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Dear all

Currently, there is a lot of debate over the effect of wearing facial masks in public places. Several countries are already demanding citizens to wear facial masks under different circumstances, where they are more likely to transmit virus to others. Part of the debate is whether it is a violation against our protected, civil rights. Facial masks are uncomfortable for sure. But I must admit that I have been greatly surprised to see this negative reaction. Of course we have rights as human beings. But more important than our own protected rights are the responsibilities and duties we have towards each other. Mette and Djamina have been running a course called *“Loving Your Neighbour during the Corona Pandemic”*, where they have focused on, how we can show love during the Corona pandemic. One way of showing love is to protect each other from the virus. To wear a facial mask is not a violation of my civil rights, but it is a duty – even a Christian duty – towards my neighbour.

As the virus continues to cause disruption around the world, we will see many more counterproductive reactions to government-imposed restrictions. In Relay Trust we are continuing our response programme, – and we are still focusing on creating awareness, because it seems as though we so easily forget good habits, once restrictions have been lifted.



Issa together with the actors from the tutorial videos after completing the final recordings.

First tutorial video reached 250,000 people

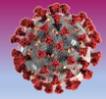
We continued the production of awareness campaign videos during July. The first tutorial video on hand washing was released on social media. The French and English versions all together reached 250,000 people from targeted countries through Facebook alone. Recently we

launched a tutorial on social / physical distancing. So far, the English version has reached more than 40,000 people. We will continue to share the videos and target them to relevant groups. If you want to watch our latest video on physical distancing, you can find it on our Facebook page:

 <https://www.facebook.com/1414099498625005/videos/583048692582491>

If you or your organisation would like to share the videos and help us spread the message, please contact us. We are more than happy to share!

Our next tutorial on DIY (do it yourself) facial masks will be released very soon. We are grateful for our skilled production team in Cameroon, who has made such an extraordinary effort.



Welcome to a new team member

Since the outbreak of Coronavirus, we have scaled up our activity level. We have seen the need to provide training through digital media and expand it to more countries and language groups. Our team members have been overstretched to balance many different activities



Mrs Lorreta O. Zock



Djamina and Issa are making audio recordings for the French version of the course.

simultaneously. Therefore, we have been forced to expand and add more members to our team. Next month Lorreta will begin serving as a part time assistant providing online training on the course called “*Loving Your Neighbour*”. This course is developed by Timothy Leadership Training, but

adapted for a digital format by Relay Trust. Lorreta will handle the English-speaking groups. Currently, the course, upon request, is being translated into French and will also be translated into Hausa, Swahili and possibly Amharic. Lorreta is married to Issa, so she is already familiar with Relay Trust. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

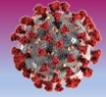


Mrs. Maria Silkjær

Next month, Maria will begin in a full-time position with Relay Trust. She has served with us in a small part time position since last year. With her new full-time position, she will focus on Farming God’s Way, but she will also be focusing on the didactic aspects of the training we are offering, especially around Christian formation. During the past months, Maria has been involved in the development of the tutorial videos in close collaboration with the media team in Cameroon. We

are excited to have this opportunity to increase her hours with us.

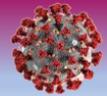
From August, Relay Trust will have 12 team members: 7 full-time and 5 part-time.



Mock up and analysis of The Well solution

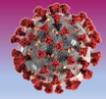
In July we started an intensive mock up and analysis process for our Well product solution. We are working on a device which can be used to share content and deliver training in areas with less access to internet. This is the reality in many places across Africa, where individuals struggle to get access to digital learning. We want to find a solution, which can help churches and minor institutions to provide relevant, contextualized training to remote grass-root leaders. The journey from initial idea to actual production is long. But we are now getting much closer to our destination. With the assistance from Kolo Group, a ministry focusing on technology, we are now looking critically at our product solution, so that we can get a viable product ready within the next 6 months. Even though the process is mainly focusing on the actual Well product, it also forces us to really reflect on our overall strategy for grass-root leadership training. We want to provide a solution which is easily scalable, and where we as a ministry will not end up as the “bottlenecks”. Technology can help us with some of this, but even technology needs to be wrapped in a good and effective strategy. By the end of September, we should have a clear roadmap for the various phases of our next development.





Progress at Mount Zion

When the Coronavirus started to ravage the world, we thought that it would cause a serious disruption in the construction of Mount Zion. Thankfully, this does not seem to be the case. Though Sierra Leone has suffered from some restrictions, it has been possible for the Anglican Diocese of Freetown and the North to continue the preparations. They have now made an agreement with a local contractor, Global Services Ltd., who will use the “design and build model”. After making all the necessary agreements and signing a contract, the first phase will focus on the design. This phase should be completed by end of September. Provided the result is satisfactory, the construction should begin later this year. We receive regular reports from the coordination team in Sierra Leone, and we are looking forward to see the beginning of the construction.



Are you interested in partnering with us?



We have our hands full. If you are interested in volunteering with us as a private person or partnering with us as an organisation, we would love to hear from you. All you need to do is write an email to Alex Bjergbæk Klausen: abk@relaytrust.org. You can decide, how you would like to volunteer and the

amount of time you are ready to donate. We would like support in all the areas mentioned above. We want to welcome you as an active part of Relay Trust's operations.

Of course, we are also happy to receive donations. All donations should be sent through our partner organisation in Denmark, which is responsible for our finances. Send your donation to:

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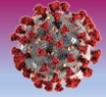
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Thank you for your prayers!



"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We appreciate your prayers, as we are taking our next steps. A lot of things are happening in Relay Trust. Part of the new and exciting expansion involves the establishment of a new headquarter office in England. The office is in the central part of Oxford, where there is an



excellent opportunity to network with other organisations, churches and even universities. Mette and Alex will move to Oxford within the next couple of months to begin this process.

We appreciate your prayers and support for Relay Trust, as we continue to serve in God's mission. Especially we would like you to pray for the progress of the Well product so that we may identify a good roadmap for the ongoing

development together with Kolo Group. We would also like you to pray for the awareness campaign and the translation of the course "Loving your Neighbour" into different languages. Pray for those who are currently going through our various training programmes, offered through WhatsApp. Some have just completed their courses and are now going to apply what they have learned. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance so that they may use their newly acquired skills for the benefit of the mission.

We are looking forward to sharing more news updates with you.

God bless!

Alex Bjergbæk Klausen

on behalf of the Relay Trust Team



Mette and Neil in front of the entrance to the new office in central Oxford.