

Dear Friends,

I am finding myself more and more in prayer these days. I do pray for many situations, and people. I pray for family in the UK. Also for friends and supporting churches. Join me in praying for the world, and for the West, and Africa. The amount of work that needs doing to interpret God's word to people today is becoming more and more evident. The importance of the task, with our dependence on God's grace to perform it, stares us in the face.



The archbishop of the Church of God in Kenya (East Africa) who recently died well into his eighties, was buried Saturday 12th September. As overall overseer of Kima International School of Theology, he had been the sponsor of my work permit here in Kenya for 18 years. His second wife he married after his first wife died, was once my student. Three helicopters came to bring some of Kenya's top politicians to speak at the event.

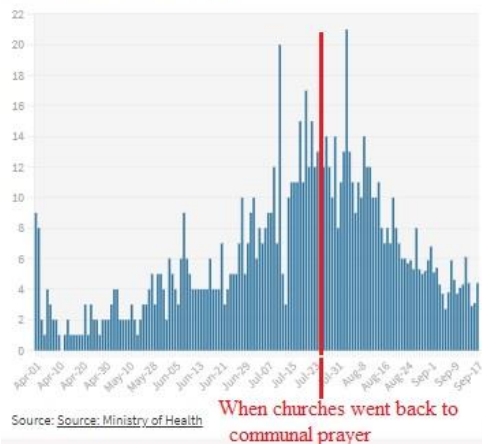
I recently walked to a local hill with all my children, including a few adult children. I left them to walk up the hill and back home as I cycled to my office. The hill is where local people make rain. The children seemed to enjoy the walk and the challenging, if tiring, climb.



Kenya's Covid19 Infection Rates

As at 17th September 2020

Positive Cases as a % of Tests Done

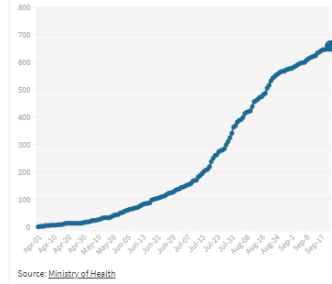


Covid-19 is very much in decline here in Kenya, such that there is now a strong suggestion (awaiting confirmation from the President) that schools might re-open next month. The graph on the left illustrates that, since churches have opened and people have been allowed to pray together, the incidence of covid-19 infection has dropped rapidly, to now being under 4% of those tested. (I don't know a lot of details on how the sample for testing is found, etc. etc.) Apart

Kenya Covid-19 Time Series

Cumulative Deaths

As at 22nd September 2020



from kids not going to school, it seems that life is mostly back to normal, except for wearing of masks, and more people washing their hands more often. (Kenya has recorded less than 700 deaths related to covid-19 since the pandemic began.)

Give thanks that I was able yesterday to visit one of my ex-children, now mother of three, who is suffering from severe diarrhoea, so only able to survive on provision of a daily drip. Please pray for her.

Pray for some challenging times at home recently. From having excellent relationships with all neighbours for years, some things have gone very sour over the last few months. I am hoping, trusting, and believing, that they'll soon be back to mutual appreciation.

Give thanks, and join me in praying for the various writing projects I continue to engage. Pray for plans we are making for me to visit to the UK to hold a conference, then to the USA and Korea, September to November 2021 (next year, not this year!).

Many thanks,

Jim Harries