

THE 8TH EAST AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE. 6TH-8TH OCTOBER

THEME:

***COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AFTER COVID-19 PANDEMIC
AROUND THE GLOBE.***



CARITAS
For Children

CARITAS FOR CHILDREN *is a Catholic Lay Apostolate that provides financial assistance for the health, education and general welfare of orphaned and other disadvantaged children located worldwide under a variety of Child-Sponsorship programs in partnership with the services of Catholic Religious communities and other individual or groups with a goal of spreading God's Love (Caritas).*

OUR MISSION:

To build global relationships that reflect the universal call to “love God with one’s whole heart and one’s neighbor as oneself.” (Matt. 22:37-40).

OUR VISION:

To create a worldwide community of sponsors and beneficiaries, where relationships of compassion, generosity, and love foster the practice of true charity...

“a living caritas.”

Official Designations and how to find us:-

- [Private Juridic Personality](#)
- [Official Catholic Directory](#)
- [Home - Caritas](#)

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE DO:

- *Provision of financial assistance for the health, education and general welfare of orphaned and other disadvantaged children. – Child Sponsorship*
- Act as a bridge to people who feel a need to spread God's Love worldwide. – Sponsor Family
- Provision of psychosocial and spiritual support to children, their families, and our sponsor families. – Through Prayers, - Prayer Warriors, - Counseling

**A FLASHBACK
OF WHAT
HAPPENED IN
2020 - 2021**

- 1. Lockdown and closure of schools, churches and businesses (big & small).**
- 2. Schools were turned into rentals and animal housings.**
- 3. Churches and Mosques were demolished by land grabbers and those who are fighting against Mother Church.**
- 4. Children became idle and learning bad behaviors.**
- 5. Increased cases of Early pregnancy and child mothers (from 12 years...), mostly from close relatives & family friends.**
- 6. Increased cases of Forced marriages.**
- 7. Increased cases of domestic violence.**
- 8. Increase of crime rate among children and young people.**
- 9. Hunger**
- 10. Et al....**

WHEN LOCKDOWN WAS RELEASED; SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES REOPENED

1. Our children went back to school though “scientifically” but smiled again.
2. Games and Sports activities were restored and these are helping many children’s mental health gradually get healed.



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3. We are now able to reach out to “**the least of our brothers**” at the extreme end.
4. Collective prayers are now possible.
5. Et al.....



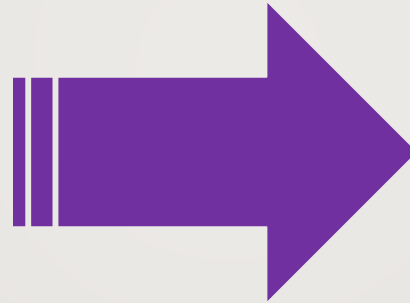
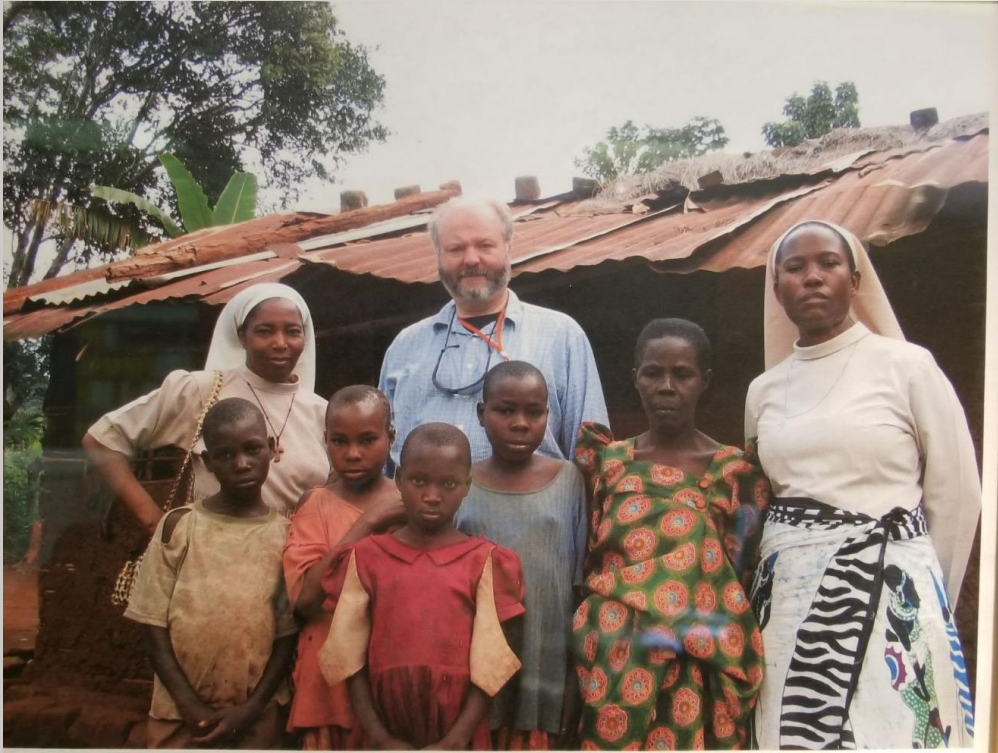
NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF COVID 19 PANDEMIC IN OUR COMMUNITIES OF OPERATION.

