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Connection Ubuntu provides computer labs to students and entrepreneurs in Africa.



We sold 27 bags of coffee...  
That's a successful  
fundraiser!  
\$135 to CU!  
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Supporting CU supports the labs and  
people in times of great need:  
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\* Zawadi is the  
Swahili word for  
"The Gift"

From **March Madness** to

## #March2Greatness



**Albert Nashon**

Social Entrepreneur | Founder | The Slumcode Group

#March2Greatness Campaign 2016 - 2020

**HIKING KILIMANJARO TO BUILD A HUB IN NAIROBI'S POOR NEIGHBORHOODS**

### The climbing of Mt. Kilimanjaro!!

Who said the mountain is too big? Together we move mountains!  
One of our labs is taking it to the top—the mountaintop!  
Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro raises funds for the Slumcode Lab in  
Nairobi Kenya.

The third annual **#March2Greatness** helps to set up, equip and  
sustain programs and projects at The Slumcode Hub.

Target per Climber :

1\$ for each of the 5895M of the Kilimanjaro climb (\$5895)

Costs to Hiker:

Anyone raising over  
\$4000 has all costs

Covered (Return Flight/Hike  
Fees/Local Travel and  
Accommodation)

Date of Hiking :

December 7-12, 2020

Mt. Kilimanjaro

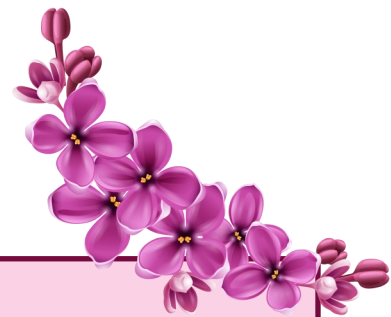


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# We all deal with a pandemic



*We send our love and prayers to our partners and labs in Kenya and South Africa. We are all in this together. We support you (albeit from a distance).*

## What we have heard from Africa—technology does keep us connected and informed

- ♦ In South Africa there are over 1100 cases of coronavirus
- ♦ In Kenya, over 30 cases of COVID-19
- ♦ Presidential Announcement on “Corona Pandemic Kenya Shutdown” sent ripples of panic and stress, confusion and shock.
- ♦ Travel, School, Gatherings and Public activities all suspended for at the least 30 days
- ♦ Tourism is a huge income source in many African countries. One of our friends wrote, “Don’t cancel your trip — postpone it! We’d love to see you eventually...and you want to see our beautiful continent!”
- ♦ Slumcode Hub closed to students until further notice



Slums in Kenya



**“Sister, we are doomed”**

## Ways to help—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.”

**“A**frican nations are unlikely to enjoy this luxury of choice. In the affluent enclaves of Johannesburg or Nairobi, white-collar professionals will be able to homeschool children and telecommute through this crisis, just as professionals are doing in Washington, DC. But more than 70 percent of African urbanites—approximately 200 million people—reside in crowded city slums, with limited access to plumbing or electricity. In those environments, social distancing may be effectively impossible. Some 40 percent of Africans live in water-stressed environments in which obtaining access to clean water—let alone soap—is an insurmountable daily hurdle, and for those populations, even simple measures to prevent the spread of the virus, such as frequent handwashing, will be out of reach. For the 85 percent of Africans who live on less than \$5.50 per day, work stoppages will pose an existential threat. Sheltering in place for long periods of time—weeks or more—will simply not be possible. So what will African nations do? Will COVID-19 spread across the African nations as virulently as it has spread through Asia and Europe, or will Africa's climate and demographics provide some shield? ...**But Africa's prospects are not unrelentingly grim. Many nations have already fallen back on previous experiences containing the Ebola virus, and acted rapidly to institute temperature checks, to cancel international flights, and to impose isolation measures on those who appear ill. These measures may have helped some countries to delay the arrival of COVID-19.**”

<https://atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/africasource/what-does-the-coronavirus-mean-for-africa/>

# Facts about Mt. Kilimanjaro

- ⇒ Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest mountain in Africa,
- ⇒ Kilimanjaro is not only Africa's tallest peak, but also the world's tallest free standing mountain. The summit, named Uhuru Point, is 5,895 meters (19,341 feet) above sea level.
- ⇒ The mountain is on the equator.
- ⇒ Three volcanic cones created it.
- ⇒ The journey to the summit is like going from the equator to Antarctica.
- ⇒ While climbing Kilimanjaro, trekkers will experience five distinct ecological zones on their way to the top. These include:
  - ⇒ Bushland/Cultivated Zone: 2,600'-6,000' / 800m-1,800m
  - ⇒ Rainforest Zone: 6,000'-9,200' / 1,800m-2,800m
  - ⇒ Heath/Moorland Zone: 9,200'-13,200' / 2,800m-4,000m
  - ⇒ Alpine Desert Zone: 13,200'-16,500' / 4,000m-5,000m
  - ⇒ Arctic Zone: 16,500'+ / 5,000m+
- ⇒ Approximately 25,000 people attempt to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro annually. Approximately two-thirds are successful. Altitude-related problems is the most common reason climbers turn back.

**Want to scale Kilimanjaro and participate in the #March2Greatness for Slumcode?**

We have a board member who needs team mates for the climb. If anyone would like to assist, please contact Vicki Poole via our website [connectionubuntu.org](http://connectionubuntu.org)







# #March2Greatness (even when threatened)



## 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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