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FROM THE CEO’S DESK

THE CORONA VIRUS IS HERE

The unfolding of the spread and impact of the Covid-19 Virus is the same as watching the Iraq war on TV, except that we are not watching it from a distance. It is real-time TV in our lives.

The emotions and the spiritual environment of the pandemic is the source of a lot of panic and short-sightedness throughout the world. Thankfully, there are also some very level-headed leaders making level-headed decisions.

At this point, the Zambian Government wisely, is attempting to slow down the spread of the virus by eliminating contact points, reducing social interaction and other measures where the spread of the virus can be reduced.

WHAT IS OUR POSITION AT ARU?

ARU has been licensed as a distance learning and e-Learning institute. Since the whole aim of the Government is focussed on the reduction of social contact, the operations of ARU will not be interrupted. Your studies and our service will continue.

- We already have an advanced e-Learning system on the go,
- All our study materials are electronically available,
- We are preparing measures so that assignments can be submitted electronically,
- We are scheduling additional residential opportunities for later in the year, and
- We are devising a plan to write on-line exams in June 2020.

Therefore, you as our students, need not to fear a slowdown in your studies. In fact, this creates an opportunity to accelerate your studies and complete, especially where students are on forced leave, such as is the case with teachers.
WHAT SHOULD YOU DO!

The biggest impact of the current environment is fear. Fear is not from our God, Jesus Christ. Fear is from the enemy.

Therefore, I recommend you consider some of the following:

- Increase your faith through prayer and remain in contact with your spiritual brothers and sisters.
- Make wise decisions, not based on fear but based on the wisdom from God.
- Make use of the opportunity to catch up on things that were neglected.
- Brush up on your reading.
- Get close to your family again.
- Heed the warnings and advice of the Ministry of Health.

NOTE: Please keep an eye open for the notes from my desk. I will update our students regularly on new developments.