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# **COVID 19-FINAL REPORT**

## Togo Methodist Church

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It's already almost a year that the planet, our planet is under a health crisis caused by the novel coronavirus or COVID-19. Unfortunately, we have to note that instead of being limited to the field of health, and the fact that the various sectors are interconnected, this crisis ultimately affects all areas. Thus, in more from the health sector, the economic, financial, social and environmental sectors were also affected. On the social level, not only places of gathering such churches / places of worship, markets and restaurants were closed, but also gatherings of more than 15 people, namely dedications, baptisms, weddings, birthdays and funerals were banned. But the social is the domain where the activities of the Methodist conference are concentrated. Indeed, the conference Methodist in Togo manages to live financially by the income from various worship services and religious ceremonies; and the contribution of the faithful through tithes, thanksgiving and various gifts. Constrained by its obligations missionaries and deaconals, the EMT saw itself in the obligation to support communities in which it is involved. Its action consisted of a project to three levels namely:

- Distribution of Food Kit
- The purchase and provision of sanitary kits
- Save the mission

In order to carry out this project, the Church turned to its partners and others benefactors; and she received funding of 10,000 euros from the Methodist Church of Great Britain. This report gives an account of the use of these funds.

#### I-Distribution of food kits

The Church has selected one hundred (100) households in the missionary districts of Tsévié and from Atakpamé, Yoto and Bas-Mono who have been terribly affected by COVID 19. They received food kits made up of basic necessities for their survival. The lots of the kits were handed over to the District Superintendents who took care of the distribution. This system allowed us to avoid bringing in interested parties, but to go to them with the products, thus saving them travel and transport.

### II- Purchase and provision of sanitary kits

At this level, the Church has bought products and sanitary devices allowing fight and stop the spread of COVID 19. The products purchased are the hydroalcoholic gel, the nose cover and visors; to this must be added the devices of hand wash with soap. Products such as the

muffler and visor have been distributed to Pastors and in charge of parishes, while hydroalcoholic gels and hand washing devices were distributed to parishes and places of worship.

#### III- Safeguarding the mission and other expenses

The last part of the funds although minimal were used to pay part of the salary of conference staff. Indeed, for several months, the conference staff whose pastors have not been paid. As a result, the rest of the funds were used to decrease little time the suffering of these.

As we wrap up this mini report, we want the EMT's no to express the gratitude of the whole Church to our donors. Aware that the crisis has also affected them like us, and yet they did their best to help us, we pray may the Lord continue to protect them and renew his rich favors for them.

In the appendix, we add the few photos that we were able to take during the distribution, in Word and image version for all convenience.

The treasury and accounting staff with part of the products purchased. Conference administrative staff wearing visors.



The President of the Church, the Revd Martine ZINSOU-LAWSON handing over the material to one of the managers.





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