

CDM May 2020 Prayer Update

Without doubt, Covid-19 has taken over most if not a good part of our life! At times of uncertainty and despair, we again have to humble ourselves and call out to our Lord:

"我要向山舉目；我的幫助從何而來？

我的幫助從造天地的耶和華而來。" Psalm 121:1-2

Below Karen has provided us a brief update of Africa, and what CDM is doing at this time. Both Karen and Rev. Gong are keeping close contact with our coworkers and other pastors in Africa.

非洲的情况 African status

1, 疫情 Covid-19

肯亚疫情，截止 4 月 22 日，累计确诊病例 303 例，累计死亡 14 例，累计治愈 67 例。

根据世卫组织的警示，非洲传染速度似乎缓慢，但新冠肺炎病例数量可能在 3 至 6 个月内从目前数千例激增至 1000 万例，这个预测在非洲之角很可能成为可怕的现实。仅在过去一周，索马里、坦桑尼亚等邻国的病例已经成指数增长。肯尼亚任何行动上的轻率，都可能导致前功尽弃。

As of 4/22, Kenya has 303 positive confirmed cases, 14 deaths, and 67 recoveries. While current progression remains low, WHO estimates Covid-19 cases can grow exponentially in the next 3-6 months. The results can be dreadful if deterrent practices are not followed!

2, 蝗灾/ 饥荒 locus epidemic/famine

据美联社 4 月 10 日报道，第二波蝗灾已开始侵袭非洲，数十亿只沙漠蝗虫的幼虫在索马里被大量繁殖，正寻找着随季节性降雨而涌现的新鲜植被。如今，对于当地数百万本已脆弱的民众来说，抑制病毒的传播远不如对抗蝗灾重要。可是当他们冒着传播病毒的危险，聚集起来试图与蝗虫作战时，却发现往往徒劳无功。

联合国粮食及农业组织称蝗灾的爆发，部分是由于气候变化，会对粮食安全和生计造成“前所未有的威胁”。该组织还称这次新浪潮的规模大约是第一次浪潮的二十倍。粮农组织的一项新评估中写道，“肯尼亚，埃塞俄比亚南部和索马里南部正在形成越来越多的新群，东非的当前形势令人极为震惊”。

该机构预测，5 月份有利的繁殖条件意味着 6 月下旬和 7 月下旬将有新一轮的蝗虫种群繁殖，而这与收获季节相吻合。联合国已呼吁将援助的数额从 7600 万美元提高到 1.53 亿美元，并表示要在更多的降雨来临之前立即采取行动。到目前为止，粮农组织已收集到 1.11 亿美元的援助。此外，新冠病毒导致的旅行限制影响了跨境运输，延误了农药的运送，因此当地在抗击蝗灾方面存在实际的困难。

总结：肯亚等东非国家受到新冠肺炎和蝗灾的双重夹击。需要神格外的怜悯和介入，让疫情能平稳缓速地发展，最后快速终结；也求神让各个东非政府积极应对蝗灾，联合世界组织，宣教机构，教会等力量让更多人不至于在疫情中饿死。

A second wave of locust attack in Africa has started. This wave can produce 20X more damages than the first one in East Africa. Coupled with Covid-19 pandemic, these crises can bring unprecedented famine to Africa! Please pray for God's extra mercy and grace!

CDM 在非洲的事工：

1， 孤儿食物援助特别项目：今天（4/27），CDM 在原先服事过的 Suba 地区，开始了向当地的 30 位孤儿及其家庭提供免费食物的服事。这项服事虽然是在疫情和灾情的背景下开始的一个短期特别项目，但也是 CDM 在肯亚宣教事工的一部分。CDM 邀请两位当地牧师加入同工，从确定受助对象，寻找食品供应商，分发食物，到后续关怀，都由这两位非洲牧师在 CDM 同工们的引导配合下负责完成。我们向神的祷告时，通过这个项目能在灾情期间实实在在地解决这些困难儿童的吃饭问题，关怀到他们身体和灵魂的需要，同时也透过这个事工学习了解 Suba 当地人和这两位牧者的情况，好叫我们把门徒造就的服事做得更加深入。请大家为这项事工祷告：1）全部奉献款用于食物的采购，全部食物分发给有需要的孩子；2）两位牧者忠心诚实地服事和拿去报酬；3）CDM 同工能克服远程和时差等障碍，有智慧有爱心地完成事工。

CDM works with two local pastors to provide free meals to 30 orphans in Suba. These orphans are chosen from the 150 students we have supported for about two years under Dr. and Mrs. Lin's care. They are the most needy kids in the school. This time we adopt a different method: we hire local pastors (pastor Edward Hongo and pastor Calvins Principal) to handle the local supply with good accountability, and feed/visit the orphans spiritually. Karen and Rebecca assist with the administration with also support from Xie Li from NC. Please pray for smooth deliver and faithful use of the funds! Please also pray for the physical and spiritual needs of the children during the Covid-19 crisis!

2， iTIM 事工：直到肯亚发生疫情前，iTIM 培训在几个点都有序开展着。疫情开始后，政府停止了聚会，iTIM 培训也随之暂停。请祷告各培训点的本地负责牧师能利用这段时间做回顾总结，把后续的培训做得更好更扎实。

With the various restrictions due to Covid-19, the iTIM trainings have to be temporarily closed. Please pray for the various training leaders that they can use this time to review their programs to make them more effective when the trainings are reopened.

With today's knowledge of the progression of Covid-19, we have decided to postpone the planned Renewal Conference in Kenya at end June. We are now working to do this conference sometime in 2021.

Please pray for CDM's missionaries. All are safe in their respective locations. Rev. Gong and family are out of quarantine, and are now getting settled in Chicago. Please pray for their continued work with African ministry from afar and Rev. Gong's ministries in the US.

In closing, lets hear David's calling from Psalm:

"

耶和華是我的亮光，是我的拯救，我還怕誰呢？耶和華是我性命的保障，我還懼誰呢？....

我若不信在活人之地得見耶和華的恩惠，就早已喪膽了。
要等候耶和華！當壯膽，堅固你的心！我再說，要等候耶和華！" Psalm
27:1, 13-14

All glory to our Lord in Heaven!