

Plans are Underway for a New Nursery School!



Children in Tanzania begin school at age three. They attend what is referred to as a **Nursery School or Preschool** through the age of five. A non-profit Christian ministry in Arusha called *WATOYA Tanzania e.V.* has partnered with us to build and maintain a Christian nursery school for our children as well as the children from the community. There will be three classrooms with credentialed teachers. All the children will also receive breakfast and lunch each day. Land has been purchased next to the football field. Right now the organization is in the process of raising the necessary funds to build the facility.

Farmer's Market Returns in May

The **Yuba City Farmer's Market** is a great fund raiser for Samaritan Village. It begins in May and runs through the middle of October. Sign up to volunteer on the website.



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 medical clinic and for visiting medical personnel.
- Continue to pray for **SPONSORS** for **ALL** the children.
- Pray for any new children who may arrive.
- Pray for our founder Elizabeth's health.
- Pray for Hosiana as she recovers from her abuse.



Ways We All Can Help

- * **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 your pastor to host a Samaritan Village Sunday at your church.** We can supply you with bulletin inserts, a promo video, brochures, posters and, in most cases, a representative from Samaritan Village will come to share at your church or group about the orphanage.
- * **Volunteer** at the Saturday Farmer's Market in Yuba City.

About Us

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.

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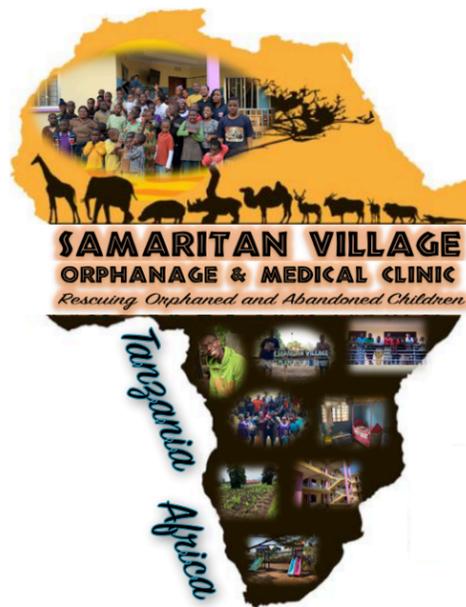
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Yuba City Team Visits Samaritan Village!

A team of twelve supporters from Yuba City recently visited Samaritan Village for nearly two weeks. The team arrived on December 31st. Their reception was incredible, as always, as the excited children welcomed us to their home. All sixty-four children were there including those home from boarding school for their summer break.

The group worked on several projects, some pre-planned and others that just happened. The main project was to help with plastering the wall around the new football (soccer) field. At the same time, they added a cement border to separate the football field from the playground next to it. In addition, the team cleaned out an area near the original playground and turned it into a nice rock garden. Once finished, they moved a playground structure into the area. And, thanks to some of the ladies who were helping with the laundry, a couple of their husbands fixed a huge drainage problem.



Also, thanks to Crossroads Church in Yuba City, the orphanage now has new professional signs for the entrance and buildings. Every hand was on deck to glue the signs to plywood, then mount them in their proper places. Those hands included ones from a number of children who helped with every aspect of the operation. A real blessing for the staff at the medical clinic was the help they received from several of our women, including a retired ER Nurse.

Thanks to the generous donation of one of our couples, the boys were all given new football (soccer) shoes. It resulted from watching the first match on the new field between Samaritan Village and the boys from another local orphanage. We noticed the opposing team's players were all outfitted with the proper footwear, while our boys were either barefoot or wearing sandals. The couple asked Ibrahim to go with them to pick out the shoes since he attends the most prestigious football academy in Tanzania.

Finally, our team spent precious times with the children doing crafts, teaching Bible stories and songs as well as helping them write letters to their sponsors.

