

May 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

**Please continue your engagement with EMAS Canada, the COVID-19 pandemic makes our services more necessary and urgent than ever.** The vulnerable communities we serve still need us. To them the after-effects will be a downturn, without safety nets, in already fragile family economies with markedly inadequate national medical services. Most countries where we serve will be straining under a heavy backlog of patients in the coming months.

Covid-19 is like a siege, it has closed needy countries, diverting meagre local resources to itself, and locking out foreign assistance. The travel embargo means most teams will not travel in 2020. However, teams will send funds to their projects as income allows during the remainder of this year. Teams are raising funds for emergency relief to support partners battling the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore continue to support their overseas partners even when we are unable to travel.

**You can help** by donating to the **emergency relief fund**. You may designate to a specific team by indicating team name in the dedication box.

In the meantime, the staff, team leaders, and board have housekeeping work to do, among them:

- A new strategic plan
- Policy reviews
- Feasibility study for a development project in Zimbabwe
- Analysis of our database to improve services to the teams, donors, and volunteers.

**We do not wish to see a weakening or loss of our friendship with you in this year of reduced external ministry.**

You may have lost income opportunities, or worse a loved one, during these difficult times, give us the honor of coming alongside by sharing with the leader of the team you support so they can be in prayer with and for you. Perhaps from within your team of affiliation God will provide networking opportunities that will lessen your burden. You are also welcome to participate in team meetings via videoconferencing, ask your team about the next meeting.

The staff and the board are taking practical steps at cost containment such as this much toned-down version of EMASSARY, and a move to electronic mailing and virtual meetings. The EMAS Office is now fully virtual. Staff will work from their homes, saving the cost of office rent. **You can help** by updating your contact information by email to Sandy or by letter using our new mailing address:

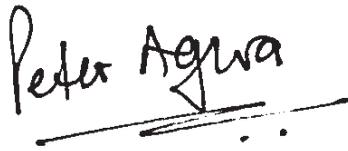
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We step forward with confidence that God who raises the dead, can lift any siege, and remember how in the days of Elisha in just one day everything turned around? (2 Kings 6:24—33; 7:1-20)

Teams to Africa and Haiti are hoping and planning to travel in the fall.

Thank you so much for giving and if you are able, please continue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Agwa". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that has several small dots at its end.

Peter Agwa  
Executive Director

**Enclosed please find a donor response card.  
You may give to overseas ministry support  
or our new Emergency Relief Fund.**

For more information on our response to COVID-19  
please go to: [www.emascanada.org](http://www.emascanada.org)