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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"



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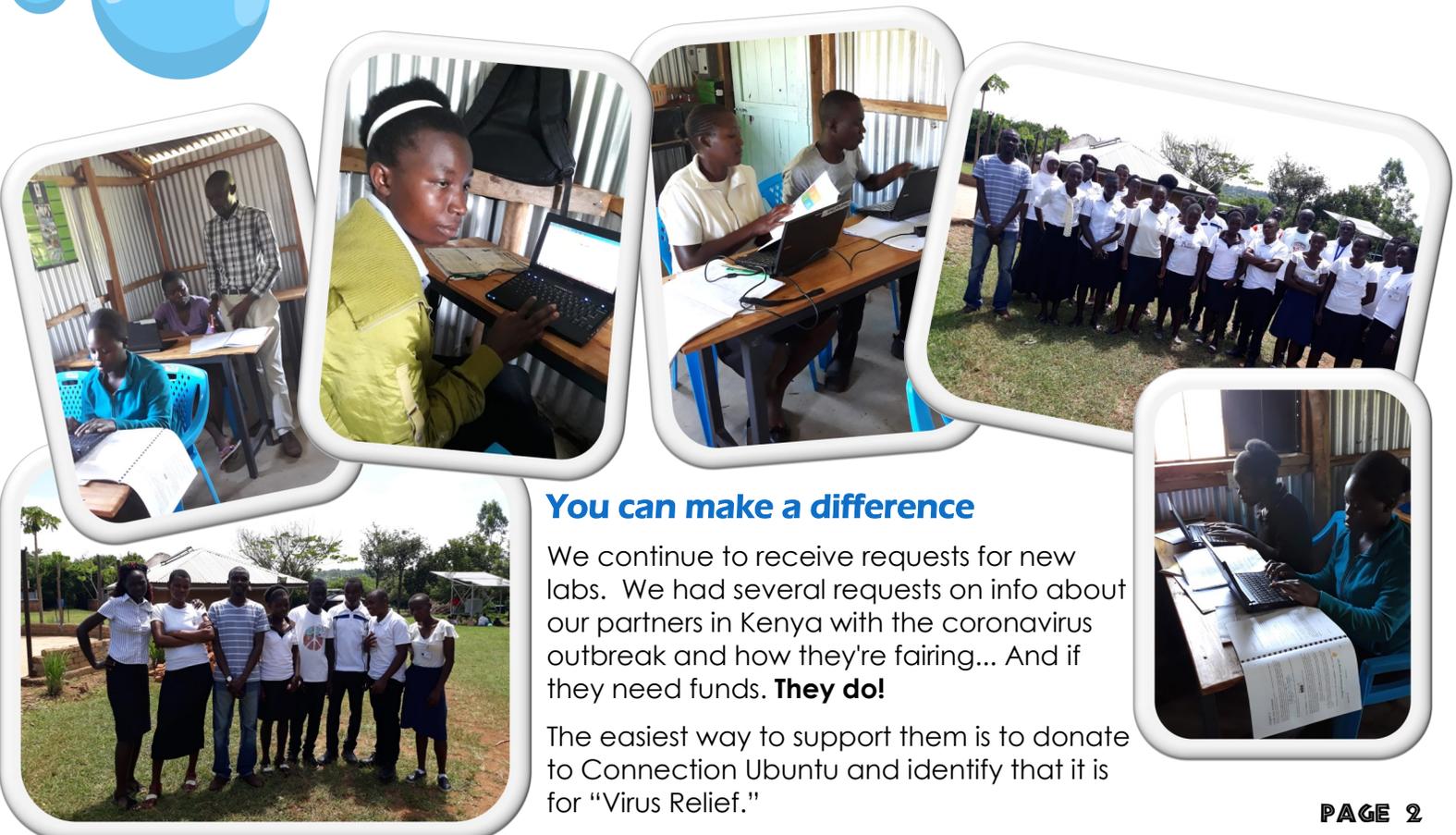
*We send our love and prayers to our partners and labs in Kenya and South Africa. We are all in this storm together. We support you, wishing the distance were not so far.
~ Your friends at CU*

To: Lab Partners at

- Advanced College
- Daraja
- Emuhaya Group of the Disabled
- G-BLACK
- Rafiki
- Slumcode



From our partner: Rafiki



You can make a difference

We continue to receive requests for new labs. We had several requests on info about our partners in Kenya with the coronavirus outbreak and how they're fairing... And if they need funds. **They do!**

The easiest way to support them is to donate to Connection Ubuntu and identify that it is for "Virus Relief."

