



will you help our brothers and sisters in Rwanda?

The Covid-19 virus knows no national borders. Rwanda also has instituted restrictions.

On May 1, authorities in Rwanda announced that they would ease some restrictions related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) starting May 4.

Services and operations that will resume on that day include:

- Limited movement of people will be allowed within their local provinces. Public and private modes of transportation will also be allowed to resume operations within the provinces they typically operate in. Passengers cannot board buses without a face mask.
- Hotels and restaurants will be allowed to resume limited operations, provided that they observe social distancing guidelines. The new order

will allow restaurants to open until 1900 daily; hotels will also be able to operate so long as they only allow guests on their premises in the evenings.

- Construction and manufacturing sectors of the economy are allowed to resume operations with their essential personnel only.

Restrictions that will remain in place include:

- A nationwide lockdown through May 3.
- Curfew hours of 2000-0500 will enter into force from May 4. The order does not apply to individuals working in essential businesses or critical sectors.
- Residents must wear face masks while in public.
- Rwanda's border crossings remain closed, except for the movement of cargo.
- All returning citizens and residents will be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.
- All flights to and from Kigali International Airport (KGL), with the exception of cargo and emergency flights, remain suspended. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all ports of entry.
- A ban on public and private travel between different provinces and the city of Kigali remains in place.
- Closure of schools through September.
- Closure of places of worship until further notice.
- A ban on public and private gatherings of people; no more than 30 people will be allowed to attend a funeral.

Officials will review the country's preventive measures every 15 days; they will

implement further measures or ease existing restrictions depending on the evolution of disease activity in the country.

The result has been hunger for many of our brothers and sisters in the Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda. They are unable to work and there are no government programs to tide them over.

I would challenge every congregation of CALC to consider making a donation (as well as individuals).

Our goal is: \$7500.00

We would like to do this by: June 10.

The cost of making a charity to charity bank transfer is \$60. Please help if you can at all do it.

How?

By e-transfer to: office@victorylutheran.ca

Question: What day do we worship? Answer: Sunday

**By cheque to Victory Lutheran Church
2793 Southview Dr. SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1B 2H1**

By credit card via Canada Helps, search for Victory Lutheran Church, Medicine Hat.

Please be sure to note on the cheque or message: Rwanda Relief

God bless you all!

Pastor Jim Bredeson