- **Suicide and other deaths** related to the COVID-19 Pandemic effects causing increase in number of orphans.
- Displacement of sponsored children from one area to either unknown or a far area.
- Rapidly growing worrisome families. – No food, insufficient basic needs, etc
- Et al....



Where We Are;-

I. Our pioneers have graduated and now self-reliant citizens in different fields...





..... and among the best in there classes

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2. Our Seminarians have made their Perpetual Professions as Brothers and soon Becoming Priests; we pray for them.



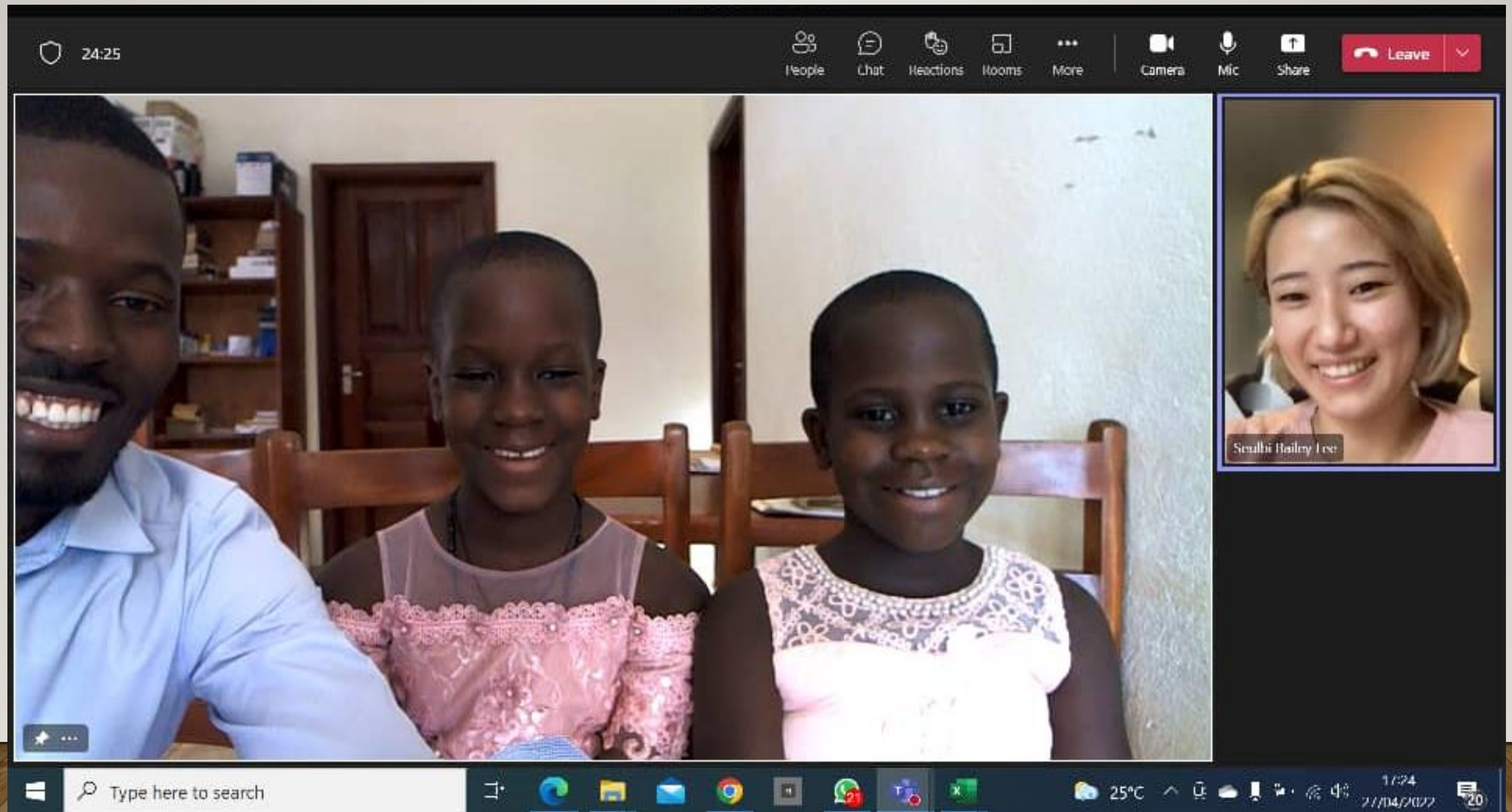
3. Improved Technology

- a) We now meet as a team and those attending online can join a group picture on screen.
- b) Sponsors can now meet their sponsored children any time.
- c) Other new systems of communication; Online Letter exchange system and Gift mailing.

