

End-month news April 2020 from Jim Harries

Dear Friends,

The situation described by [this article](#) about Kenya seems to be accurate also for my home area. That is – many people are not practicing social-distancing.

Those wanting to see what Jim has been writing on coronavirus of late, please look [here](#). Here's a piece by me, now published, about ['personal' life in East Africa in covid-19 times](#).

My routine has become one of spending time in my office at the Coptic mission in Maseno every-day. That gets me exercise (cycling 7 miles each way), all socially distanced, time quietly working alone, and then spending time at home to look after the kids. I continue prayer here at the hospital. Yesterday, for the first time since government restrictions, myself and our assistant pastor visited people from my home church. We stayed outside people's houses, standing 2 metres apart from one another, sharing God's word, encouraging, and praying, to about 8 households in total. We hope to do more visiting on Wednesday.

The way the Kenya government seems to have settled on containing coronavirus, at least for now, is by testing people's temperature on the roadside. Should your temperature be abnormal, you risk being 'arrested' and confined to a quarantine centre for 14 days. Police will make sure you stay where you are put. It is up to you to get family members or friends to bring you food. Conditions are not always very pleasant.

I am looking for volunteers to assist in editing and reproducing materials related to the covid-19 outbreak in Africa. There is an urgent need for greater enlightenment on how the Bible speaks into our current situation.

Best wishes, and thanks for your prayers,

Jim