

Karibu!

... an Easter update from
the Webber family
serving in
Chogoria, Kenya...



Sifu Mungu! Amefufuka!

Praise God! He is Risen!

Because of this, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of hardship and suffering, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of a lack of resources, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of sickness and death, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of separation from loved ones, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of lockdown and limited movement, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of despair, injustice, discrimination, and hatred, ***we can rejoice.***

In the face of fear and anxiety about the days ahead, ***we can rejoice.***

Because our reality is based on a kingdom that is not to be found in this world, ***we can rejoice.***

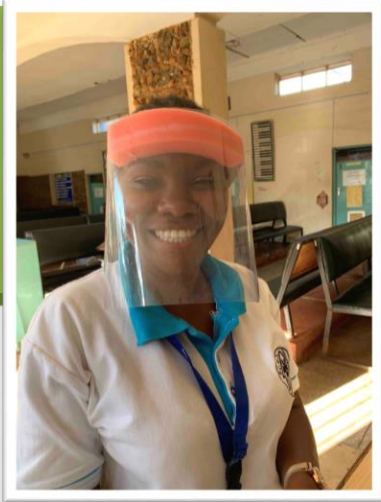
He is Risen! Let us rejoice!

*“Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet, I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation. But **rejoice**; I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33



Rejoicing in the face of Pandemic



As I (Lauren) was teaching our Maundy Thursday lesson on Passover this week, I was walking the kids through the words of the Messianic Seder, and specifically teaching them about “*Dayenu*”, the Hebrew song sung during the meal that means, “It would have been enough.” Traditionally, the Jewish people sing this 15-stanza song during the Seder to recount all the ways that God had been faithful to them. As I reflected on that, I too realized that “it would have been enough” for God to

call us overseas to serve Him. “It would have been enough” for God to plant us in the beautiful community of Chogoria. “It would have been enough” for Him to give us friends and brothers and sisters in Christ to serve with.

BUT, He was gracious enough to pluck us out and place us here during this specific time of global upheaval and uncertainty. And He has connected those around the world to the reality that developing countries face everyday of living with limited resources in the face of deadly diseases. And He has given us technology to connect with people all over the world during this time of communal suffering and immense change of life for all of us.

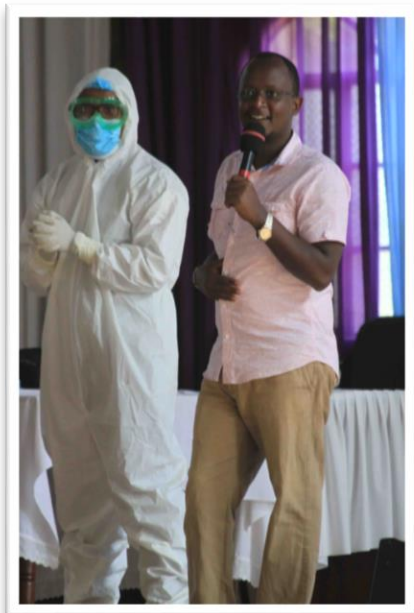
He has placed peace and joy in our hearts to share the power of Christ’s resurrection to a community, and a world, that is plagued with fear and anxiety.

As we don our masks, as Derek stays up late producing more PPE, or heads to teach more sensitization training at the hospital, more meetings on policy and preparation, he is able to be a voice of Truth, confidence, and strong reassurance that God has overcome the grave, counted each of our days, and is equipping us for the days ahead.

An Update on COVID-19 in Kenya

At last count, Kenya has 184 cases of COVID-19. The government has been very proactive since our first case on March 13, quickly closing country borders, enacting a curfew, and encouraging social distancing. Since that time, they have begun encouraging all citizens to wear masks, limit travel, and provide adequate spacing when riding in vehicles. Although there have been reports of police brutality in enforcing these measures, we have been pleased to see most people following these regulations as best they can.

A down side we have noticed is a LOT of fear- both in the community and in our hospital. People are quick to lash out at anyone suspected of bringing the virus to our area (even though we have yet to have our first case), and the limited resources we have are quickly disappearing. We have had a low census recently, which means that people are not seeking the care they need because of fear that they will catch the virus at the hospital. We also have been struggling with corruption in our county government, and with unity in how best to prepare for a COVID outbreak. These are and unprecedented times for sure!



Chogoria Prayer Requests

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
Romans 12:12*



Please pray for us and our community in the following ways:

- 1) unity amongst missionaries and hospital leadership with regards to the approach we take in preparing our hospital and community for a COVID outbreak
- 2) for the fear and anxiety of our Kenyan hospital staff in caring for C-19 patients, especially without proper supplies (pray that we can pay

our workers and don't have a mass exodus when the virus hits, and also that the county health dept would release promised supplies to us)

- 3) for protection for our family and especially Derek as he is at the front lines each day

- 4) for the COVID training taking place at our hospital- that it would be informative, yet dispel fear

- 5) for the weariness our hearts feel in surrendering our HMA plans before the Lord and adjusting to a new season of

high stress for an indefinite period of time

- 6) for our children as they grapple with a lot of loss, as well as fear and anxiety in processing this pandemic and its implications

- 7) for our family members back home and the separation we feel from them in this time

- 8) that the peace of Christ would be pre-eminent during a time when we are prone to wander and succumb to stress of each day

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Give to COVID-19 Relief in Chogoria

Our teammates have set up a relief fund through World Gospel Mission to support our hospital during this time. If you would like to make a special donation, click [HERE](#).

Alternatively, you can also send gifts through Pay Pal at the following address:
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