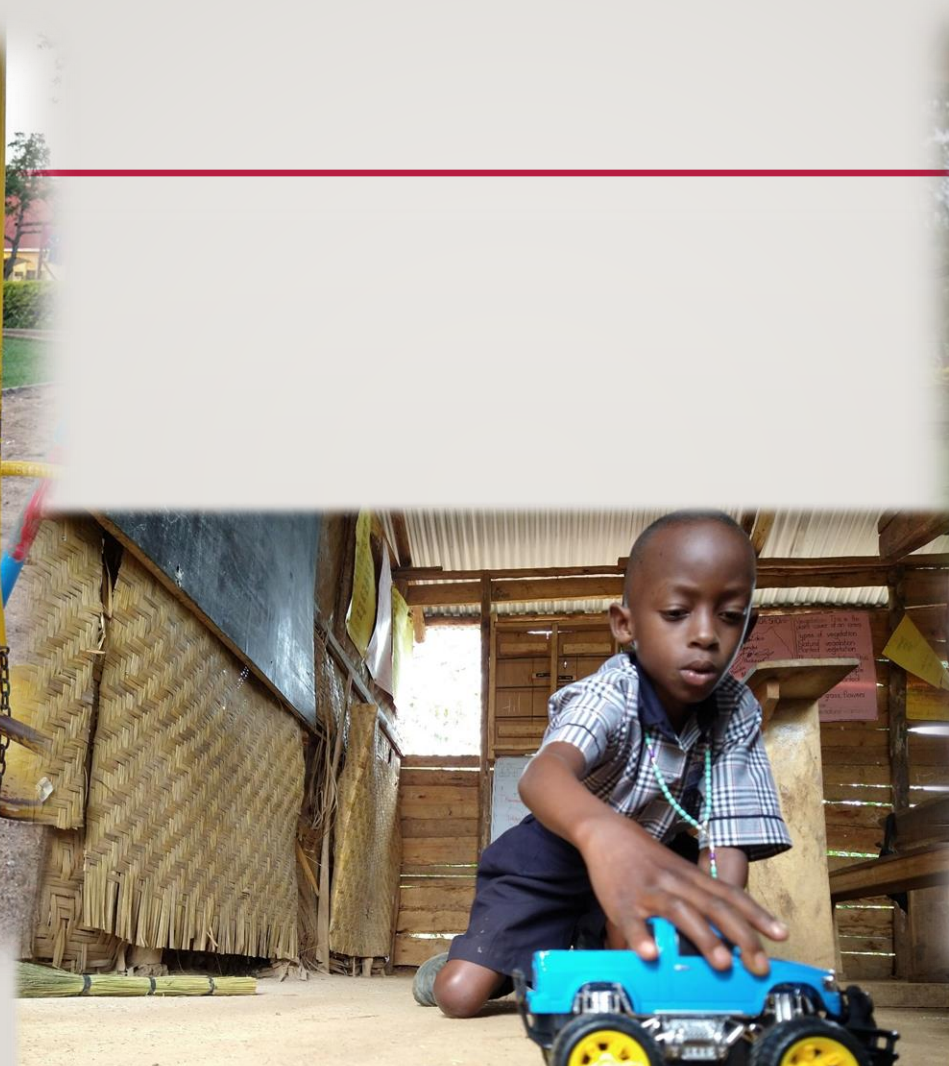
a). We now meet as a team and those attending online can join a group picture on screen; --look at the chair.



b). Sponsors can now meet their sponsored children any time. -- Technology strengthening sponsor-child relationship.



c). online letter exchange system and gift mailing.



DISCUSSION QUESTION --1

- Did COVID-19 bring any “**NEW**” problem to us? If Yes, please mention some.

DISCUSSION QUESTION --2

- If I say “We have lived with all our problems which we have always been trying to solve though Covid-19 Pandemic damaged and distorted our remedies.” Do you agree with me?

YOUR ROLE

1. Keep spreading God's Love wherever you are.

2. Join us:

<https://caritas.us/contact-us>

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3. Pray for your self and the World.



Thank you!!
God bless you

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