



June 2020

Dear BREAD supporters,

Greetings: we hope this finds you keeping well as we pass through these very different times. Since our last newsletter we have learned more from Isaac and from Ruth about the situation in Berega, which we'd like to share with you.

To put it into context we have also learned more about how the whole country is dealing with the pandemic: some of the Trustees listened to an online public discussion about the Tanzanian national response to Covid-19 hosted on Zoom by the British Tanzania Society on 28th May, in which there were 3 guest speakers from Tanzania. The country has not had a lockdown, but schools and colleges have been shut since March. The Tanzanian government stopped the reporting of cases to the WHO on 29th April, at which point there had been 509 confirmed cases and 21 deaths, but no-one knows the present number of cases in the country.



Some people in Dar are wearing facemasks

We do know that there is naturally a lot of anxiety, and that Morogoro, as a transport hub both within Tanzania and for lorries going to Uganda, Burundi, and DCR, is particularly affected. The modelling by epidemiologists suggests that the peak in cases in Tanzania will be in July.

In Berega itself there are no known cases, but in just the same way as in the UK, the virus has caused financial difficulties as well as health worries. The closure of the schools and colleges means that, as from the end of March, neither SONAB nor the Primary School have had any income. Salaries are not being

paid and BREAD are spending some money on providing minimal assistance to these workers.



Teachers' room at Bishop Chitemo School

We have enough to make a limited contribution to both the school and the Nursing School, particularly for lower paid workers, but we don't have a lot left.



Atanasiyo & Christian – teachers at SONAB

So now we are keen to raise additional funds to help with the effects of Covid-19 in the village in three ways:

- 1 if a health crisis comes we will need to spend some money supporting the hospital
- 2 to help SONAB get back on its feet by equipping a new classroom they have built for three new courses they hope to start in June for clinical officers and for pharmacy
- 3 to invest in the Orphanage, supporting the plans they have to develop their services

If you would like to make a gift for one or all these special plans we would be very happy! Please use our bank details: Account name: BREAD Trust
Barclays Bank Sort code: 20-24-00 Acc.no. 00151785
or send a cheque, payable to BREAD Trust,
to Robert Cleave, our Treasurer, at his address:
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Thank you!

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