

Supporters Update Summer 2020 Lockdown Edition

Hope Home has been in lockdown since the beginning of March

Life in Lockdown

Covid 19 has made a huge difference to the lives of the children and staff at Hope Home. President John Magufuli did not require the lockdown but Manager Eva says that locally in Moshi and in the economic capital, Dar-es -Salaam, people are sick. Many Tanzanians are choosing isolation.

In Moshi in early March those in charge of children's homes were called to a meeting and told to buy food for three months as there was likely to be a problem with food supplies. The next day the government closed all schools.

Mama Esta and Eva, her daughter, coped brilliantly. All the primary aged children stayed at Hope Home together with Will, John, Ibrahim and Wema. Happy, Godi, Nancy, Humphrey and Emanuel were able to stay with relatives or contacts in their villages.



"We're OK, how are you?"

What about food?

The lockdown coincided with huge banking problems for the Trust here in the UK. We could not send our regular allowance through to Moshi. Kerstin in Sweden generously sent extra money and a kind shopkeeper from Mama Esta's church allowed them to take food on credit until our money came through. Then – when we were all rescued – Eva bought two months supply of food. Rice, sugar, maize, beans, wheat, oil, spices etc. Meat and fish were frozen. Chicken and eggs became available after a week or so. 'Leafy greens' are homegrown.

Huge Metal bins protected the vast amounts of food. (Imagine one week's shopping for 22 children and 5 live-in staff! Multiply by eight.....)

What about school?

Schools are setting work. Humphrey and Emanuel, who are due to take O levels this autumn, have reams of work set by Eden Garden School. Eva has to go into town to print it out and send it to them. The on site nursery has had to close but the teachers – Vicki and another Esta - have adapted, delivering lessons set by St Timothy's primary school each morning. June is a holiday month, so a break is due to everyone. Schools will reopen in July.

What about morale?

The children have found it quite hard. They miss going to school and church, 'but they understand it is for their safety,' says Eva. School and church – lessons and worship – can continue at home. Whilst lockdown here has been lightened by beautiful weather, Moshi has been under the gloom of grey skies and relatively low temperatures. The long rains were particularly heavy. In March money had to be spent on a lorry load of ballast to even out the deep puddles in the grounds. This is a regular problem looking for a permanent solution.

Which children are in the care of Hope Home?

At Secondary School:

Happy (20) is in her first year of A-levels
Wema (18) and probably Gody (18) are waiting to start A-levels
Humphrey (18) and Emanuel (16) take O-levels this autumn
Will (16), Nancy (15) and Ibrahim (16) are in year three of the four year O level course
John (14) is in year two, also at St Dorcas secondary school.

At primary school: Claudia (12), John (10), Issaya (8), Daudi (7), Grace (9), Brayton (11), Jacqueline (7), Naomi (10), Yohana (8), Neema (6), Caren (9), Prisca (8), Anna (11), Wilson (12), and Ana, Ananiah and Merry (all 6) at St Timothy's nursery.

In Hope Home daycare: Alvina (4)

Why are they there?

The children had many hurts and difficulties before they came to the Hope Home family. They are orphans, or abandoned, or rescued from abuse or from slavery. They have been received from grandmothers or neighbours unable to feed them any more; received from parents too ill to care for them.

Material security, love and education are offered them. We are privileged to support them.

As always, thank you for your interest, your money, your goodwill. Please think of them from time to time. If you are a praying person, please pray for them too.



Twins Ana and Ananiah starting nursery in St Timothy's regulation tracksuits



Eva proves Will (L) and John (R) are taller than she is!

In other news

A big thank you to those invited to Pippa Martin's cancelled coffee morning. You missed the cherry blossom, home-made biscuits and lovely company but generously gave anyway.

We are also grateful to receive a legacy from a long term friend of the Trust, the late Gweneth Brooks.

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Hope Home Trust is funding the running of a children's home which supports 27 Tanzanian children, and directly pays for the education of
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18 primary.
& 1 daycare children.

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