

Dear Friend,

*In this challenging season, Audrey and I, along with our COO and our Board Chairman, want you to know how much you mean to us and that you are in our prayers. Despite these difficult times, the Lord is continuing to advance his Kingdom through the work at Vapor Ministries.*

*Below, please see the overview of our COVID-19 Bridge Fund, and how we are responding in the face of the pandemic. This note overviews the **Purpose, Services, and Breakdown** of this response fund:*

## COVID-19 BRIDGE FUND PURPOSE

With the pandemic's impact on the economy, our financial picture has been challenged. After adjusting our budgets and making necessary cuts, we created this fund to ensure we sustain ministry operations while serving those impacted by COVID-19. By God's grace, a group of core partners has stepped in with resources to ensure our HQ Support Center will be kept intact. We are now driving every dollar given to the fund toward our work in impoverished communities.

We are resolved to **continue core humanitarian** services (*clean water, critical care grants, food provision, and much more*) and **gospel proclamation** efforts through our centers. At the same time, we are experiencing a human crisis in the slums where we operate. Most people in these slums live without running water or electricity. Survival dictates they leave their homes daily to collect water and food, but government curfews and travel restrictions in the slums are exacerbating an already dire situation. Staying home to avoid possible disease means certain death from starvation and dehydration. Therefore, while we will endeavor to continue essential outreach, the crisis calls for us to expand in 3 ways:

•**Health/Medical Services:** In addition to the life saving medical care we already provide, we are **increasing Critical Care Grant access** to help people affected by COVID-19. We are also **adding coronavirus prevention training** as a service to our communities.

•**Water:** In addition to sustaining water distribution at each center, we are **opening more water access points** at centers and **contracting water trucks** to deliver water deeper in the slums in a way that allows accessibility while promoting social distancing.

•**Food:** With schools closed, children have lost access to their most reliable meal. We are **providing sack meals** to children in the most critical situations, **expanding existing feeding services, and providing food delivery** to the most needy in our communities.



All funds given provide "bridge support" that allow us to **meet critical needs today** while ensuring that we, together, can **meet needs, feed souls, and elevate God for years to come.**

# COVID-19 BRIDGE FUND SERVICES

Support the ongoing and expanded work of Vapor Ministries centers in Kenya, Togo, and Haiti, where the poorest of the poor are uniquely exposed to this growing global health crisis.



During this pandemic, daily operations at our centers and life in the slums we serve looks very different than usual. We are following government guidelines that restrict large group gatherings, so instead of thousands of people coming to our centers daily, we are deploying our staff to take the ministry out into the community in a safe way. Live-saving physical aid and the soul-saving gospel are still advancing, even as we do our part to stop the advance of the virus.



Our indigenous staff are keenly aware of the families most affected by illness, job loss, and other hardships. While some can still come and access life saving resources at our centers, others cannot, as government policy has restricted movement. Through our COVID-19 Bridge Fund, you are ensuring delivery of food packages and clean water to those in the most desperate situations.

Most people living in extreme poverty lack access to basic health information and training. In response, our staff are conducting trainings at our many pop-up hand washing stations and distributing printed instructions to educate families on COVID-19 prevention methods. As our sponsored students come to receive their daily meal, proper hygiene is reinforced and they are given soap to take home for their families.

Our Critical Care Grant Program continues to help people with life-saving emergency needs, and as COVID-19 ramps up in the slums, your generosity toward the Bridge Fund will allow us to further our partnership with local hospitals and care providers for testing and treatment. Without these grants, the majority of people we serve have no access to medical care.





# COVID-19 BRIDGE FUND BREAKDOWN

Because the generosity of our core partners, every additional dollar given from here on will go to serve the least and the lost in extremely poor environments.

## Component 1: Discipleship and Relief

### Africa Ministry Centers

Ministry Staff Compensation (238 Team Members)	\$100,000
Humanitarian Assistance	\$ 61,000
Center Facilities & Ops, Discipleship & Aid Supplies	\$ 92,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$253,000</b>

### Haiti Ministry Centers

Ministry Staff Compensation (172 Team Members)	\$ 69,000
Humanitarian Assistance	\$ 60,000
Center Facilities & Ops, Discipleship & Aid Supplies	\$ 87,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$216,000</b>

### Business Support

Bridge Support for Our International Businesses	<b>Total</b> \$21,000
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### Expanded Programming - COVID-19 Relief

Expanded Weekly Food Supplements	\$ 90,000
Disease Prevention Education & Treatment	\$110,000
Expanded Water Provision	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>

Original Goal: \$700,000  
 Funded To Date: -\$612,872

## Component 2: Head Quarters Operating

US Back Office: Admin, Marketing, Reserves, etc.	<b>Total: \$300,000</b>
	<b>Goal Funded!</b>

Combined Original Goal: \$1,000,000  
 Combined Funded To Date: -\$912,872  
**Current Remaining Need: \$87,128**

100% of donations given to Component 1 support Vapor Ministries' ongoing, life-saving ministry work in Kenya, Togo, and Haiti, and unique expansion of this work to respond to the economic and public health crisis that COVID-19 poses in deeply impoverished places.

Component 2 is funded and will allow long-term viability of Vapor Ministries given the severe stateside economic impacts of COVID-19.

Please note that the situation is evolving daily and we are responding in real time. The figures in this table are a high-level outlook based on our current ministry budget, information we have today, and our outlook on the evolving COVID-19 situation. Within the overall stated uses of this fund, Vapor Ministries retains the right to reallocate funds as needed to optimize response, excepting cases where a specific sub-restriction is requested.

We invite you to prayerfully join our efforts and sow in as you can, towards the final amount needed to fully fund these efforts. Please reach out to us if we can answer any questions. God bless you! Stay safe, we are praying for you!

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