

ZeruZeru, Inc. Update

As we know, COVID-19 knows no borders. It is impacting Tanzania and Sister Helena at the Mary Mother of God of Perpetual Help center in Lamadi.

The schools have been closed since mid-March so all the children are home living at the Center in Lamadi. The government has taken precautions on travel and social distancing. Temperature measurements for fever are being done on the roads and in offices. Sister Helena writes, "We still go to the church with high precautions but the government wants to stop the traveling and there is corona measurements around the roads."

The COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to spark a food security crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa. Even now we are hearing that food in the shops near Sister is dwindling and prices are rising. "We are doing what we can to protect our children we have also told the parents no more visitation this time, just calls to greet their children. We are going to ask Father to come to the center for the Holy Mass. We have a number of people who are infected by the coronavirus especially in big cities like Mwanza."

Please keep Sister Helena and the Mary Mother of God of Perpetual Help center in your prayers.

The parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas Aquinas are "twinning" with ZeruZeru, a non-profit organization dedicated to securing the human rights of poor and vulnerable Tanzanian children suffering from albinism. Through this twinning relationship we support ZeruZeru both spiritually and financially while expanding our vision and impact as a Catholic community committed to carrying Christ's mercy beyond our immediate boundaries. To learn more about ZeruZeru visit www.savethealbinochildren.org.