



CHC-UPDATE

Cargo Human Care e. V.



Charles on his way to a family of our MMH children living far away.



CHC Medical Centre Head Boniface with mask from CHC's own production.

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Dear Members and Friends of Cargo Human Care,

the CHC world keeps on turning – even if it does appear to have come to a standstill here and there.

Family Aid 2020: At the end of March, we reported on the current situation in Kenya and asked you for donations for urgently needed food for the families of our sponsored children. A great many of you spontaneously contributed and within days we were able to provide more than 70 families with essential supplies for the first month of the crisis. A few days later, another 13 families of our students at the John Kaheni Residence joined us, and their need was no less urgent. We have now ordered the next delivery for the end of next week. Meanwhile, there are a good 100 families to be catered for. Our team at the Mothers' Mercy Home is working as reliably as Swiss clockwork under Charles' direction. Our thanks go to him and especially to all contributors.



Marsabit Support: Unfortunately, the distribution of food rations in Marsabit has so far not been successful. €15,000 arrived at Bishop Qampicha, the goods were purchased and then a curfew came into effect in Kenya. Delivery to the affected villages around Marsabit is currently not possible. Almost incredible - but unfortunately the bitter truth for the people there, who are not only affected by the omnipresent virus, but also continue to suffer severely from the locust plague. We are in contact with Bishop Qampicha, who is currently working hard to obtain exemption approval.



Medical Centre: The number of Covid-19 infections in Kenya is still very low (225 reported cases, as of 16.4.). However, due to the ordered lockdown, people are suffering more from hunger. Our Medical Centre remains open, and our team cares for between 60 to 70 patients a day. It is currently not possible to bring German doctors over. Though the protective measures for patients



and our team can only be described as rudimentary due to the lack of better alternatives (hand wash basin in front of the entrance, distribution of medication for chronically ill patients without them having to enter the outpatient clinic, greater distance between patients in the waiting area), Boniface, as head of the outpatient clinic, is making the best out of the difficult situation. We were, however, able to initiate one measure: masks have been produced in our training workshop and also using the sewing machines in the MMH, and are being distributed to the patients since last week - the production rate of a good 150 pieces per day is impressive.



Mothers' Mercy Home / Sponsorships: 10 children are currently being cared for by a small team at the MMH. All others are with their relatives. Some sponsors are concerned about their sponsored child and have already contacted us. We can assure you that even in this extraordinary situation, Charles and Esther are intensively looking after ALL sponsored children. They are in active contact with the relatives. With the next food delivery, the children will also be handed homework assignments, so that a minimum of school education is guaranteed during this time. If you would like to know more about the individual situation of your sponsored child from the MMH, the JKR or the Medical Sponsor Program, please contact us. We will do our best to provide you with information.

And how is the CHC Board operating? We discuss the current situation and decide on appropriate measures during weekly telephone conferences and a great many other telephone calls in between. So, instead of meeting every 4-6 weeks, we are now much more frequently in contact. Our most urgent - but by no means the only - topic right now, is the Family Aid 2020, which has to be maintained over the coming months.

Please continue to support us - with €60 we can still ensure that a family of six receives aid for a whole month. Stay healthy!

Yours

Fokko Doyen, President CHC

The General Mtg. planned for May is indefinitely postponed.

