



**German – South Africa
Arenshost Parish – Ntuzuma Parish
Covid19 lockdown relief**

Covid19 Pandemic



World Health Organization (WHO) declare Covid19 and global pandemic. This followed by many countries applying lockdown to limit movement of people both across borders and within the country. South Africa was one of those countries affected by Covid19 and Government declare this a National disaster, National disaster came with many restrictions but that was not enough.

SA President announce lockdown which came with many restrictions which banned movement of people from one to province to another. All flights local and internal was also grounded. This was an unprecedented experience for all of us including government leadership. SA citizens cooperated with unprecedented rules as they new government was trying to slow down the infection rate of this virus. Lockdown also assisted government to prepare hospitals and other health requirements to deal with this enemy.



Although lockdown was important to save lives but it came with other problems. Some people are self employed and they couldn't work during lockdown and they didn't have food to feed their families. Other people were not employed before lockdown and the situation became worse due to lockdown. Other people lost job due to lockdown, There were many challenges but many related with hunger. Parish Priest Rev F. Nhlangulela and the Parish Council started to assist needy people but we didn't have much to cover many people. Rev Nhlangulela had conversation with Arenshost Parish Council leader Susanne Storck, Susanne, Arenshost Prist Rev A. Pohlmann and the Arenshost Parish Council donated money for Ntuzuma to assist people fighting with hunger during lockdown.

Covid19 Relief Program



After receiving funds from Arenshost Parish, Ntuzuma Parish Council had virtual meeting to come up with a program to assist congregants to fight hunger during lockdown, Parish Council appreciated the support from our partners. We then resolved that we will buy glossary which may last a month for each selected families. As we have seven Congregations, we asked each Congregation to submit the list of their member who need support more then other as we couldn't support all of the.

Parish Council received the list and decided to support 72 families based on budget we had.

Ntuzuma Parish Council tasked Projects and Partnership Chairperson (on left in the picture) and Rev F Nhlangulela (in the right in the picture) to lead the program. They were supported by Projects and Partnership Committee and some members of the Parish Council.

It took two days to finish the program. First day, Projects and Partnership Committee visited shops to make quotations. On the second day they had to go to buy and bring back food



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This is Project and Partnership Committee members on the first day making quotations, They made all arrangement to ensure that the following day they will come with Treasurer to pay and collect food. We appreciated their dedication and commitment from day one to the end.

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We bought food and delivered it to Esangweni Congregation. Parish Council Members and Projects and Partnership worked for entire day offloading food and arranged it into food parcel,

Later each Congregation has to take their parcels and deliver to the relevant family as per the list. We saw dedication from Congregational Council members delivering food to each family. That job was finished at night. Some finished the following day,



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When all was ready for Congregation to collect, we gather together and pray, We thank God for all his Grace and Mercy which follows us even during the tough times, We thank God for using Arenshost Parish to save many lives. We pray God to bless Arenshost Parish with more.

