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**Our Mission:** Samaritan Village exists for the purpose of implementing the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel, by providing physical, mental and spiritual care for orphaned children in Tanzania, Africa.

**Our Vision:** Samaritan Village is a private, non-profit organization established and run by volunteers to develop, expand and maintain a Christian orphanage to care for abandoned and orphaned children.

**Our Goal:** We work to reduce the number of abandoned children and the deaths of children in Tanzania by providing care for those whose parents have either died or abandoned them and who have no relatives responsible for their care. This is accomplished by providing a safe and stable Christian home environment where children are provided food, shelter, clothing, education and medical care.



## Fundraising

The Yuba City Farmer's Market is one of our primary means of raising funds to support the local administrative costs of the orphanage as well as special projects. Due to the current circumstances involving the Corona Virus regulations, we have not been able to have a booth this year. We also participate each year in our community's *Summer Stroll*. Again, there may not be a Stroll this year. Finally, in September we hold our annual fund raiser *To Tanzania with Love*. Through the generosity of those who give each year, we are able to raise thousands of dollars. It is yet to be determined if we will be able to do this as well. Please be in prayer concerning the board's decisions for all of these activities.

## Prayer Requests

Visit the website for more prayer requests. Here are some things to pray for as of the publishing of this newsletter.

- Please continue to pray for the new medical clinic now that it is open.
- Pray for the staff as they work the new schedule which takes them away from their families for a month at a time due to the Corona Virus.
- Pray for the team from Adventure Church who still hope to volunteer this Summer
- Continue to pray for **SPONSORS** for **ALL** the children.
- Pray for Josephat and the staff as they meet the needs of all the children at the orphanage during this lockdown.
- Pray for the educational needs of the children during this lockdown.
- Pray for any new children that may arrive at this time.



## Want to Visit Samaritan Village this Summer?

A team from Adventure Church of Yuba City is still hoping to travel to Africa this coming July/August to volunteer at the orphanage. There are no special requirements to be a part of a team, just a heart for children and the willingness to serve. Ask anyone who's ever gone... it's a life-changing experience. Be sure to check out the videos of past teams' visits on the website. **Contact us for more information.**



## Want to have a Speaker Share at Your Church or Organization?

We have an excellent presentation deigned to share what is being done to rescue orphaned and abandoned children in Africa through Samaritan Village Orphanage. We can supply you with bulletin inserts, a promo video, brochures, posters and more. Give us a call to set up a date.

Visit [samaritanvillageorphanage.org](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.org) to Donate or Sponsor any of the children.

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RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



## Our Response to The Global Pandemic

### God is Still in Charge!

Dear [Friends of Samaritan Village],

I and the children, we are fine. We are continuing to be in lock-down. This lock-down is my decision, but in the country there is no lock-down. I am trying to protect our children.

I have divided the staff into two groups. Each will stay here at the orphanage for a month. Every staff member must be checked before starting her/his thirty day period to work at the orphanage. I have been staying here now for two months. I haven't been able to be with my family during this time. According to our President, the problem is slowly starting to decrease so, maybe in June our country will open schools and universities. [Update: Universities opened June 1st]

All the Samaritan children remain inside. I drive to the food store or the bank if necessary. We are trying to help our children with their home schooling through online studies for our children attending a university or college. For the students in grades one to seven and secondary schools, we are receiving school packages through email. I print out the worksheets and give them to the children.



Everything here is going well. We thank God because no one has been lost due to the Corona Virus. **"And they said unto Moses, thy servants have taken**

**the sum of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us."** Numbers 31:49

My hope is you all at the board are okay. Right now, there are no visitors coming to the orphanage and we are receiving no donations from the community. The cost of the children's meals are increasing because they are all here at the orphanage.

Thanks,



**NOTE:** Doing school with this many children is quite a challenge. The children attend **ten** different schools and **three** different colleges and universities. Here's a look at their various grades levels:

Babies	7 children
Preschool/Nursery School (3, 4, 5 years old)	9 children
Primer/Elementary School (1st - 7th grade)	23 children
Secondary School (Form 1 - 4)	5 children
College/University	6 children



Pictures from Arusha



Big Brothers help Little Brother



Jonathan in the BIG Chair



Mealtime at the Orphanage



On the Playground



Washing Clothes



Time to Get a New Trampoline



Mealtime at the Orphanage



Big Sister helps Little Sister

LATEST UPDATES



New Beds for the Youngest Children

The orphanage just received new beds for the youngest children. Now that the new dorms are complete, the babies and preschool children all share the same building. This makes it much easier to meet the needs of all the children.



Mealtime and More at the Orphanage

As Josephat said in his letter (front page), all the children are now home at the orphanage. This means more clothes to wash, more meals to prepare and more responsibility for the entire staff. It's a real challenge but what's amazing is how the children all treat each other as members of the same family. That's because the children are not just living in a "group home," they are all a REAL Family. They are all brothers and sisters. The older children pitch in to help their younger siblings as well as each other. It truly is an incredible family dynamic that happens at Samaritan Village!

New Projects

The next two major projects include a new office/meeting complex and a storage building.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

Ibrahim Receives a Scholarship to a Football Academy

We're excited to announce that Ibrahim has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Alliance Sports Academy, a very prestigious football academy, where he will be part of a national football team. For those of us in the United States, that means he'll be playing soccer. Congratulations to a very incredible young man! Ibrahim is just one of a number of success stories from Samaritan Village. You can go to our website and read about children who are attending universities and colleges, as well as others who are now working in various professions.



Here is Ibrahim's story...

Ibrahim is thirteen years old. He was given his birthday of December 23, 2006. He was abandoned as a baby in Unga Ltd, a slum area in Arusha. He was found by a good Samaritan. He was brought to our center by social welfare officers. He likes politics and he is one of our children who is always asking about the government's ruling system. He's very outgoing and full of energy!

Baby Florence is Now Walking!

That's right, one of our newest little ones is now walking, They grow up so fast!

Grace's Story (August 16, 2006)



Grace is one of ten Maasai girls brought to Samaritan Village when the "orphanage" where they were living was closed by the government. Theirs is a tragic story—too sad to publish here in its entirety. The girls had been taken from their tribe by a group claiming to be part of a legitimate orphanage. They said they were "rescuing" them from becoming child brides (and one of many wives) to an older Maasai man. Although they were "rescued" from that future, they were brought into an even more horrific situation.

Without going into detail, one of the girl's escaped from the "orphanage" where they were being exploited and was able to tell authorities what was happening to them. The girls were immediately rescued and taken to Samaritan Village. Those involved were tried and given various sentences including one man being sentenced to life in prison.) Today the girls are flourishing in their new home! **NOTE: The names in RED below are Maasai girls.**

Sponsor a child for as low as \$20/month

We can have **all** the children sponsored if we **all** just give a little. Each child growing up at Samaritan Village would love a sponsor. The children shown here are the **only** children at the orphanage without a sponsor. **Why not sponsor one of them today?**



Jonathan



Mercy



Safina



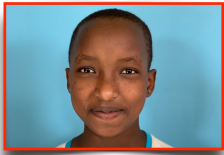
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