

## Reactions from May 2020 AAA eNewsbrief

### 1- Melanie and members, SI Tokyo-Shinjuku

Thanks as always for the AAA eNews Brief—May's issue is filled with the hope and positive action of those who are facing coronavirus fallout daily. Of course it is concerning to hear that a COVID-19 outbreak was declared on March 6th in Cameroon, and we pray that all forces will be marshaled and the curve flattened soon. However, the uplifting and courageous stories you present are so important and wonderful to hear!

This pandemic has called out so much change in daily life, yet along with it many simple, creative and important actions have improved the personal attitudes and community life of many individuals. It is moving to read about the father who, walking miles to avoid public transportation and to provide for his family, enjoyed the exercise, and then established a 'dancing gym' at home for his children. In addition, it is always good to know that generosity and support for AAA's objectives arrive in such a timely way—bless Auntie Laraine and Auntie Herta for their providing, respectively, one water well and two blocks of toilets!

Here in Japan the national state of emergency may be extended to the end of May; a stay-at-home policy, especially during the present 'Golden Week' of back-to-back holidays, is being implemented, and the roads, train/bus stations and airports are nearly empty.

We are well, and always think of you, your crew, and all the lives that you reach and improve. Be safe!!

Best wishes,

Melanie and members,  
SI Tokyo-Shinjuku

### 2- Anne Gregory

A great AAA eNews Brief! You are keeping it positive with these stories of how are responding to the times. I especially like the one about the Dad deciding to walk to and from work to stay away from others— and then engaging his children in dancing instead of tv. Dancing is as integral to the rich culture of Cameroon as Ndole is to a good meal! Soline speaks about this in her piece about doing her traditional dances to "ease her mind and relax"!

Thank you for being an example of fortitude. It is in your DNA, I am convinced. And I pray always for you to be given the strength that you need!

Anne