

## THE WEBSITE IS NOW WORKING!

We're sorry for the delay in getting the new website up and running. It seemed like it would be ready by the time the last newsletter went to print but we ran into some technical issues. We have fixed most of the issues and are continuing to get everything ready to go online as soon as possible. Visit us soon at the new and improved [samaritanvillageorphanage.com](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.com)!

## JOIN THE EMAIL LIST!

We are planning to use email to bring regular updates and pictures of what is happening at Samaritan Village to our supporters. If you would like to receive these updates on a regular basis, simply contact us through the website email address.



**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.

## SPONSORSHIP MADE EASY



You will soon be able to choose a child to sponsor through our **website**. Registration is easy and all the children who need sponsors are listed. Along with each child's name and birthday, you may also read their **story**. Once on the website, to sponsor a child, simply click on the **Sponsor Button**, then fill out

and submit the registration form along with your first monthly gift ALL online.

There are also now **three** ways to send in your monthly sponsorship gift or donation to Samaritan Village making it easier than ever to help save the life of an abandoned child.

**First**, you may mail in a **check** or **money order** each month with the name of your sponsored child in the memo section or by enclosing the child's monthly sponsor card with your gift.

**Second**, you may **donate online** each month through Paypal or our secure website.

**Third**, and easiest of all, you may sign up for **automatic payments** either online or by using your sponsor card. You choose the date when your gift is deducted on your credit or debit card and it will automatically be done for you.

All of these methods will be available by visiting [samaritanvillageorphanage.com](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.com).

In whatever way you choose to sponsor a child or donate to **Samaritan Village** we know you



## SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

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Here's someone who's helping save orphaned children!

Your picture goes here!

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TANZANIA, AFRICA

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# SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



There's a lot to celebrate at Samaritan Village

## Progress on the New Building

**Construction resumed in November to complete the new building before the end of 2015.**

Thanks to the generous donations of those of you who have answered God's call to help save abandoned and orphaned children in Africa, construction has once again resumed on the new building at Samaritan Village.

Once completed, even more children will be able to live and grow-up in a loving Christian atmosphere, complete with a Christian education and a bright future.



This new three-story building will increase the capacity from the current 30 children living at Samaritan Village to a facility that will be home for at least 68 children.

By far, the vast majority of the babies brought to Samaritan Village have survived and then either been adopted or are now growing up at the

orphanage. However, there have been some babies who have not lived more than a few weeks or even just a few days due to the severity of their physical condition when they arrived. (You can read about one of those babies who was not expected to live when he came to the orphanage. Today, he is healthy and happy living at Samaritan Village. The story is on page two)

In developing plans for the new building we wanted to do something about this problem. That is why the building project also includes increasing our newborn facility for recovery babies from 4 infants to 14 infants. (Almost all our children started out as recovery babies.) The newborn care facility will include the necessary equipment and cribs to care for infants who are brought to the orphanage with medical conditions requiring special attention.

In addition to the increase in the size of the orphanage itself, the new building will also be home to a new medical clinic. It will be the only medical facility in that part of the entire city of Arusha. This means medical care will be available immediately for both the children and members of the

surrounding community. Teams of doctors and volunteers can come, live and work at the orphanage on a regular basis. It also means the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with more and more people. What an incredible opportunity!

The roof has already been completed on the building. It was finished just before Christmas. (This newsletter contains several pictures of the new bright blue roof.) The next steps on the building include running electrical and plumbing throughout, as well as installing windows, doors, flooring, plastering and finally, furnishings.

After all this is completed, work will begin on remodeling the current facilities to create space for more dorm rooms, a larger dining room and kitchen, and, as already mentioned, an enlarged infant care facility.

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### Spreading the word about Samaritan Village

Samaritan Village is not supported by a denomination or a single church. It is supported by individuals, a handful of churches and fund raising activities such as the Farmers Market and the annual "To Tanzania With Love Banquet."

You can help by spreading the word about the opportunity Samaritan Village presents for individuals, churches and organizations to be a part of helping save abandoned and orphaned children in Africa. Use the brochures available on the website or invite a speaker from Samaritan Village to your church, group or organization.



NEWS ABOUT THE CHILDREN

A word about education in Tanzania as three children “leave” the orphanage for Secondary School

Every child in Tanzania begins school at the age of four. Although public schools are available for all children in Tanzania, these schools are often overcrowded, understaffed and horribly lacking in books, materials and decent facilities. The public schools near the orphanage are no exception. The children at these schools attend either one of two sessions each day—either a morning or afternoon session. Each session has between 110 and 140 students per grade! There is one teacher for each grade level in each of these class sessions. And that’s just in the primary grade classes! Secondary classes (9th - 12th grades) may have as many as 200 students in a class. Children sit in makeshift desks in rooms where not a single window contains any glass. The children share textbooks, pencils, writing tablets and more. There were no computers or even a hint of technology. in the primary schools we visited.



In addition, public schools are taught in Swahili with one class devoted to learning English taught each year through the eighth grade. Once in secondary school, the students are taught exclusively in English.

At the end of each year the children must take the National Exams. The exam at the end of eight grade determines where the child will be allowed to go for secondary school. The higher the student’s score, the better the school they may attend. Those students who do not pass the exam will not likely attend secondary school. After secondary school, students will take another exam. This time their score determines where they will attend school for the next two years, again, if at all. They will then take a final exam to determine if they can attend college.



Obviously, the better the school, the better the education and the more likely students are to go on to further education and a better future. Thankfully, God has laid it on the hearts of Christians in churches and denominations from all over the world to go to places such as Tanzania to start private Christian schools. These schools have pupil/teacher ratios of around 30 - 1. Private Christian schools are all taught exclusively in English with a single class offered each year in Swahili starting in preschool. They all have adequate books and materials as well as technology.



