



November 2005

October Trip to Tanzania

The trip planned for October to build teachers housing was a tremendous success!

Gary Blumarthal, from Oregon, David Ferran from San Diego, Stephanie Volkert from Philadelphia and Lynda Bowen from the UK joined us, as well as Sharon Kramer and Verla Engelbrecht from Minnesota.

Sharon and Verla were making sure that everything at the Singida Hospital will be ready for the January 2006 Medical Mission Team.

The Medical Mission Team will be comprised of 57 surgeons, doctors, nurses and support staff.

Floyd and Gary worked on the teacher housing, in Nkungi, for the Gunda Secondary School.



David, Stephanie and Lynda visited the villages and schools in Ilunda Ward. They met with school and village leaders to understand and see, first hand what the needs were.

There are 11 schools in the Ilunda Ward. In many of the schools, students are still sitting on rocks, for chairs, or on dirt floors.

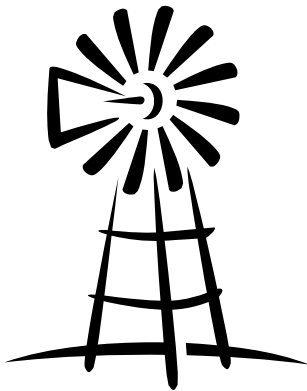


Students are doing their class work by writing in the dirt and then wiping it smooth, due to the lack of paper and pencils.



The schools, which have desks, do not have enough. There are very few teaching materials and text books.

The village of Nkungi is in the Ilunda Ward. There is an obvious difference in comparing the Nkungi Primary School to the other primary schools in the ward. The Nkungi Primary and Secondary schools have both books and desks, many were donated by Outreach, however, there is still a need.



The Need for Water

There has been a 3 year drought and one of the main concerns, expressed by all of the villages, is the need for water. They need water for everyday use, for their homes and schools and also for growing crops. The cattle are also suffering.

There are some bore holes (wells), but very few are in working order and several are dry. We also saw many dry streams. People are walking many miles to get water. We saw several herders with a 5 gallon container of water and a small bowl, which they would pour water into for the animals to drink.



Without seeing the effects of the drought, it is hard to believe the magnitude of the problem.

While we were there last week, it was announced that the Singida Region is suffering from wide spread drought and many deaths can be expected this year, due to starvation.

Supply water and food is our priority and we ask for your help!

Floyd repaired the windmill in Nkungi Village, once again. The water faucet at the base of the windmill needed to be replaced. Floyd also installed the submersible pump, in the bore hole at the Gunda Secondary School. The school now has water available.

Kids Against Hunger Meals

The Kids Against Hunger (KAH) meals are being served for a noon meal at the Gunda Secondary School, in Nkungi.

Although 315,000 meals have been shipped for use in the Singida Region, children are still starving to death.

We took KAH meals to a family in Singa Village, but were too late to save two of the four children, in one family, from starving to death.



There are families in Nkungi Village who have no food. We need your help to get a minimum of two containers of KAH meals shipped, before this Christmas, to Nkungi Village.

Because the need is so urgent, we are asking each person who helps us package food, to please bring a \$25 contribution. This will help in the cost of the ingredients and the freight for shipping the containers. Shipping costs for each container is approximately \$8,750.

Again, we thank everyone who has been a part of the Outreach Africa efforts.



Coffee and Baskets

Five donated sewing machines have been placed for the mama's to use in making the batik coffee pouches.

We met with the Tanzania Coffee Board to make sure we are offering you the very best coffee available!

This coffee, along with 8,000 more baskets are due to arrive in Iowa next week.

The contributions from the baskets and coffee are used for books, building materials, water pumps, plumbing, medical supplies, generators, medicines, freight to TZ, to buy more baskets and coffee and the freight to get them here.

Please remember baskets and coffee for your Christmas list!



Sponsor a Child – Secondary School Tuition

Many people have indicated the desire to sponsor a child for their secondary education. We will have a list in December of the needy children who have passed their exams and are accepted for higher education. These children will not be able to attend secondary school without your help.

It takes only \$80 per year to sponsor a child, which includes their books, uniforms, school fees and tuition. This contribution can be submitted by credit card, through the Outreach web page or by personal or corporate check, made payable to: Outreach.

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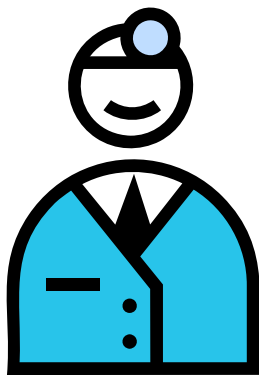
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Books and Teacher Housing

The 25,000 books purchased by BCLUW middle school, from Books for Africa, are due to arrive in Nkungi Village this month.

Andrea Wall, a primary school teacher from Minnesota, now living in Dodoma, TZ, will be working with Outreach, along with Mungwe, a Tanzanian National, and the secondary students of Nkungi, to stamp, sort and divide the books among the 11 schools of Ilunda Ward.

The two teacher houses being built were ready to be roofed when we left last week.

The second building of the Secondary school needs a concrete floor, doors and windows and desks.

We shipped 50 additional desks in the container with the 25,000 school books, which shipped from Iowa, on October 6th.

There are 80 students signed up waiting for this building to open. A third building had the foundation started.

The Porta Doc Unit

We met with Dr. Ngowi, the Doctor in Charge of Iambi Hospital. We explained the Porta Doc mobile medical unit concept with him and he is very anxious to receive unit.

The Porta Doc is a portable medical unit to provide services to villages in the bush areas, which have no access to medical care. After visiting the villages, it is very clear how much this service is needed.

We continue our efforts to raise money for the truck required to transport the Porta Doc unit.

See the Outreach website for more information.

The January 2006 Medical Mission

The medical team has increased to 57. The doctors in Africa are anxious for the help and opportunity to learn new skills, including the repair of fistulas, from the American doctors.

Jerry and Verla Engelbrecht will be traveling with the team. Jerry will film the medical mission to create a documentary, for Minnesota Public Television. Verla is a surgical nurse

and will be working with the team of surgeons.

The Community Church of Union, IA donated many midwifery kits to the Singida Hospital.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!