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## *Losing a Legend-Jane Goodall*

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Jane Goodall, primatologist and tireless activist, who devoted her life to understanding and protecting the nature passed away on October 1, leaving a legacy of groundbreaking research and a lifetime commitment to wildlife. Goodall showed us that curiosity, empathy, and determination can truly change the world. She often reminded us, "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide is what kind of difference you want to make." Her work was a testament to the power of one individual to inspire millions.

Goodall lived in deep harmony with nature, teaching us that every species, every forest, and every river matters. Goodall believed in the power of young people to lead

the way. She said, "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you." Her message has resonated with the young. She knew, "the next generation has the creativity, passion, and courage to forge solutions for our planet."

In remembering Jane Goodall, we are called not only to honor her achievements but to emulate them. Take action; plant a tree, protect habitats, advocate for climate solutions with emails and letters because every action counts. We can choose to be curious, compassionate, and relentless in protecting life on Earth. As Goodall showed us, positive change is possible when we act with care and conviction.

**“For those who have experienced the joy of being alone with nature there is really little need for me to say much more; for those who have not, no words of mine can ever describe the powerful, almost mystical knowledge of beauty and eternity that come, suddenly, and all unexpected.”**

*Jane Goodall*

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Now comes the big news!

We are looking to expand our team. The Wasafiri House, is a travelers' home at Tafakari that will make our giraffe sanctuary self-sustaining. We have all worked hard on this project but its time to stretch out. We are now on a search for five new partners who will help us over the finish line with investment money.

We are calling on those who feel invested to invest.

Of course we will continue to pursue grants and are planning to apply for several once our donation numbers improve, but we cannot depend on them. What we can depend on are committed people with vision who are as fearless as we have been these last few years.

We will wait for our angel investors to appear. So far, everything we have needed has been granted, we refuse to believe we will be stopped here. Search your heart. Are you one of the five?

As you continue your journey through this life, we are all wishing you safe travels. May those travels one day lead you to Tafakari.

## Letter from the Director

Dear Giraffe Friends,

All of us at The World Giraffe Alliance are wishing you a lovely autumn.

I want to begin by thanking all of you who participated in the Dollar Donation. You don't know what it means to us to find that people really care and are willing to say so with their resources. I want you to know that those dollars add up and are putting us on the road to completing our project in 2026.

God willing.

As you know, we have now acquired an additional three acres of land. This brings us to 8 but it is far from what we need to be a truly functional sanctuary. Wild giraffes roam between 1,300 and 1,800 acres, zoos typically provide about one acre for up to three giraffes. Our ultimate goal is 100 acres, it is a lofty goal and will take

time, but to safely provide for our giraffes we need at least fifteen acres. The good news is, we are more than half way there!

I also mentioned that the caretakers cottage is now under construction and should be finished by April. We have walked a long road to Tafakari, but as we say on the mountain; Pole Pole (pronounced Po-lay) slowly, slowly. This is how you get where you are going.

I hope you are as excited about this progress as I am, as we are!

# America Can't Afford to Fall Behind in the Clean Energy Race



Last year, China installed more wind turbines and solar panels than the rest of the world combined. It now leads global industries in electric vehicles, batteries, and solar manufacturing, and is exporting that expertise by building clean energy factories from Brazil to Hungary. Meanwhile, the United States is moving in the opposite direction pouring resources into fossil fuels that have already reached their limits and are pushing the planet past its breaking point.

Under President Trump, drilling on public lands is expanding, new pipelines are being approved, and natural gas exports are growing. Major automakers are slowing their electric vehicle plans and pivoting back toward gasoline. The contrast could not be clearer: China is building a future powered by cheap, renewable electricity, while America's leaders cling to an industry that belongs in the past.

This is not just a policy disagreement. It's a question of survival and national purpose. Are we really willing to hand over the energy future, and the jobs, industries, and influence that come with it, because we let politics convince us that renewable energy is somehow un-American?

This is about more than who installs the most wind turbines. It's about whether we claim a stake in the next century's economy or watch it slip away.

Every solar panel or battery we import from China represents a missed opportunity—one that could have employed American workers and strengthened our own energy independence.

Clean energy is not a distant goal. It's already the cheapest source of new power in much of the world. It creates stable, skilled jobs, protects communities from oil price shocks, and offers one of the few ways to slow the extreme weather already reshaping our coasts and farmland.

China is not waiting. If we still believe in American innovation, then we should be leading not following. The clean energy race will decide who sets the terms of the global economy for the next century. The only real question is whether America still has the will to compete.

# The Erosion of Democracy



Tanzania's election:

Victory for President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her CCM party is assured after a crackdown on the opposition.

Not every country that claims democracy lives up to the ideal. Unlike democratic republics that rely on a system of elected leaders and a balance of power, a democracy that is simply mob rule can quickly evolve into an autocracy.

