

IMPORTANT NCF COVID UPDATE

Dear NCF family,

We trust you are all staying safe and well.

I'm sure you are all waiting to hear where we as a fellowship stand, and what's happening with regards to the COVID situation and NCF meetings.

We've had a leaders meeting and discussed at length how we move forward during this very challenging time having gathered the latest information from various Governing bodies/clinic updates/and covid sites.

Firstly, we want to stress that this CORONA VIRUS, is a very serious and deadly disease. It is NOT a hoax or a joke. It is very, very real. This virus is spreading at an alarming rate and we need to be very cautious and serious at this time.

It is already evident that people are relaxing their guards and not sticking to the safety rules/measures of wearing masks and social distancing etc...

Being in mass meetings and gatherings is a huge risk.

Please understand, this is not in any way meant to cause you fear, but rather state the facts. Unfortunately, the cases are increasing as the measures are being relaxed and cases becoming more widespread.

There are many rules and restrictions to follow in order to meet together and due to the latest figures and the spread of covid, we feel it would be very premature and irresponsible for us to start meeting together again. The risks are just way too high. Many of our members fall into the 'high' risk category, and as one of the many factors to consider, we feel it would be very unwise to resume meetings at this stage.

The advice is still to stay at home and stay safe. When out, wear a mask/ wash hands thoroughly and keep your distance.

As hard as this is for everyone to remain a part, we believe we need to be wise and discerning to how God is leading us at this time.

Even though we are not meeting in person, we would like to encourage each of you to use the Whatsapp group or email as a source of encouraging one another, being very careful to be sensitive on the things we post.

Please also know that we, as leaders, continue to be and are still very much available at anytime (Paul & Becs, Godfrey, Kevin and Glenys and Ronald & Rhoda). Please contact us privately for any issues that you may need help with, or if you have any prayer requests, as many of you have been doing already. We are still here!

We would also like to encourage you to continue to support one another and pray for each other. We all move in different circles, and can help one another through difficult times.

Also, just remember, that even though we are not meeting together in person, we are still operating in all the everyday running of NCF. We are still supporting the charities that are helping the most vulnerable children in our communities.

We are still receiving tithes and offerings in order to fulfil our commitments. By God's grace, we have been able to give continued support each month so far, so thank you to those of you who have continued giving. Let's not give up in this important ministry.

If you need more details on how to give, please contact one of the leaders. Thank you.

We are still a fellowship and a family of Christ even though we're a part. We serve an awesome God who is able to do all things. So, let's continue to stand together and unite under His banner of love and protection and rejoice in God's amazing goodness and faithfulness.

Let us keep our Government and leaders in our prayers and for Zambia as a whole, during these difficult and uncertain times.

Stay safe, stay well, and be blessed.

Lots of love

Paul & Becc

Ps. Paul's Ponds are open to the NCF family. If you need a walk, space or some family time in the outdoors, you are welcome to use it. Please just contact us first so that we can monitor numbers and advise accordingly. All social distancing and safety measures apply. Thanks!