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CMSI Link Letter

Greetings from Kitwe.

This has been an extraordinary year for all of us around the world hasn't it? Almost every country we know has been affected by Covid 19 and, as I write, I am well aware that the UK and Ireland have suffered thousands of infections and bereavements.

Looking from Zambia it is shocking and sobering. We have nothing like those numbers but we fear that, in future months, Zambia will be devastated as may the whole continent.

Presently we are not in lockdown, we have advice on hand washing and social distancing but there is no serious adherence to the rules. Quite often poor people have limited access to water for a start. We are still on load shedding, which means regular power cuts. Before the emergence of the new Coronavirus the country was already in a fragile state, and there was some mob violence in the townships. People in the townships have a tough life, the economy has been on edge leading to deprivations and social problems. Fear of the virus is an extra burden. Please pray that Coronavirus will not sweep through Africa as feared and bear in mind how under-equipped countries are and how inadequate their resources.



As a seminary we are soldiering on, staying open for the short-term but being cautious and wary. Our students are safer here than travelling to their home dioceses for their

Easter break even though there are no restrictions on travel yet. We are aware that a lockdown could be imposed at any time so they might not be able to return if they left. Please pray for their families, for understanding and patience.

We are thinking of our family, friends and link churches too. Being far away and unable to support them is difficult. Adam continues to work for the fraud investigation department at a call centre for a major bank in Liverpool. Because of reduced public transport he is finding it frustrating to get to and from work.

Hannah is confined to home in London. She has underlying health issues that make her especially vulnerable to the virus. Her boyfriend is a great support to her thankfully. She is able to continue work on her Ph.D.



We are aware of several parishioners in our link churches also who have contracted the virus and we are thinking of you in our prayers. May God surround you with His comfort and strength.

In January, Hannah was able to visit us for two weeks which was wonderful. Unfortunately during that time Lyn had a serious fall, slipping in mud after a heavy nights rainfall. No bones were broken but there was long-term injury to her right knee and lower back requiring regular physiotherapy which is still ongoing. She is much better and more mobile now and gradually easing back into work. Please pray for complete and lasting recovery.

In these uncertain and bewildering times we need to look at the example of Christ our Lord and Saviour, His trust in the Father and the promise of the Holy Spirit to always be with us. These assurances give us an anchor.

May God bless you and keep you safe and well,

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