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Location: **Nairobi, KENYA**

Mission: **Christian education**



In the Zone

Since the pandemic began a year ago, the country of Kenya has recorded over 2,000 deaths. At present, all the ICU beds in Nairobi are fully occupied with Covid-19 cases. There is now a waiting list of patients and a high price tag attached to each bed. Although the first batch of vaccines have arrived in country, the sad reality is that it will be many months before the general population is properly protected.

Nairobi county and four others classed in the "diseased zone," have gone into lockdown again, in an attempt to flatten the third wave of the pandemic. For us, living in Nairobi, it means the boys and I are back to online learning and meetings, while Thomas needs a pass for travelling to and from Samburu county.

A few days before the latest restrictions banned all physical meetings, the Vacation Bible School (VBS) consultants met. This was a big deal for us as it was our first physical meeting since the group began working together seven months ago. We had a wonderful time discussing the new materials we've been developing for the Easter school holiday.

As well as going through the lesson plans, attempting the activities and crafts, we recorded some video clips which will feature in the longer "Digital Dispatches" due out in May. (Please check it out!) Due to the lockdown, all of the VBSs in and around Nairobi will be taught online this month.

The consultants' group have chosen the theme of peace and conflict resolution for the next project. A General

Election will be held within the country in 2022. This has in the past sparked violence along tribal lines, turning hot spots into a war zone. Now is the time to teach the next generation that God commands us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.



*Photo: Back row from left to right: Miriam, Peter and Naomi
Front row from left to right: Gladwell, Joyce and Carol*

Prayer points

- Pray for the country of Kenya as it battles with the worst wave of Coronavirus to date. Remember especially the frontline workers and those in ICU or waiting for a bed.
- Pray for the VBS groups meeting online this month and ask that the children will be touched by the Easter story and come to faith in Jesus their Saviour.
- Pray for the team of VBS consultants as we start working on the theme of peace and conflict resolution – that the Holy Spirit will guide us in choosing the Bible stories and memory verses for each lesson.