



Honoring Our Karimu/ Kaheso Employees

Dear Friend of Karimu,

Every year from 2008 through 2019, Karimu organized a trip to rural Tanzania for twenty to thirty volunteers. They would spend two weeks in the community of Ayalagaya where Karimu works, helping with our projects, getting to know the local people, and forming strong friendships.

This year, the coronavirus prevented travel to Tanzania, and we missed our friends and the satisfaction of working together. But we enjoyed a different kind of satisfaction as we learned of the heroic work of the employees of Karimu's Tanzanian branch, Kaheso: Shau Erro Ae, Raphael Isdori Ae, Victoria R. Kachulu, Sifael Zakayo Kaaya, Samwel Tluway Miqay, and John Laurian Qambesh.

Throughout March, Kaheso employees gave up time with their families to work long hours, sometimes riding motorcycles but usually walking for miles to make sure that everyone in Ayalagaya Ward and neighboring Arri Ward understood the danger of COVID-19. The Kaheso employees trained midwives, doctors, nurses, teachers, and other community members. They delivered thousands of dollars' worth of safety equipment and sanitation supplies to fifty-six different health facilities and schools. In addition, they continued to oversee all the Karimu construction projects.

Thanks to our employees, to date there have been no reported cases of the coronavirus in Ayalagaya and Arri Wards. Schools reopened in July. Our employees assisted in ensuring a safe reopening of the schools by transporting huge water tanks to areas that do not have access to water, setting up hand washing stations, and providing soap.



ABOVE: Kaheso employees (left to right): John Laurian Qambesh, Sifael Zakayo Kaaya, Shau Erro Ae, Victoria R. Kachulu, Samwel Tluway Miqay, Raphael Isdori Ae



LEFT: Spreading the word about COVID-19



ABOVE: Teachers receiving sanitation supplies



RIGHT: Students washing hands

We also thank the donors who gave a total of \$43,050 (18% above our target goal) to support our battle against COVID-19, coordinated by a task force of Kaheso staff and Karimu volunteers: Alberto Menoni, Cathy Novak, Holly Hayes, Mariana Oliveira Nascimento, Nelson Mattos, Regina Kruehl Romeu, Denise Mattos Arias, and Viviane Oliveira. The task force met on Google Hangouts for seven days a week. And we thank Hamisi Malinga, Executive Director of the Babati District and Dr. Madama Barnabas Hosea, Medical Officer of the Babati District, which encompasses Ayalagaya and Arri Wards. Mr. Malinga and Dr. Hosea helped expedite Karimu's request to open the brand-new Gaja Dispensary four months ahead of schedule because of COVID-19.

Mr. Malinga, who lived in the small city of Babati, about fifteen miles from where Karimu works, died of the coronavirus in June. He is missed not only by his family, friends, and constituents, but also by Karimu. Besides helping us fight COVID-19, he cooperated with Karimu's plan to convert Ayalagaya Secondary School into a high school, complete with dormitories to facilitate study by children who live far from the school.

Karimu's partnership with local leaders and the work of the Kaheso staff will enable us to bring water to Arri Ward as we did in Ayalagaya, to expand Dareda Dispensary, to renovate primary school classrooms, and to sustain ongoing projects such as professional development for teachers and providing seed money to savings groups.

As soon as it is safe, Karimu will return to Tanzania to embrace the remarkable Kaheso employees whom we've been able to contact only electronically for months.

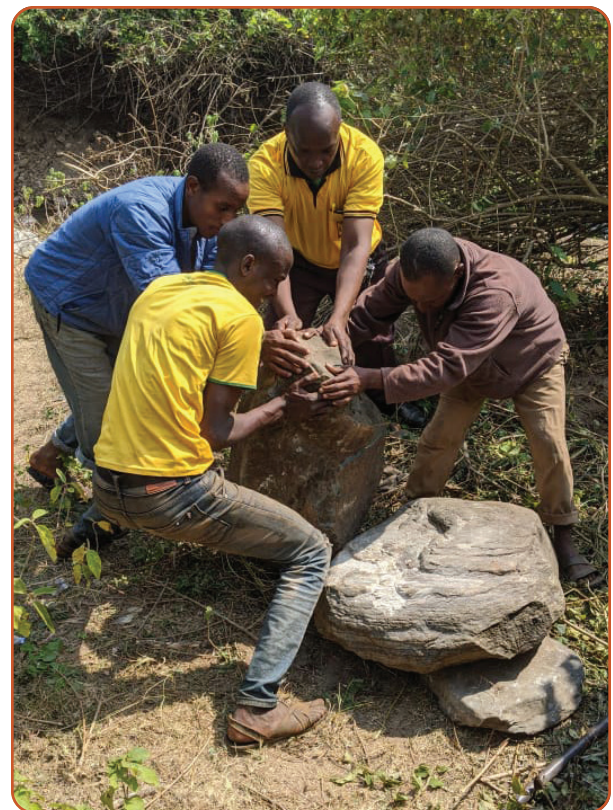


Bringing water to remote areas

In the meantime, we close with a word of appreciation for one more group: the twenty-four Karimu volunteers who communicate regularly with the Kaheso staff from the United States, Brazil, Portugal, Israel, Germany, Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg, and the UK. Their commitment is astonishing and humbling.

The deadline to have your gift matched is December 31.

Shukrani za dhati kwa wote (Sincere thanks to all),
Marianne Kent-Stoll, Karimu President and Co-Founder
Don Stoll, Karimu Treasurer and Co-Founder



Community helps with construction



**Gaja Dispensary
opens early**