

# OUR JOURNEY



Helping Children Around the World (HCAW) Newsletter

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## OUR MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE CLEAN WATER, FOOD, EDUCATION AND INDIVIDUAL SOLAR LIGHTING TO CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD, EQUIPPING CHILDREN TO HELP THEMSELVES OUT OF POVERTY SO THEY CAN HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME.

### Message from CEO Artra Green

#### *Supporters we are so grateful for your support*

I have said it over and over again that we cannot do this work without you. It is because of you that thousands of hungry children have been fed; thousands have been given clean water to drink; scholarships have been given to many students so they can continue their education; children in homeless shelters were given the opportunity to attend a summer educational camp; thousands of school children all over world have been given school supplies so their chance for success is enhanced.

#### *Thank you for your continued support*

This year 2020, is a challenging year for us all as well as the nonprofit corporation Helping Children Around The World (HCAW). This challenge is caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The coronavirus has forced all non-essential businesses, churches, and schools to close all over the world, forcing families and children to stay home. This has caused great stress and uncertainty to families and children. It saddens me and we have no idea how long the effect of this virus will last.

The Directors and I are seeking ways to reach these vulnerable families and children.

Supporters, this is where we need your help. We urge you to help us during this difficult and challenging time. Please let us know when you identify vulnerable families who are in need of food, clean water, and educational supplies. If and when you identify them please contact us at: [info@helpingchildrenworld.org](mailto:info@helpingchildrenworld.org) or call 707-399-9550.

As Chief Executive it is my goal to make sure once this pandemic is over and a vaccine has been developed, The Corporation with your support, we will have an opportunity to continue reaching more vulnerable families and children. I am predicting that the needs of families and children will be greater after the pandemic. Therefore, with your help HCAW plans to be there to help meet the needs of as many children as we can.

Supporters, I am praying for your safety, your families, and your friends during this unprecedented crisis. Therefore, to help keep you safe during this pandemic The Directors and I decided to cancel the "in person" 6th Annual Tea at the Jelly Belly, in Fairfield, CA, on February 13, 2021. **However please save the date.** We are still planning an exciting and fun 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. We will keep you informed. Until then Stay Safe!!

# HOW COVID-19 IS AFFECTING THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH

By Arae

Covid-19 is affecting my life in a great deal of ways. For example I couldn't even celebrate my 16th birthday I was so sad the whole week of my birthday. I had so many plans, but let's talk on some serious matters when the Covid first occurred everyone was petrified and probably still is just not as much, to be frank I was glad that the schools were closing, so I could get more rest but I got tired of being in the house with nothing to do and being on the phone all the time. Then I started to miss school more and more and my school friends. But I started spending more time with my family and started to focus on myself and the people around me, but other than that it's been relaxing.

By Naliya

Corona virus has affected me in many ways. I miss going to church and dancing, because of corona virus I cannot go to school and see my friends. I can talk with them on the phone but it's not as much fun. I wish it wasn't as bad as it is now. When I was in school I didn't watch my phone as much. When I did school at home it was harder because I was more distracted. I miss church and school and I hope that this will end soon.

By Jordan

So because of this Corona Virus I can't see any of my best friends, so that makes me upset. Also I am stuck at home which makes one mad and I cannot go to school. So I cannot make new friends and learn. I cannot go to the park with my family. Now I have to do drive by birthdays instead of surprise parties. At the end of the day I am stuck at home but I can call my friends. I also miss summer school at church which is a bummer. Since this started I would beg my dad to get a pet to play with me. Now I have to do distant school so I cannot really meet people. When the quarantine started I loved planting. I became more artistic. I think this out break brings people together meaning my family and I know we can rise up.



Hi, my name is Pepe and I am seven years old. I was born on February 17, 2013. The Coronavirus is a virus that is killing people. The Covid19 has affected me because my friends Iona and Lydia caught the Coronavirus. I told them not to play with people.

Because of Corona, I can't see my friends. I can't go to restaurants. I have protected myself by taking vitamins. I wear a mask and social distance. I have helped others by wearing my mask and social distancing. The blessing I see is that some people are healed even though some have been killed.

I have had to find other things to do. My mom said that I have been really brave and flexible because I had to change my schedule. I hope that someone make a vitamin to stop Coronavirus. My mom says it is called a vaccine and not a vitamin.

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Hi, my name is Dakota and I am 8 years old. My birthday is November 29. The Coronavirus is an effective virus that is contagious and can kill people of all ages. Covid19 has affected me because of my allergies. My brother and I have two friends who got Corona. I can't take swimming lessons. I have to stay in the car if we go places. If we go to Costco and the grocery store with my dad, it takes three hours. I can't see my friends in person.



I have protected myself from the Covid19 by wearing a mask, taking vitamins, and washing my hands. I feel bad that I can't be with my friends. I am excited that I can still go camping with my brother, mom and dad. I have helped others by making cards for the city of Davis, CA to thank the helpers and to ask them to social distance. I did this through my business and I made \$18. I have been concerned about people not social distancing.

## "I Can't Breathe"

By Amanda Harrinauth

What worries you about this? A question I often ask my clients to dive way down deep into their soul.

Fallen black and brown lives everywhere. No one seems to care about the impact of this "epidemic". It will leave you breathless.

I can't breathe, I thought the US was the land of the free? "but I am not, just by being me" I come from a black mother and an East Indian father. I thought I would never have to question "Does my life matter?"

I can't breathe, when I turn on the tv and see millions of protests in the streets and around the world.

The role of a coach to is help clients live their dreams, when my client says to me "coach, my dream is just to live"

pain echoes in my heart for the fallen souls, my brothers and sisters who have done nothing wrong, jogging, sleeping, buying soda.

I can't breathe, when I hear of the deaths of young men and women, the only crime committed seems to be the color of their skin.

I took a knee for the justice of my brothers and sisters, George, Eric, Brianna, Trayvon, Sandra, Ahmaud, Michael, Oscar and so many others.

It hurts my heart that "I Can't Breathe" is a nationwide quote.

Everyone should have the right to live.

*I CAN'T BREATHE*

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