

Reflection

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Here in Mozambique, the life has changed because of pandemic covid-19, as during the last 5 months we lived under partial lockdown, with Churches closed and all gathering with up to 10 people prohibited. My work was seriously affected, because I did not meet people for training, I canceled all my travel to evaluate the progress of our projects. During this time of partial lockdown, I have been involved in managing two relief projects to help pastors with phone credit for two months and food parcels for 500 families in need. I want to say thank you for your generosity and donation to BMS coronavirus appeal, which allowed BMS to support these two and other projects which our BMS Team is implementing at the moment. I praise the Lord for all of you and I pray always that our God keep you safe in this uncertain time you are living. I appreciate your love and kindness for me and my family. Again, thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for us.

Our country has eased the partial lockdown since the end of August. So, Churches were reopened with some restricted measures, like social distancing, reducing the services' time to just one hour for each service, wearing masks, face shield, sanitizing the ground and chairs before and after each service and checking the temperature to everyone before getting in the Church. All Churches were checked by the government before opening, to make sure that there are conditions for people to gather safely and that each Church has water and soap for

washing hands and sanitation products to sanitize and clean the ground and chairs.

So, we are living now under a new normal of our life. The number of infected people has risen in the country to up to 6,264 people, 40 deaths and 3,502 recovered, but each day the number is increasing.

So, please pray for:

1. Protection for our BMS Team, as we help people in their needs with food parcels;
2. Peace for Mozambique, as the Islamic armed group is killing people and destroying villages in the North of the country;
3. Thank God for healing my daughter from Tuberculosis;
4. Wisdom for me, as I lead the BMS Team and manage the BMS Partners in the country.

*Yours in Christ
Carlos*

"God our creator,
You have made us one with this earth,
To tend it and to bring forth fruit;
May we so respect and cherish
All that has life from you,
That we may share in the labour of all
creation
To give birth to your hidden glory,
Through Jesus Christ,
Amen."

A prayer by Janet Morley