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We now have the ability to do **automatic withdrawals** for donations and sponsorships. Simply sign up on the website on either the donation or sponsorship page.



PRAYER POINTS

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.

- For God's will to be done in the lives of the Maasai girls; that they can remain at the orphanage.
- Favor with the government officials for the licensing of the new dormitory/medical clinic
- To Tanzania with Love Event
- Sponsors for children currently in need at the orphanage and for the children who will be coming in the future.
- That the Lord would provide the necessary increase in funds to care for the new children.

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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.

DONATE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE



Sponsor a child



Donate

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a child at Samaritan Village Orphanage you can do so by using the enclosed envelope, by visiting the website or using your smartphone with the QR Code above.

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.

Tanzania, Africa

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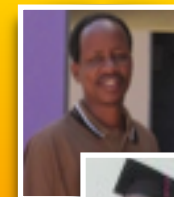
SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



TO TANZANIA WITH LOVE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



It all began twenty-five years ago

It all started in the heart of a young girl named Elizabeth. Elizabeth Mswai grew up in a small village near Mt. Kilimanjaro. She attended a Christian boarding school for girls during her high school years in Arusha Tanzania, Africa. The school was next door to a hospital that had a wing dedicated to taking in abandoned children who had been brought to them by parents too poor or simply unable to care for them. The hospital raised these children with the help of the teenage girls from Elizabeth's school.

The babies received excellent care, but at the age of three or four the hospital was no longer able to care for them. The only place for them to go was back to the parents that had abandoned them. The girls were never really told what happened to the children until one

day when they received a message from the nurses at the hospital about a little boy that had been returned to his parents. For whatever reason, the hospital decided the girls, including Elizabeth, needed to know that the little boy had died because his parents had not been able to provide for him.

The girls were devastated. It wasn't long before they



Please read the **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST** for one of the Maasai girls.

discovered that many of the children that had been returned to their parents had also died.

Elizabeth decided that something had to be done to prevent this. God laid on her heart the idea to establish a Christian orphanage to take care of children like these who had no place to go.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Elizabeth came to America to complete her education. She became a teacher, married another teacher and raised two boys of her own.

She often shared her story, but it wasn't until she shared it with a small group of Christians at a Bible study in Yuba City, California that something began to happen to make her vision come true.

Together with another group of Christians in Arusha, they formed

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a non-profit organization and named it Samaritan Village. This was in 1992.

The orphanage began in a small house on the outskirts of Arusha with three little babies. Two of

these children were adopted and the other became the first child to be raised at Samaritan Village.

Not long after the first children arrived a young man, fresh out college and deeply committed to Christ, was hired as the director. Josephat Mmanyi has remained the Director/Father ever since.

A great deal has changed over the past twenty-five years. Today the orphanage has four buildings including a dining room/nursery, a two-story dormitory, a chapel and a new three-story dormitory/medical clinic.



But, most importantly, Samaritan Village has rescued over one hundred-fifty orphaned and abandoned children. Currently there are fifty children that are being raised at the orphanage.

We will celebrate what God has done through the many prayers, financial support and volunteer hours of people like you who are receiving this newsletter on September 10, 2017 at the annual **To Tanzania with Love Event**.

By the way, you can meet **Josephat**, the director and **Anna**, the first child to be raised entirely at Samaritan Village at this year's event! You may also invite them to share at your church or small group

while they are here in the Yuba/Sutter area this September. Just contact us and we will make the arrangements. **Leon Patillo**, formerly of the band Santana, will also be in concert at the event!

Here are three ways you can help us make TTWL a great night of celebration for the children of Samaritan Village.

- **Ask a business to donate items for the raffle or funds for the event.**
- **Invite others to attend with you!**
- **Donate using the enclosed card or donate online.**

FARMERS MARKET AND THE SUMMER STROLL

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at this year's **Summer Stroll** booth. We sold several hundred dollars in African merchandise and were able to spread the word to our community about the work of Samaritan Village.



Also, a big thank you to those who volunteer each Saturday at the **Farmer's Market!**

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

5:00 p.m. FREE Dinner
6:00 p.m. Concert Event

TO TANZANIA WITH LOVE

MEET JOSEPHAT, DIRECTOR/FATHER AND ANNA, THE FIRST ORPHAN
FEATURING MUSIC BY LEON PATILLO

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
445 B ST YUBA CITY, CA

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

One of the Maasai girls is very sick. Her name is Sinyath. She is just eight years old. She was taken to the doctor and admitted to the hospital where she remains for treatment. She is suffering from kidney cancer. The doctors removed water from her lungs that was caused by the cancer. The cancer has already spread into other parts of her body as it had into her lungs.



The government requested that the court release Sinyath to be cared for by her family. The hospital cost is paid for by the government and her family so there is no need to raise funds for her. What is urgently needed are our **PRAYERS!**

Those of us on the e-mail list from Josephat have been aware of this urgent need for several weeks. If you would like to receive regular updates directly from Josephat, email us and we will put you on the list.



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News of the Children!

A NEW CHILD ARRIVES

On Sunday night, May 28th around 10 p.m. a baby boy was found at Kwa Morombo out of Arusha City. The baby was abandoned by unknown persons. After a police investigation the baby was admitted to Samaritan Village. Josephat says he looks healthy but they are waiting for more results after a more thorough medical exam.



He has been given the name **Genesis**. He would love a **sponsor!**



A CHILD IS ADOPTED

Lucesia was one of four children brought to Samaritan Village from another orphanage that had been closed by the government. We wrote about them last month. Praise the Lord, she has been **adopted** by a family in Tanzania!

Finding parents to adopt the children has always been the first priority of Samaritan Village. While some of the children have been adopted by families from other countries, the vast majority are adopted by families in Tanzania. One of the reasons for this is the government's requirement that any family adopting a child in Tanzania must live in Tanzania with the child for at least six months.

MAASAI GIRLS UPDATE

The story of the ten girls that were brought to the orphanage continues to tug at the hearts of everyone associated with Samaritan Village. You read about their tragic story in the last newsletter.

They were taken *temporarily* to Samaritan Village. Last month a court trial was held to determine whether they will be allowed to stay at the orphanage, be moved to a different orphanage, or be returned to the tribe and their families. The Maasai girls and their representatives finished their appearance in court. The man who abused them, the owner of the house and all the staff from that orphanage then presented their opposition starting on July 18th. The next step is for the parents to present their case to the court. The whole process will take several more months. After that everyone will wait for the judge to decide the fate of these girls.

PLEASE be in prayer for these young girls! We

want their fate determined by God, not by a judge! We will keep you updated on the website whenever we hear more.



REPORT ON THE RENOVATIONS



*We mentioned in the last newsletter that with the expansion of the orphanage and the new medical clinic comes several renovations that are needed on the existing buildings and grounds. Thanks to a generous donation we were able to purchase a new **washing machine!** No more washing clothes for fifty children by hand! We hope to buy a dryer in the near future.*

A team from Adventure Church in Yuba City, California is at Samaritan Village right now. Their plans are to complete the covered kitchen area.

The grinding mill is now operational and is milling corn to be used at the orphanage and to sell to the surrounding villagers. The pigs are also multiplying even as we speak. This is another source of food and income for the orphanage as is the Green House where vegetables are grown.

There are still a number of other projects that are in need of funds, volunteers and PRAYER. These include expanding the dining facility and chapel and completing the requirements of the government to license the new medical clinic and dormitory.

