



# THE MICKEYS

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Dear Praying Friends,

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## LOCKED DOWN AGAIN!

We received word yesterday that we are being partially locked down again because of a "third wave" of the Covid 19 virus that has hit Kenya. There is a five-county radius that has been declared a disease disaster zone. Our county, Nakuru county is part of this zone. There are several restrictions that affect us personally but there are a couple that more severely affect the ministry.

All church services and church-related functions in the affected counties have been banned until further notice. Last year when we were locked down church services were canceled for four months and then just a gradual reopening with a lot of restrictions. Since the first lockdown, we had not yet reached the point where we were able to begin any of our ministries that do not take place on the church property. The church has remained strong during these times and it is beyond disappointing that we now must go through another period of not being allowed to meet.

We had reached the place where next week we were going to be able to finally hold our first Bible college session since last year, we were expecting a large group of students to return, and now we must cancel again. It has been over one year since we have been able to have any bible college sessions. That is a lot of time missed in teaching people.

Travel has also been restricted in and out of the diseased zones. Basically, it means we cannot travel to most of the country, again limiting our contact with the churches and pastors that we are working with.

I do not know if these measures taken by the government are effective, but I do know that the virus is worse than it has ever been here. The infection rate in the county where we live is over 20 percent, the hospitals are overflowing, the mortuary is full, and sickness is abundant. Yesterday morning I buried one of our church members, a forty-year-old lady who had gotten sick with Covid and the next day suddenly died. It was a sad funeral as she had just given birth to a baby girl just two months ago.

The church and ministries are strong, but it is never a good thing for people to be out of church. Please pray with us that this current closure of churches will be short and that this current "third wave" of the virus will not be as deadly as it seems to be.

## TRANSLATION CENTER

The building of the translation center continues to go well. We are praying that the current lockdown does not effect the ongoing building work. Also pray with us that all the promised giving for the building will come in on time so that there will not be delays in completing the building.

His for Kenya

And the Regions Beyond,

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