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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.



WAYS WE ALL CAN HELP RESCUE ABANDONED AND ORPHANED CHILDREN IN AFRICA



• Sponsor a child. It's as low as \$20/month! You'll receive a picture of the child you choose to sponsor as well as regular updates on their life such as their progress in school.

• Attend the board meetings. Meetings happen the third Tuesday of each month. Contact us for more information.

• Ask about having a Samaritan Village Sunday at your church. We can supply you with bulletin inserts, a promo video, brochures, posters and even a representative from Samaritan Village to share at your church or group about the orphanage.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have decided to include areas where we can all join together to pray for the needs of Samaritan Village. Visit the website or Facebook for more prayer requests. Here are some things to pray for as of the publishing of this newsletter.

- The doctors have just diagnosed one of the baby twins, Leah, with Cerebral Palsy. Josephat reports that sometimes she faints and has strained muscles.

- Sinyath, who had been doing much better in spite of suffering from kidney cancer, has been seriously ill. She is back in the hospital and her condition is not good.

- Funds for the walkway to the new building that will allow us to use it as a dormitory for new children.

- Sponsors for ALL the children,

- Continued prayer for the Maasai girls as they recover from the trauma they suffered



Saying Thank You to All Our Sponsors!



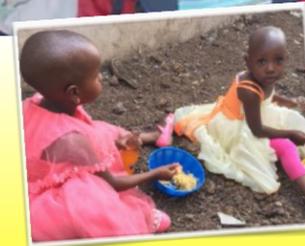
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RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



Samaritan Village Continues to GROW!

A Look Back...

Last month we devoted the front page of this newsletter to sharing some of the many prayers God has answered concerning the work of rescuing abandoned and orphaned children in Africa through the work of Samaritan Village.



We received a number of comments about how amazing it was to see all those answers to prayer in one place and how seeing what God has done strengthens all of our faith.

Just so you know, we could have easily done another front page of answered prayers because we truly serve an awesome God!

Instead, here are just a few of the many exciting things happening at Samaritan Village that have been made possible by the prayers and generosity of people like you who are reading this newsletter.

Medical Clinic

We received an incredible financial gift to purchase medical equipment for the new clinic. This gift will allow us to begin the process of buying the necessary instruments, furniture, equipment and supplies to begin ministering to the medical needs of both the children and the surrounding community.

New Greenhouse

Another generous donation was received to allow us to purchase a second greenhouse. This will enable us to grow more fruits and vegetables that will help feed the growing population of children at the orphanage.

New Parking Lot

The funds needed to complete the parking lot have been given to Josephat, the director. The parking lot will be completed in a matter of weeks. It will enable us to keep visitors and vehicles outside the walls of the orphanage and away from the children. Visitors (and there are many every day) will need to go through a gate and register before entering the grounds.

New Cribs and Nursery Windows

Thanks to another generous donation we now have new cribs for the nursery. We are also sending the funds for the new windows that are being added to the original building as we remodel it for use as a nursery.

New Staff

There are now fourteen full-time staff working with the children. All of them are wonderful Christian people who love the Lord and the children. They not only provide loving care for the children but serve as an example of the love of Christ to everyone around them.

A Final Word

While God continues to bless the work of Samaritan Village, it doesn't mean there are not still miracles that we are praying for. As we continue to expand the orphanage we are taking in more and more babies that have been horribly neglected and some even abused (not to mention abandoned). As a result, we are seeing children with some very serious and even life threatening conditions. Please take time to read the prayer requests and continue to pray for what God is doing to save the least of these.



Pictures from Arusha



Completing the Security Wall



Christmas Celebration



Rachel and Leah with Social Workers in the office at Samaritan Village



Paving the Parking Lot



New Chapel Design



Watermelons growing in the Greenhouse



Christmas Celebration



Satellite Dish donated by the Fire Extinguisher Company



Gombe National Park

New Children Who Would Love a Sponsor



BABY LEAH



BABY RACHEL

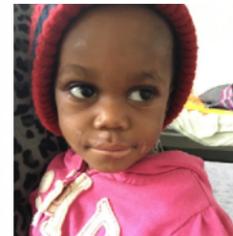
Dear Samaritan Friends

Attachment is two baby girls found abandoned yesterday morning at the Migungani slums area out of Arusha city. The Arusha Municipality Social Welfare officers brought the babies to the orphanage. (See the picture (left) of them holding the babies.) They were brought in around 11:45 am.

The babies look like identical twins but one is disabled. They are both very thin and suffering from malnutrition. Police continue to look for their relatives. I named them **Leah** and **Rachel**. They both need serious treatment. (Update: Leah was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. Please be in prayer for her))

Thank you,
Josephat Mmanyi, Father of Village

Another Child Adopted!



BABY MIRACLE

She was featured in the last newsletter as a new addition to the orphanage and for prayer concerning her health. We are pleased to report that she is doing very well and the adoption process has just been completed. She will have a new family before the end of February!

More Children Who Would Love a Sponsor



Joyce 2 yrs old



Johnson 6 yrs old



Josiah 2 years old



Elijah 8 yrs old



Wilson 9 yrs old



Brigita 10 yrs old



Sunday 5 yrs old



Paul 12 yrs old

Sponsoring a Child

Sponsoring a child could not be easier or more rewarding both for the sponsor and the child who is sponsored. Just go to our website and click on the **Sponsor Page**. Read the children's stories, then choose a child. You'll be led through the simple process. A sponsorship is as little as \$20/month.

Christmas Celebration

The staff and children at Samaritan Village hosted a tremendous celebration at the orphanage on Christmas Day. Josephat wrote, "Many thanks for your support to make 900+ children join together to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Children from poor families and other orphanage homes in Arusha [attended.]" Before the event he wrote, "We didn't neglect them according to their religious but we will save all together."



The children were also able to take a trip over Christmas vacation. Again from Josephat, "I am very happy [that] all children enjoyed [an] amazing tour at Kigoma west of the country. In Kigoma children enjoyed to visit Gombe National Park and Dr. Livingstone at Ujiji Kigoma. The tour was from December 11 to 16.



News from Yuba City



FARMERS MARKET

The **Farmers Market Booth** begins again this Spring. The Farmer's Market gives us a free space to sell African items and promote the orphanage. This is one of our major fund raisers. It is held every Saturday from April through October. If you would like to volunteer to help on a Saturday, give us a call or email us and we will make it happen!



CHRISTMAS STROLL

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's booth at the **Plumas Street Christmas Stroll**. This was our first year at the Christmas Stroll and it was a huge success! Like the Farmer's Market, we were able to sell items from Africa and let people know about the work being done to rescue abandoned children in Tanzania. **We raised \$974 in just one day!**