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Location: **London, UK**

Mission: **Pastoral ministry and church planting**

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The last time we attended church physically before lockdown was March 2020. We are hoping to go back in May and so we are busy preparing for this.

During lockdown, we thank God that we managed to open a fellowship in Birmingham. We were delighted that people from Birmingham had been joining us for virtual worship services over recent months, and we are looking to find a suitable building where they can start meeting together for worship and fellowship soon.

Recently our church school teachers attended a virtual seminar which was conducted by Cornhill in Belfast. Those who attended reported that the seminar was very informative.

The young people continue to meet three times in a month. They meet virtually on Sundays after our main service.

Despite the lockdown, we were able to observe and celebrate the Easter season and the participation was good.

Sadly, many of our members have been affected by the current Covid-19 wave in Kenya. Nearly every week over the last two months, we have been holding a memorial service for a loved one of one of our members who has died. Kenya is now on the UK's red list of countries in regards to travel and families find it very difficult when they can't travel to Kenya for family funerals.

The Men's Fellowship and Women's Fellowship groups continue to meet virtually on the first Saturday of every month.

Prayer points

- Pray that the preparation and returning to in-person church services will be successful.
- Give thanks for the fellowship in Birmingham which has been started and pray they will find a suitable place to meet together in-person.
- Pray that the church school teachers will be able to use the knowledge they got at the recent virtual seminar they attended, and improve their communication of the gospel to the children.
- Pray for all the families affected by the deaths of their loved ones back in Kenya, and that the Lord comfort and encourage them.
- Pray for us as we continue to minister to the East African expatriate community in the UK and offer pastoral care and support to them.