Opposition leader Tundu Lissu was imprisoned in April on "treason" charges, because he disagreed with Samia Suluhu Hassan's positions. After his imprisonment, his CHADEMA party was banned from the election. When Luhaga Mpina, a contender from another party, attempted to run he too was barred.

Hassan was ensuring her victory and so she did. What will Tanzania do now?

Hassan has attempted to engage in projects everywhere, all creating hardships for the citizens. She has begun a project on a hydro-power dam which will destroy acres of wild lands, she has aligned herself with Russia on a \$1.2 billion uranium project and is closing a deal for \$1.4 billion with China for a railway to connect Tanzania and Zambia.

Additionally, in July, she introduced new restrictions banning foreigners from owning and operating businesses in certain sectors. And a key architect of the 2022 gas deal, former energy minister January Makamba, was shuffled into political exile that now sees him excluded from running for the parliamentary seat he has held since 2010.

Having removed any realistic opposition threat, President Samia could have had a free run to present a truly coherent policy vision or better still, she could have preserved some of Tanzania's democratic credentials by allowing a more open electoral playing field. She chose to do neither.

Tanzania's population is forecast to double by 2050, which would make it one of the world's largest countries. But Tanzania's leadership shows itself to be corrupt by continuing to deny its people an honest democratic choice.

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# The Call of Kilimanjaro



Every November my thoughts, my dreams and my heart go back to Africa, where at the summit of Kilimanjaro my life began again. The rush of emotion and the thrill of triumph still fill my soul every November 27.

For those who are looking for adventure, climbing the mountain is a great one. For those who want bragging rights, it is the first of the seven summits and qualifies as a substantial achievement. But the mountain's greatest gifts go to those who are afraid, confused, and seeking; The people who are searching for answers, daring to do the difficult, with the commitment to finish what they start. The most exceptional gifts are for them alone. For them, Kilimanjaro is a life altering experience.

Some will tell you it's the low oxygen that makes you feel differently, or the physically demanding and grueling uphill climb day after day. But they see only the mountain, its physical challenge alone. But there are those who have an awakening, they feel the spirit of Kilimanjaro and are suddenly connected to something greater than themselves. It is they who discover the hidden treasures in the journey.

If your heart is open, your mind ready, and your spirit receptive, then Mount Kilimanjaro will take you to places you have never been and will show you something that you will never experience again. Like the first time you see a falling star, the first time you fall in love, the first time you sit behind the wheel and drive a car all on your own, some moments cannot happen twice. They are like trying to catch lightning in a bottle.

So is Kilimanjaro.

Take the seven day journey.

Notice every rock, every shred of bush, every sunrise. Notice the air, the fog, the sunlight. Remind yourself that this is the last time you will make this climb for the first time. There is something timeless and ephemeral in the thought. Those are the thoughts that take you higher in your personal journey of philosophy, spirituality and humanity than you knew you could achieve.

I believe the mountain has something for everyone, but if you are at a certain point in your life, if you are in that space between spaces where you don't know what you should do next, why you are where you are or what your life means... This is when you will hear the call of Kilimanjaro.

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# Big Promises, Small Action: Why Corporate Climate Pledges Are Losing Steam



Nestle has decided to leave a global effort to cut methane emissions from dairy farms, and while the company says it still plans to meet its own climate goals, the move feels like part of a troubling pattern. More and more big companies that once made bold promises to fight climate change are quietly stepping back from those commitment

The Dairy Methane Action Alliance, which Nestle helped start in 2023, was meant to push food companies to track and reduce one of the most powerful greenhouse gases. Now, Nestle's exit follows a wave of rollbacks across many industries. Oil giants like BP and Shell have dropped key emissions targets, banks have pushed their goals decades into the future, and even tech companies that once claimed to be leaders in sustainability are admitting they are falling short.

These changes suggest something larger is happening. After years of talk about "net zero" and "green innovation," climate action seems to be losing its urgency in boardrooms and in the public eye. The excitement that once surrounded clean energy, electric vehicles, and corporate responsibility has given way to hesitation and cost-cutting.

Part of the problem is that addressing climate change is hard and expensive. Running the new wave of artificial intelligence systems also uses massive amounts of electricity, much of it from nonrenewable sources. Still, the growing list of companies walking back their promises makes it clear that short-term profits are often winning out over long-term responsibility.

It's easy to tune out news about climate change after years of hearing about it, but the problem has not gone away. In fact, scientists say the need for action is greater now than ever. As corporations retreat from their pledges, the rest of us should be paying closer attention, not less. If those with the most resources stop leading, it's hard to see how real progress will continue.

The World Giraffe Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of giraffes and the land they inhabit. Through global collaboration, we educate, raise awareness, and take action to protect nature and save these gentle giants.

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