

Infant Jesus Sisters



Greetings to all our amazing friends in Ayrfield. We are always so grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness towards Nigeria. We didn't actually expect to receive anything this year as we knew everything was closed down just as you had planned to have the Lenten Collection. I had been in contact with Freda about some of the people we were helping and she told us "contributions" would come during Lent. But then ...!!!!.. life changed for you and for the whole world. No more going to Church, no meetings, not even the possibility of leaving your homes. Sr Eilish who co-ordinated our fund raising was herself in hospital with Corona and as you know she later passed away.

We certainly did not expect you to think of us, during these terrible times you yourselves are going through.

Here we have been spared the worst of the Virus. Nobody knows how or why, but for now we have very few people infected, and hardly any in our area, TG.

Anne and I had hoped to come home on the 1st of July and to thank you in person, but no flights out of Nigeria for the foreseeable future. Hopefully, by August /September.

Meanwhile, thank you so much for sending us such a generous contribution. We have been using it to support the HIV families during lock-down. As you know most of our people are petty traders selling tomatoes, potatoes, firewood etc and when we were put under lockdown there was no money coming from anywhere. So we shared "a little" every few weeks with all the families (about 60). Most would have maize or rice but they would not have the money to buy "ingredients" eg vegetables, seasoning, beans etc So that is where your "gift" made all the difference. For now lockdown has been lifted completely so people can move about and sell things. Life has improved slightly. If a major economic crisis comes, we don't know what will happen, but the whole world is in the same situation.

Please convey to all the parishioners and friends our deepest gratitude and appreciation. We look forward to seeing you in the Autumn.

Love and prayers Srs Antoinette / Anne (Infant Jesus Sisters, Nigeria).