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# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON OGADA

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## Bethlehem's 2020 Mission Trip to Ogada has been cancelled

During the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup>, Kenya announced their first positive case of COVID-19 and took steps to close their borders to anyone from a country with positive cases of the virus. The Kenyan government closed all schools (elementary, high schools, universities and colleges) and shut down most businesses and industry. Ogada will be at maximum capacity with all 96 children and young adults for at least the next six (6) weeks.

Chariots for Hope (CFH) is in frequent contact with Paul Mwaniki, their National Director, based in Nairobi, as well as Emily Opiyo, Ogada's manager. In addition to following the recommendations from the CDC on the precautions to take to keep safe, they are also asking Emily to keep all the children at the home and not encourage travel between the home and the village. Ogada is working to build up their food supplies to prepare for the next several weeks and being careful of trips to more congested areas. To that end, Bethlehem had sent money over (through CFH) to Ogada for bibles and school uniform shoes; we've asked Ogada to use that money as priorities dictate.

The gifts that sponsors brought for the Mission Team to take to Ogada will still be sent to Ogada, as soon as CFH is allowed to visit Ogada later this year.

Please keep our Ogada children, young adults, and staff in prayer, and pray that these challenges would pull them closer to God.

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