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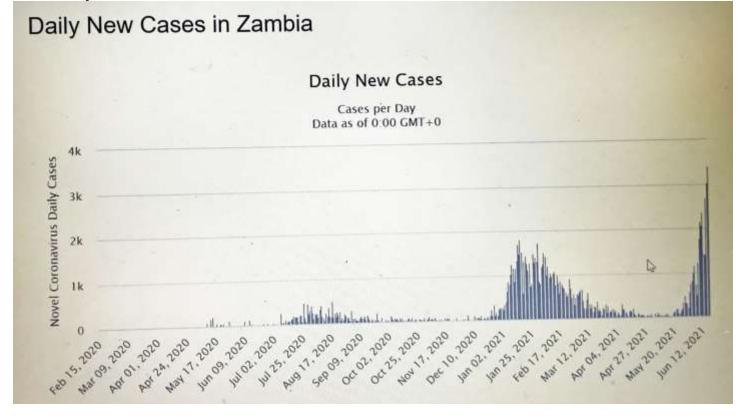
Inbox

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to NAMWIANGA-L

Wow!

Zambia has had it easy during the Coronavirus plague -- until now! We have crashed into a Covid Tsunami! Yesterday we had 3,394 new cases!



June 16 we had 48 deaths, and yesterday, June 18, we had 33 deaths!

You can follow our adventures if you control + click <u>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/</u> We are number 92 on the worldometer.

Government has closed schools, and told colleges they must do their lectures and classwork online.

Taxis have come and hauled our kids out of our dormitories to Kalomo Town to catch the crowded public bus to Lusaka--which is the epicenter of our plague -- (GULP!!!)

2:13 AM (8 hours ago) --and many of our college students are from poor families, who cannot afford a laptop or even a phone that can handle email, streaming, and Zoom lectures!

## Anyway!

We'll see what happens!

For the first time during this pandemic, tragedy is right here at home.

We have had one death on the mission and right now Namwianga has 4 -- or maybe 5 -- active cases--including our mission superintendent!

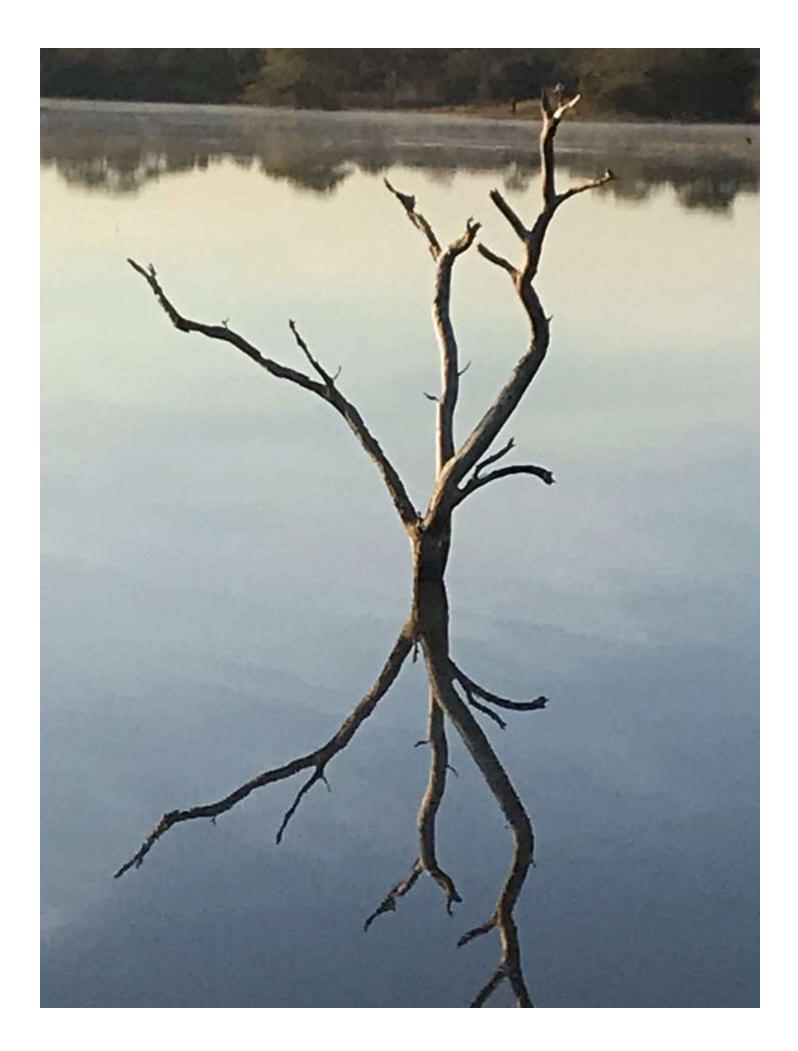
In Kalomo Town, our favorite pharmacist lost his wife to Covid yesterday.

Church services have been cancelled--everyone worshipping at home till our tsunami eases up.

At least, my morning walks are still safe! I rarely ever meet anyone on my bush wanderings.

This morning I walked all the way around Maunga Dam for about 2 hours, and I tried hard to get a good picture of those two kingfishers that love to perch on our Martian Spider!

Can you see them--right at the top?



Let me crop the pic, and see if that helps . . . hm-m-m kinda blurry--but there they are!



Adventures! Adventures! I'll be sooooooo glad when we can get back to "normal"!