Have you spotted rainbows in people's windows lately? Maybe you've made one of your own as a symbol of hope and to support the NHS. Maybe you've joined your street on a Thursday clapping to say thank you to NHS and other key workers.

In Africa, they don't have a National Health Service like we do, and people have to pay for treatment if they get sick. In many countries they don't have enough equipment or beds.

We asked some of our missionaries to share how the pandemic has been affecting them. Could you pray for them?

PRAY FOR AFRICA

DURING THE PANDEMIC

NORTH AFRICA

We've been in lockdown for six weeks, and it's likely to be longer. Only Dad can only go out to buy food and he has to have a signed paper for authorisation and wear a mask. If he doesn't he could get fined or put in prison. Pray that people who are stuck inside would be able to connect with Christian friends online.

UGANDA

Give thanks that the government has done a great job for now to slow down and contain the spread of the virus. Almost all people with Covid-19 so far were already in quarantine when they tested positive.

CHAD

Public buses and minibuses are not allowed to operate anymore here which will have a big effect on people going to the market and carrying back food. Pray that people will understand that the rules are in place to keep them safe.

RWANDA

Lots of people here don't earn enough to have savings, so without cash from a job, they're struggling to buy food. Pray that the government would find ways to help people.

DR CONGO

Our country is just getting over an outbreak of another disease called Ebola. Pray that all the government and the doctors learnt about stopping that disease will help them protect us against Covid-19.

TAN7ANIA

cases are starting to rise in Tanzania so we've been our helping our neighbours prepare. We've helped them set up buckets so that water drips out gradually, giving them a safer way to wash their hands.

MOZAMBIQUE

Schools and universities are closed so we are teaching remotely at the Bible College. I can phone my students and they can text me questions. Pray we will be able to meet together again soon.



In the Bible, God puts a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to the Earth never to send a flood like the one that Noah lived through.

What are some of God's promises to us that you can remember from the Bible? Do they make you feel hopeful?

SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU, DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD.

ISAIAH 40:10