From our partner: G-BIACK

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Effects of Coronavirus COVID 19 on our work at G-BIACK



Verah Anyango and Collins Chibole working at our Demonstration farm

The whole world is currently experiencing tough times as the Coronavirus COVID 19 continues to infect people and destroy people's livelihoods and the economies of nations. Many countries are facing partial to total lockdown in order to curb the spread of this dangerous disease. This comes with crumbling of economies and increased poverty rates especially with low income earners who depend on "hand to mouth" employment.

More than 216 persons in Kenya have been diagnosed with the COVID 19 and the numbers of people being infected is rising. This has made the government of Kenya to quickly install rules that must be followed so that the spread is minimised. One of the major rules is to lockdown major counties so that there is no movement of people crossing the borders of those counties. This has enormously affected G-BIACK's work because we cannot visit farmers that are outside the Nairobi and Kiambu counties. In this regard, we have had to become more innovative so that the good agricultural practices may continue being applied by our farmers.

1. We are using WhatsApp application to reach out to our farmers – We have helped farmers to form WhatsApp groups where they can be able to exchange ideas and ask questions.
2. We are also using video calls, where farmers can be able to reach the G-BIACK staff and discuss a problem that is affecting their farms
3. We are using our fully trained lead farmers (Community Resource Persons) who reside in different communities and have become experts. These farmers have been trained by G-BIACK to become resources in their communities.
4. Meanwhile, our staff are working at the G-BIACK centre demonstration farm on projects we haven't had time for in the past in order to make it a centre of excellence.

Visit our website: www.g-black.org.

Go to Google maps to see us from above by entering: G-BIACK, Thika, Kenya

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families.

G-BIACK is a registered NGO in Kenya, and donations are tax deductible.

Contributions may be made directly to G-BIACK or through Network for Good on our web site.

Or checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project may be written and sent to

260 Marion Ave., Mill Valley CA 94941 USA—no overhead will be deducted, meaning that 100% of every donation will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

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There have been some rains here in Pennsylvania. Over all, we receive about the same amount of rainfall in a year as in Kenya and South Africa.

In general, there are the two rainy seasons: the "long rains" from March to May, and the less intense "short rains" from October to December. The rainy season for most of South Africa is in the summer which is November through to March.

1. 'Phantom rain': Not all rain drops that fall from the sky reach the ground. Under specific conditions, sometimes rain can fall but never touch Earth. This occurs when rain falling from a cloud evaporates or sublimates as it draws closer to Earth's surface. When this happens, it forms what is known as 'Virga Clouds'; a tail or wisp extending from a cloud in a downwards position.

2. Rain has a smell: When raindrops fall on clay or dusty soils, they trap small air bubbles on the surface which raise upward and burst out of the droplet. This then produces pockets of scent into the air where they are then carried by wind. This is what causes the familiar smell of rain, which is called 'Petrichor'.

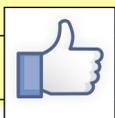
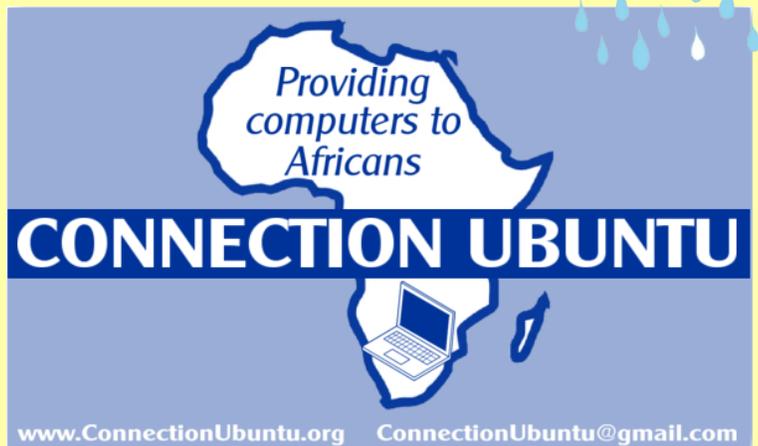
3. Shape of a raindrop: Raindrops are usually represented in the shape of a teardrop, but this is not true in reality. When raindrops first form high up in the atmosphere, they take on a spherical shape as the water molecules bind together held by surface tension. As they begin to fall their shape changes, while air resistance causes the bottom of the drop to flatten and curve resembling the shape of a jelly bean.

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VISION STATEMENT

Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and local community self-sufficiency.

Ubuntu: "I am what I am because of who we all are."



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