



.....The poor and helpless have fled to you
and have been saved in times of trouble..... Isaiah 25:4

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We hope this up-date finds you safe and well as we are in this very unusual year. The Amara shop in Larne had to close on 18th March and opened again on 1st July. At present we are open Monday, Wednesday & Saturday and have been very busy. Due to Covid-19 three of our senior volunteers have been unable to come back but God has provided two excellent new workers just at the right time.



Africa too has had its problems with the pandemic and Dr Swanson from Arusha hospital says "there have been many Covid-19 patients and deaths in the area, some being buried at night secretly so as neighbours would not know they had died of Covid" (even if they hadn't). Amara Aid has sent £20,000 to help the hospital cope with rising costs & PPE.

The young people that we support have thankfully not contracted the virus and our prayers are with them every day. Just before the Tanzanian lock down Queen obtained her cabin crew certificate with Air Tanzania but because of Covid the airline stopped recruiting staff and planes stopped flying. Please pray that soon she can get a job.

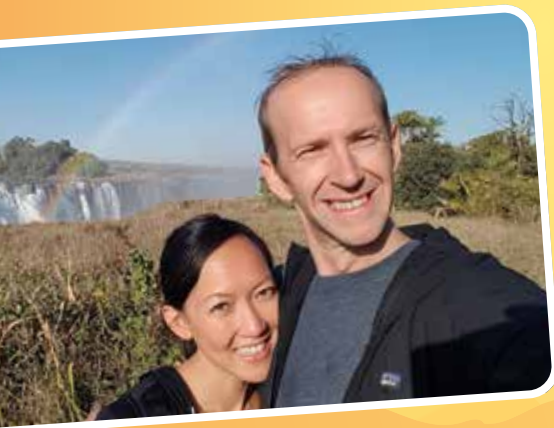
During the summer months we learned that Arusha Modern School closed permanently prior to the four young people we support sitting their "A" level exams. Their results were not as good as had been hoped for



but thankfully Gillian has been accepted to University to study business management and Philipo accepted into University to study Agriculture. Elkana and Eva are still waiting!

Please pray for these students. Life is tough for them. Amara sent £300 to Gillian three weeks ago to help her purchase essential needs but the money was sent back twice to Equity bank and eventually came back into the Amara account after Iris spent hours in the Danske Bank getting them to track it. These are some of the difficulties that have accompanied Covid-19 and year 2020. We are still working on this problem!

Thankfully it is not all doom and gloom. Things are beginning to get back to normal in Tanzania and hopefully Queen and the others will soon be able to support themselves at least partially after getting work. Sabra still has her job at the hospital but nothing is certain.



Paul and Esther are moving to Northern Ireland at the end of January 2021. Paul has been in Africa for 21 years now and will still be able to work from home (their new home outside Larne) in his present job while Esther is hoping to secure a new job here.

The Directors of Amara Aid are so thankful for the support, finance and prayers of everyone who has helped us over the past 21 years. The young people and hospital staff send their greetings and prayers to those who have supported them for another year.

A new project is in the pipeline for 2021 when the children at a school in Mozambique are to be given meals every day to help those who have very little to eat at home.

May God Bless you and keep you safe over these difficult winter months.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2021.



PS Amara is using the 2019 Christmas catalogue this year again as some were left over from last year. Many of the items are still available but the Gift cards have only 3 projects.

Orphans/education £5, Doctors salary £10 and Neo-natal £20.

The Amara web-site (www.amaraaid.com) has further information and items can be purchased via PayPal.