There's no way to write about everything that happened. So, if you'd like to know more, check out the NEW video on the website. It features highlights of the trip and the orphanage itself. *And next time, go with us!*



Craft Time - New Soccer Shoes - Plastering the Wall

Stay connected with Samaritan Village. Visit the website for stories and the latest news.

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New Football Field and Wading Pool!



Thanks to a generous donation from *To the Least of These*, the ministry of Rev. Jerry and Stacy Kramer and the donations given at last year's *To Tanzania with Love* event, the children now have a new Football (Soccer) field, playground structure and a wading pool! The soccer field hosted the first match between our boy's team and a team from another local orphanage. The game was competitive and ended in a 3-3 tie. The other children enjoyed their time cooling off in the pool or playing on the new trampoline.



Confirmation for the Older Children



Each year at this time, the older children go through confirmation classes at the Lutheran Church where they attend each week. The classes teach them the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The confirmation ceremony where they make their public commitment to Christ took place in December. They all looked incredible, as you can see from the pictures!

Christmas News

On Christmas day the orphanage hosted 838 children on the new soccer field, playground and wading pool. It was a great and busy day, All the children enjoyed celebrating Christmas, 2022. The older children also had a wonderful experience on their annual Safari to Rwanda earlier that week. The littler ones went to a Fun Park.



Pictures from Children



Three New Children Arrive Due to Orphanage Closure



Isaac



Ariana



Isaya

Three new children were brought to the orphanage on January 15th. The children arrived from an orphanage that was closed due to lack of funds. Each child is one year old. Two of these children still need sponsors, but **Isaya** has already been fully sponsored! (NOTE: According to Josephat, who is in charge of the organization of orphanage directors in Arusha, close to thirty orphanages have closed due primarily to a decrease in support during the lockdown.)



Two New Children Arrive Under Tragic Circumstances

Two little girls were brought to the orphanage on February 13th. **Naserian** is nine years old and **Hosiana** is six. Sadly, like many of the older children we receive, these two girls were severely abused. (Hosiana is still in need of medical care.) This time, it was by their teacher. When authorities discovered what was happening, they intervened. The girls were brought to Samaritan Village after it was discovered they were orphans. While we are devastated when we hear the abuse these children have suffered, we are grateful to be able to provide them with a Christian home where they not only live, but thrive.



Naserian



Hosiana

An Inspiring Story About Two of Our Children Now Grown-up



Simon

When Samaritan Village was just beginning, the founders, including Elizabeth, cast a vision of what the orphanage was going to do for orphaned and abandoned children. Few stories illustrate the fulfillment of that vision more than what our team saw happen at the medical clinic during this last visit.

The medical clinic is on the ground floor of a three story building. Our team stayed in rooms on the second floor while the older boys moved to the third floor. While visits to the clinic are obviously fewer in the wee hours of the morning, on one of our last nights there, all of us in the building were awakened by a young lady who was in obvious distress. There was a nurse on duty when she came in. The doctor on duty was in his room on the third floor. The reason he was on the third floor is because Samaritan Village is his home. You may recall hearing about Simon, who came as an abandoned baby twenty years ago. He began medical school three years ago. Well, today he works as an intern at a hospital in Arusha and volunteers at the clinic! (He delivered his first baby by himself on Christmas Day.)

When he heard the noise, he ran downstairs to the clinic. He quickly examined the girl and spoke with her parents. He determined her problem was not physical but was due to anxiety about going off to college. Never-the-less he had to get her to calm down in order to help her breathe. Immediately, he thought of someone who could help, Moses. Moses also came as an abandoned baby around the same time as Simon. Moses just completed his first years of Bible College where he is studying to be a pastor. He was also on the third floor.

Simon ran upstairs and got him. He explained the situation while they raced down the stairs. Moses sent the parents home and began counseling the young lady. He talked and prayed with her and it wasn't long before she calmed down. Her parents returned and took her home. After a few days, Simon followed up on her and discovered she had gone off to college with no further anxiety. Not bad for a couple of orphans!



Moses

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.