowed to have two-thirds occupancy with people at 6 feet apart.

Please pray with us! This lockdown has proven to be more detrimental to the safety and livelihood of the people of Kenya than the virus itself.

Allow me to explain the true effects of what happens when the nations do not allow their people to work or attend school.



Children recently sent to the streets due to lack of food in the home.

### **Lockdown effects in Closing Schools**

In Kenya the children are sent to school that is paid for by the parents or guardians. The parents pay in advance for the lodging and the food for their children. When a school is closed, the children must return home. The money is not refunded. Many parents/guardians have used all their savings to send their children to school.

When they are returned home, the families may be unable to pay for tutors to educate their children, therefore they often fall behind in their education.



Left to find food in Kenya

Many more families find they are unable to provide the basics, including food, for their children. This has led to a rise in the boys that are living on the streets. They are sent away from home in hopes they will be able to find food. Many children are dying daily in the streets due to starvation.

The locust famines and drought that we have experienced this last year have been yet another cause to the food shortage and rise in deaths.



Day workers in line for food rations

## Lockdown effects on Jobs and Lives

A large majority of the people of Kenya and our surrounding nations are day workers. Day workers are those who go to a job to do a full days work. Then, they receive money for their work that day. What money they have received allows them to go buy food and other things their families need for that one day. They live day to day.

When lockdown happens, these day workers are unable to find jobs for the day. They are unable to provide for their families. Unfortunately, due to the famine and drought, food is already scarce and prices for what can be found have more than doubled.

Imagine being unable to earn a days wage, that you depend on for feeding your family. Then you are now sending your children out to beg for food, because you are unable to provide for them. As time is passing you are seeing your family die of starvation. This is the sad reality of our people.

In the wake of our last lockdown, countless people were found dead in their homes, not because of the virus, but because of starvation. They were locked in their homes, unable to work or find food. As we are now being forced into a third lockdown we are saddened to see it happen again.



Woman searching int he fields for food.

We are asking for your involvement, as we reach out to as many as we can. Too many have gone into dangerous areas to find food.

Our Boys in the Children's home are safe because of your support!

Matthew 25:40 "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me."



Justus and Margaret Ochuro

Thank you for your prayers and for your financial partnership. Please continue to hold us up in your prayers and we ask that you share this with your friends and family that they too will pray for the nation of Kenya as we walk through the third lockdown.

We are continually thanking our Lord Jesus for you in prayer. Margaret and I love and appreciate your prayers!

Forever Grateful,  
Justus Ochuro



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