

METHODIST CHURCH TANZANIA COVID -19 GRANT SUPPORT REPORT TO MISSION BOARD BMC - JULY, 2020.

APPRECIATION

The Methodist Church in Tanzania is hereby glad to submit to you our heartfelt appreciation for the overwhelming support that you granted us. We are thankful to the Mission board for granting us the necessary support as we had requested. We were able to reach out to approximately 400 families with an average of about 5 people hence a total of about 2000 beneficiaries faced by difficulties during the Covid-19 pandemic attack.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The support went many miles in addressing the needs of the people as projected in Mwanza where our main headquarters are based. We reached out to our various church circuits in Magu, Musoma and Mara regions where most of our members are concentrated.

To enable us to reach out to all the projected families within the region, we came up with a harmonized strategy that involved the clergy, the Church leadership and local government authorities. The local government leaders were particularly very supportive and impressed by the inputs of the Church in alleviating the suffering.

We were able to traverse the entire lake region carrying on the distribution as we seized the opportunity to carry on evangelism through which we were able to evangelize to most of the people in each step we made. Through our continued sharing of the word of God along the process, we were able to win several converts to Christ and one family converted from Islam to Christianity.

Tanzania along the lake zone operates in several regions as earlier mentioned and we managed to distribute the items to the churches and the communities at large along the lake zone as purposed. We penetrated to the interior villages targeting the places where we had churches as we evangelized and won new converts to Christ.

COORDINATING TEAM

Our team was well coordinated through the leadership of our Synod Bishop, Rev Leopold Ndaki, and the entire team worked tirelessly and within the projected three weeks, they made sure that the targeted individuals were reached in accordance with our proposal. We had challenges that caused prolonging of the distribution due to distance covered between churches and circuits.

We therefore decided to spend part of the transportation budget to purchase a motorbike for our NMA coordinator who was assigned to help us reach to the disabled people through the narrow paths where vehicles could not access.

In the lake zone regions (**Mwanza**) we had six circuits namely :-**Kahangala, Magu, Busega, Bunda, Musoma and Tarime respectively**. These circuits are comprised of six churches each. Consequently, the distribution that was done by our team touched on the entire communities where our churches are distributed as we strived to reach out to more people.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

We were so glad that we were able to meet our targeted numbers as projected. The joyful church members and the community at large were so glad and thankful to God and truly expressed much appreciation for your loving consideration in granting this support to the Tanzanian people. They felt loved and inspired by the great support that you offered.

The donations were able to reach to the remote areas faced by great hardship and they impacted greatly towards combatting this threatening pandemic.

AS PART OF OUR REPORT, WE HAVE VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS

These photos will demonstrate how the emergency aid was distributed in various parts in the month of May and June.



Above, the Synod Bishop handing over the keys of the brand new motor bike to Michael one of the evangelists for purpose of ensuring that the items designated for the interior areas of the community have safely been delivered. The bike was assigned for the disability coordinators office.

WORDS FROM THE EVANGELIST

“It’s awesome to have a motor bike. My work will be more smooth now as I make the outreach to the interiors. Since Tanzania mainland is full of path roads, I will be able to support any disabled person when they find difficulties in terms of transport. This is for instance when they need to be taken for medication checkup in any of the health centers. This is very helpful and highly appreciated”.



Above are some of the goods that were ready to be delivered including water containers, maize flour and boxes of sanitizers. This stock of goods was distributed to the churches and communities along the lake zone: - regions of Magu in Mwanza and Mara.

In these photographs the materials had just been offloaded at Magu church. These were 400 sacks of 10kg and 33 boxes of sanitizers of 800 pieces and 400 containers. Our general secretary MCT Rev. Emmanuel Lubacha was in charge of the distribution in Magu area and the exercise was carried on in a very orderly and open way and all the recipients truly appreciated.

BELOW IS THE DISTRIBUTION AT MAGU CIRCUIT COMMUNITY

The Magu church and the surrounding community came in large numbers to receiving their items, as seen every individual marveled of what God had done for them.



Above is Magu circuit ready to receive their portion and besides them is a group of some people living with disability who also received their sanitary containers and the maize flour sacks of 10kg.

Below, this turned up to be a big day of great joy and much celebration. A lot of evangelism also took place during the distribution and we truly saw tears of joy.



The recipients were also taken through a demonstration on how to use their sanitizers as they poured to their hands and scrubbed between their fingers.

DISTRIBUTION AT KAHANGHALA CIRCUIT



The turn up was equally good and the General Secretary Rev. Emmanuel Lubacha ministered the word of God and continued to lead the distribution after demonstration on how to use the sanitizers and encouraging all the listeners to take serious measure to protect themselves from the Covid 19 disease. The man seated above (in blue and a cap) was the new covert who received Jesus. Until then he was a Muslim.



The people living with disabilities were equally given the first priority as the distribution continued. The communities were taught to share Gods love and to avoid stigmatization of those affected by the disease.

THE DISTRIBUTION AT THE INTERIOR CHURCHES OF MAGU CIRCUIT



Here we have some members from some of the remote areas who came to receive their gifts.

DISTRIBUTION AT THE IBINDO CHURCH COMMUNITY



Ibindo members stand in front of their church building which is still in progress of construction with a lot of joy receiving their parcels. These are some of the interior churches miles and miles away from the town. The children were not left behind.

DISTRIBUTION AT THE LAMADI CHURCH IN BUSEGA CIRCUIT



Lamadi church in Busega circuit with their church members outside their church building

DISTRIBUTION AT THE MARA REGION



The team lead by the evangelist Michael went to Mara region which is **363** km away from Magu town this was a long journey that we used a truck.

DISTRIBUTION AT BUNDA CIRCUIT



Above pictures shows the members of Bunda circuit and ready to receive their gifts.

DISTRIBUTION AT MUSOMA CHURCH



Musoma Church members as seen above with their packages, it was such a wonderful day of joy.

DISTRIBUTION AT TARIME CIRCUIT



These are the Tarime Circuit members receiving the message from the MCT Bishop Leopold Ndaki on our last day of distribution.



These were people who attended on that day. From left is a local government officer who was invited to attend the gathering. In a jacket is MCT pioneer Rev. Stephen Makena, Sharing the gospel is MCT bishop Leopold Ndaki, next is Rev. Emmanuel Lubacha and the Last one in a red T shirt is Mr. Michael the disability officer.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Methodist Church Tanzania Bishop Leopold Ndaki led the church at Tarime circuit to give thanks and to pray for the MCB for the wonderful work that they had done at very crucial and desperate hour of need by sharing the donation to the MCT.

Tanzania Synod with an open heart continues to pray for the mission Board Office for the great concern that they have shown in assisting the Tanzanian church to meet this need during this epidemic disaster. You have comforted the hearts of the people here who would have been quite helpless without loving and compassionate brethren around them at such a time of this dreaded Corona Virus disease that has taken the lives of some of our dear members. The MCT is forever grateful and we assure you that we will not forget to keep you always lifted in our prayers. May the God of love, our most gracious Lord bless you richly now and forever more.

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