

Newsletter: April 2020

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A Special Emergency Request

ADEA is a registered 501c3 Not for Profit and all contributions are tax deductible.

Contributions can be made online at www.ADEAAfrica.org by PayPal or a check payable to ADEA at the address above - Your support is greatly appreciated.

COVID-19 HITS TANZANIA

As of today - April 22 - there are officially 287 cases and 18 deaths in Tanzania On April 7 there were only 24 reported cases and 1 death.

CORONA MAKES IT TO MTWARA

Five days ago the first case of Corona was reported in Mtwara, where ADEA has its office. It was a woman who owns a shop in the center of the busy central market near to our MaKuYa Museum and Learning Center. She had traveled to Dar es Salaam (Tanzania's main city) to make purchases for her shop then returned not knowing she was infected. Though locals have been very careful to wash their hands and some cover their faces, it is still a very dense market. As of today there are three reported cases in Mtwara.

ADEA TEAM INTO QUARANTINE

For their safety and to be a model to other people in the community, the ADEA team has acted swiftly to agree upon a stay home quarantine. As in the USA, we are asking everyone to stay in their homes, not to welcome guests into their houses, and keep a six-foot (2 meter) distance when required to go to the market or meet with others.

Some of our staff are single while others have families to feed. In order to ensure and enable them to follow this quarantine we determined that we needed to buy enough food for an entire month for everyone. We want our teams to be healthy in order to fight the virus if they are infected. This is an important safeguard, but not an inexpensive one (approx. \$700) for this month.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH A GIFT OF ANY AMOUNT?

The cost to buy food provisions for 24 people (8 staff, their wives, and children) has come to \$700 - but if things worsen another month of home quarantine will be required. This is an unexpected expense for ADEA. It is my wish to continue to pay the team's monthly wages to keep them encouraged and able to manage other living expenses. But without additional funding we will not be able to do that. The team members will work from home as they are able (fortunately two of them

live in the same building as our office). We have moved Agnes's sewing machine to her home so she can continue to produce bags for ABC for ALL bottle caps (see March's Newsletter).



Any size gift will help: Contribution can be made on line at www.MaKuYaMuseum.org

If you have any questions you can email me at: douglas5mcfalls@gmail.com or call at 206.227.0082 (central time)



Chilumba - Office and Museum Manger



Ulendo - Learning Center Manger
- ABC for ALL



Agnes - Children's tours, sewing and cleaning



Filbert - Games and Maintenance



Daudi - Translation



Tembo - ABC for ALL program assistant





Mayuni - Superstation and the Supernatural Exhibit Assistant

Richard - Groundskeeper

Spiritual note:

Please Pray

If you are someone who prays - please pray for Africa.

Most countries are ill-equipped to deal with a pandemic. In the best of times, hospital services are inadequate.

Pray that a miracle will happen and it will pass quickly, or have low severity.

Pray for protection from fear, hunger, violence, and sickness.

Many thanks

Please be safe

From the ADEA Team

Douglas, Chilubma, Ulendo, Filbert, Agnes, Mayungi, Richard, Daudi and Tembo