Thankfully, some of you have answered the call to provide the funds for each of the children at the orphanage to attend private Christian Schools including boarding schools for those students in secondary school. (All students in private and even some public secondary schools go away to boarding school.) **Simon, Moses, and Jacqueline** join five others who have already gone off to boarding school. Pray for them as they begin this new journey. They will be missed around the orphanage, but they will all return during their breaks to live and help with the younger children.



MEET THE CHILDREN

This story and the stories of all the children who live at Samaritan Village Orphanage can be found at [samaritanvillageorphanage.com](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.com).

Evarist

is an unusual name for a child at Samaritan Village. As you may have know, most of the children come to the orphanage without a name or a birthdate. The children without a name are given one by Josephat with suggestions from the staff and other children. Most of the children are given names from the Bible. Evarist was named after the tallest mountain in the world.



As Josephat explained, Evarist was very small and fragile when he was born prematurely. His mother abandoned him soon after birth. He was found in the city of Arusha when people heard him crying. He had been dumped in a large municipal garbage bin. (No one wants to think about what would have happened to this little boy had his cries not been heard.)

He was taken to the hospital where he remained for four months. The doctors did not think he would live when they brought him to Samaritan Village. Taking care of him required so much painstaking work that it seemed as if the staff at the orphanage was climbing Mt. Evarist, thus his name. Finally, after much prayer Evarist recovered. That was almost ten years ago. Today He attends St. Monica School Class 2. He loves to play and is always smiling.

Everest would love to have a sponsor. Please contact Cyndea at 530-845-7982 or email her at [cyndealanders@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndealanders@yahoo.com).

THE CHILDREN VISIT LAKE VICTORIA

Thanks to the generosity of a single donor, the children from the orphanage were able to travel to Lake Victoria for an exciting weekend of fun. It was a grand adventure for both the children and staff as they brought nearly thirty children to experience something that few African children, especially those who are orphans, ever get to experience. Everyone made it there and back, surviving the overnight stay and even some time on the lake, as you can see from the picture.



CHRISTMAS COMES TO THE CHILDREN AT SAMARITAN VILLAGE

Thanks to the generosity of our regular donors as well as the fund raising efforts of the volunteers supporting Samaritan Village, the orphanage received extra funds in December to provide a special Christmas celebration and presents for the children. The children sent us this picture of everyone saying, “Thank you!”

Short term mission trips can be life changing as Brianne Poole, a member of last summer’s mission team to Samaritan Village, explains in this article she wrote shortly after returning from Africa. The article first appeared in the Ambassador Newspaper

THE BLESSING OF SERVING IN AFRICA

by Brianne Poole

Traveling to Africa on a mission trip can be a life changing experience. I have been blessed with the opportunity to travel to Kenya and Tanzania the past few years to serve the people of God. My most recent trip was to a Tanzanian orphanage this past July.



Our team of nine from Adventure Church of Yuba City was able to build a new playground for Samaritan Village Orphanage and do fun activities with the kids. It was such a blessing to be able to spend two weeks with these amazing children who all had heartbreaking stories of abandonment. It isn’t understandable how parents could not want their child, but it brings relief to know that God wants them and loves them. And there is no love that can compare to His.

Visiting a third world country is a humbling experience. I’m sure most people would agree that once you see how little people are living with, all our material possessions become unimportant.

Witnessing how happy the children were, even though they didn’t have much, shows that it’s not material things that can make us truly happy. It is really God’s love that fulfills us and makes us whole and joyful. Yes, I appreciate the luxuries I have, but I have come to



terms that God, my family, and my church are infinitely more valuable.

Something that I have learned from my mission trips is that it’s not me blessing the people of Africa, it is God working through me and it is He who is blessing them. He has called me to serve and He has blessed me with the abilities and personality to carry out the plans He has for me. Many people headed out for their first mission trip would assume that they are going to change other people’s lives. Usually you don’t expect your life to also change dramatically.

It’s been over a month since I returned from the orphanage and I continue to hold all the children dearly in my heart. I have been praying for them and contributing to the cause of finding them sponsors to help pay for their education and living expenses. I am thankful to God everyday for all that he has blessed me with, and I look forward to where he calls me in the future.

Brianne is a freshmen at San Diego State University studying to be an engineer like her father who also was part of the Africa Team.

JOIN A TEAM TO AFRICA!

After you’ve sponsored a child at Samaritan Village for a few months we guarantee you’re going to want to visit that child. It may seem like just a dream. After all, how many people do you know



that have been to Africa? Well, you just read about an eighteen year old young lady, not unlike any of us, who went to Tanzania last summer. And she, like all of those who have ever gone on a mission trip, did the same thing to get there. She prayed, raised money and sacrificed. And God provided. Now, you can become a part of a team and travel to Samaritan Village. Find out more at [samaritanvillageorphanage.com](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.com).

COMING IN MAY

Watch for news of a Night of Praise and Worship here in Yuba City as we gather together to pray and celebrate the work that God continues to do at Samaritan Village. You won’t want to miss this event!



Before



After

BUILDING RESUMES

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Finally, while we have the funds to complete the building itself, there is still much to be done as we prepare to more than double the size of the orphanage and provide medical care to the children and surrounding community.

Obviously, we will need to raise more funds to complete the remodeling work, but beyond that we will need to double the number of sponsors for the children. Even now, Josephat receives calls on a regular basis asking if the orphanage can take in just one more child. Once the building is complete his answer will be, “Yes, we can!”

But that can only happen if we have those of us back in the states and in other parts of the world ready to step up ourselves to donate and to recruit others to help us rescue these abandoned and orphaned children in Africa.

Join us in praying and preparing for an exciting and fruitful future at Samaritan Village Orphanage as we take care of even more of the “least of these.”



Main Building