

Mzuzu St Egidio.

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I Care Campaign



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Seeing the condition of covid-19 the Mzuzu Sant'Egidio embarked on **I care campaign** to cushion the poor people and make sure that they were not left out. It has not been easy for a poor country like Malawi in this time of the pandemic. We thank your parish for the donation you gave. It really helped us in reaching more people than we had anticipated. We are very happy that we have been able to give the elderly food and the children and buy materials so that the prison can make us face masks. In this booklet find some articles written about what we have been able to do.

Saint Egidio launches I Care Campaign

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Saint Egidio Community has distributed assorted items to the elderly as well as introducing a porridge program to needy children in Mzuzu city amidst COVID 19 pandemic.

This follows the launch of I Care Campaign which the community launched a week ago to help the needy in Mzuzu City and surrounding areas.

Speaking to YFM online, coordinator for the community, Crief Daniel, attributed the success of the campaign to numerous donations from well wishers in the city.

“ We have received financial and material support from different people, for instance the porridge we are sharing with the children is made from rice we received from the well wishers”, Said Daniel.

Following Ministry of Health COVID-19 restriction measures, the community is serving the beneficiaries in small groups.

“We have over 80 children for this porridge program but we have divided them into groups so that they are fed in turns while observing all COVID-19 preventive measures,” added Daniel.

Saint Egidio is a Catholic movement which started in Rome in 1968 by an Italian historian, professor, politician and activist Andrea Riccardi.

The movement was built on prayer, helping the needy, peace and dialogue.

Catholic Faithfuls in Covid-19 Focus on Underprivileged

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By Draxon Maloya

As one way of reducing the suffering among vulnerable communities in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Saint Egidio of the Roman Catholic Church in Mzuzu Diocese have also embarked on a reach out and touch program.

The initiative's communicator, Peter Mumba said the Covid-19 pandemic has paralysed some of the community members hence a need to do something about it.

Mumba said Christians of St Egidio are very aware that the disadvantaged such as street kids, prisoners, physically challenged and the elderly are some of the community groups that are being targeted with this initiative.

And the program Coordinator, Crief Daniel said there is need to launched a campaign where they are asking the city dwellers to help the poor by at least contributing something towards the course.

“The campaign has neither age limit nor nationality, from the start we the community of sant Egidio have learned that no one is too poor to help another person so we are looking after the elderly, street kids and prisoners.

These are hard times, toughest times for the less privileged and those fragile. When it was said we would have a lockdown little did we thought about the poor, everyone was focusing on him or herself on how they could survive.

But we have the elderly in our societies we can still do something, that is where 'I care campaign' comes in, the community of mzuzu Saint Egidio are asking the city dwellers to help the less privileged," Daniel said

Daniel further said, St Egidio have members in almost all the churches in Mzuzu as well the same with Rumphi, Nkhatabay and Mzimba which is a driving force to achieve their goals

"Centrally We are based at Mapale where you can always find us. Be part of the campaign, volunteer with us as we are not only looking for material support alone but we are also interested in nurturing talents," he said

I care campaign aims at consolidating resources to help the less privileged with mask, hand sanitizers soap and some food items, and the campaign started on 1st August this year.

Covid-19 Condemns The Elderly Into more Misery

By Draxon Maloya



The effects of coronavirus are said to have condemned the vulnerable communities into untold misery across the country.

This was disclosed by in Mzuzu on Monday afternoon when the community of St Egidio made an outreach visit to the elderly of Upper and Lower Chasefu in the city of Mzuzu.

Speaking after donating packs of assorted food items and face masks, an executive member of St Egidio responsible for the elderly, Pius Nyondo said the Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the already fragile

relationship that exist between the elderly and the community.

“Covid-19 is affecting the elderly heavily with already existing stereotypes in our communities they are living in, yet they are the ones who brought us into this world,” Nyondo said.

However, one of the beneficiaries, a 60 year old Trinitus Nyirenda a former primary school teacher said the communities are failing to utilize the elderly in many ways despite being retirees in sectors like education and preaching the word of God.

“We always appreciate for various assistance we get from our relatives and other well wishers like the St Egidio, but with the current measures put in place by the authorities, the situation is very unbearable because no one has the ability to assist us,” Nyirenda said.

Meanwhile, the Community of St Egidio has embarked on door to door reach out campaigns to the elderly as another way of complying with government imposed partial lockdown which is a containment measure for the spread of Coronavirus.

The donation comes as in some areas of the country the elderly are being targeted with witchcraft accusations.

St Egidio Partner Mzuzu Prison in Covid-19 Fight

By Draxon Maloya



The community of St Egidio in the city of Mzuzu has joined forces with Mzuzu Prison management in a fight against the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The initiative has enabled the community of St Egidio to provide material to Mzuzu Prison whose inmates are going to make 500 face masks through tailoring.

Speaking at the Prison on Saturday an executive member of the

grouping responsible for prison , Marcel Ndhlovu expressed the need to maximize some of the talent and skills hidden behind the prison walls.

“We thought of bringing this job to Mzuzu Prison because this is one way of supporting both the marginalized and vulnerable societies in our community.

This partnership will help us provide the face masks meant to assist inmates at all prisons in the Northern Region,” Ndhlovu said

The grouping also reached out to the inmates at Nkhatabay Prison where a donation of face masks, soaps and food items was also made.

Mzuzu Pison Officer In charge, Zachaeus Malekano M’bawa expressed gratitude with the partnership which he says will assist the facility in the fight against Covid-19.

“We have hidden talents here which we are failing to utilize for the benefit of our communities, the little we get from such initiatives will help our facility in ensuring that our inmates are well protected from coronavirus,” M’bawa said

However, the Officer in charge expressed fears that it might be possible that 50 percent of the inmates at Mzuzu Prison might have contracted coronavirus going by a random sampling test the prison authority conducted in conjunction with the management of Light House.

The state president, Lazarus Macarthy Chakwera on Wednesday last week pardoned at total of 499 inmates from various prisons in the country as one way of decongesting the prisons in the wake of Covid-19.

As of Saturday, Mzuzu Prison which was designed to keep 550 inmates was hosting a total of 784 prisoners of which 88 are females.

The community of St Egidio is a global forum strategically formulated to assist vulnerable groups of the society and has its secretariat in the City of Mzuzu.



Figure 1 Marcel, Pius, Crief and Peter.

Unity is the Juju (Secret) behind all this, we believe the community built out of love honest and care for

one another is the best the community to have. Our motto is let's grow together in our weaknesses and even the strength. Together we are strong.



We have been with this elderly more that 12 years now, they are part of our great family of sant Egidio. Each and every Christmas lunch we are together eating together we love each other and we care about each other.



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