

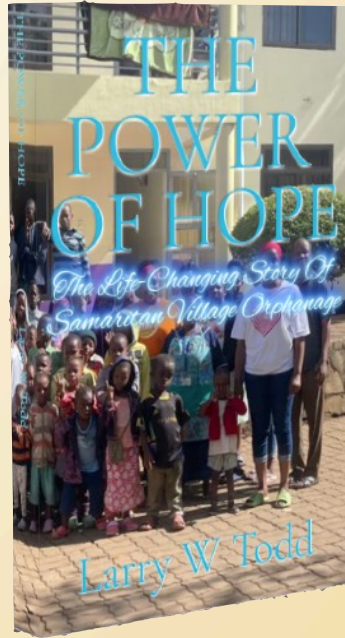
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Take a Look Inside...



The Power of Hope - The Life-Changing Story of Samaritan Village Orphanage



A New Child Arrives



Another Success Story



Christmas Events Coming Up For The Children



PRAYER REQUESTS

Who We Are...

Our Mission: Samaritan Village is a private, non-profit organization in the US and a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Tanzania. The orphanage was established and is run by volunteers with the purpose of to developing, expanding and maintaining a Christian orphanage to care for abandoned, orphaned and trafficked children.

Our Vision

We work to reduce the number of abandoned children as well as the deaths of children that often results from their abandonment in Tanzania. We do this by providing care for those whose parents have either died or abandoned them and who have no relatives responsible for their care or who have been rescued from human trafficking.

Our first goal is to find family who to adopt the new child. For those children who are not adopted, Samaritan Village provides a safe and stable Christian home environment with lots of mamas and care givers, even more brothers and sisters and a father named Josephat (Our Director).

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CELEBRATE WITH US!



TWENTY FIVE YEARS!

Samaritan Village began as a non-profit organization in Yuba City, California in 1992 and as a NGO in Tanzania a few years later. It wasn't until 2000 that the first children arrived. That means next year in 2025, we will celebrate twenty-five years of rescuing and providing a home for orphaned, abandoned and trafficked children. During this time, over 300 children have been rescued. Most were adopted and there are currently over sixty children growing up at the orphanage.

The orphanage began with a vision to rescue abandoned children and now, twenty-five years later we no longer have to ask people to support the work based on a vision or a plan. Instead, we ask for support based on the evidence of the lives that have been forever changed over the past twenty-five years.

Today we have the testimonies of children who are living successful lives filled with hope and promise. There are many children who are now grown, who love God and have a heart for serving others.

HOSPITAL PLANS!

As part of the two fundraising events this May, we'll be celebrating these lives as we prepare to build a hospital to change even more lives—lives of our children and of orphans from other children's homes that don't have the resources needed to



provide life-saving medical treatment for their orphans; lives of women who need specialized maternity care to reduce the mortality rate of newborns and emergency care for the local community where the nearest hospital is miles away.

We'll be sharing more about the upcoming fundraisers in a special edition of the newsletter in February.

They include a Golf Tournament and a Banquet.

GRADUATION TIME!

The children continue to grow up fast, just like our own children! Six children have just competed Forms 1-4 of Secondary school. They are waiting on the results of their National Exams. Their scores will help determine the options they have to further their education. They may do two more years of secondary school, go to a trade school or college or even go straight to a university.

The six children are Everest, Emanuel Grace, Flora, Paul and Josephat.

Five other children just completed grade 7. They are also waiting to see the results of their National Exams. Their scores will determine which secondary schools they'll be able to attend. These five children are Mariana, Baraka, Esther, Marry and Marcily.

LOCAL TEAM TRAVELS TO AFRICA

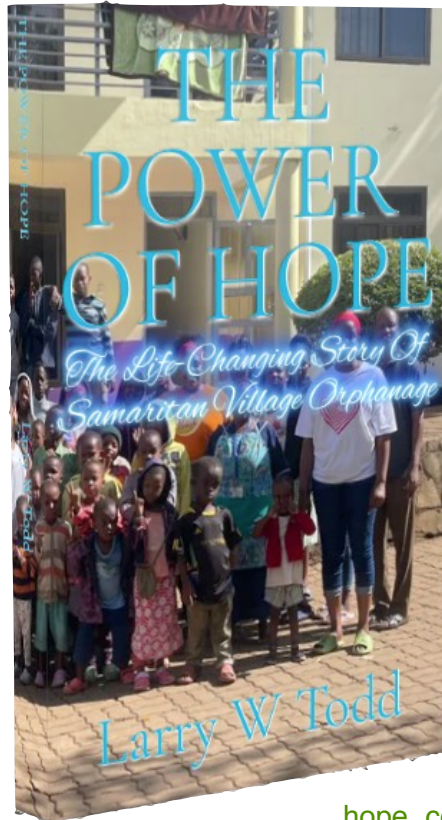
The team from Yuba City leaves for Africa on December 28th. Please be in prayer for our team as they go to spend time with the children as well as help build a cover for the outdoor kitchen and a covered outdoor eating area.

A New Book About Samaritan Village Orphanage

Tell me what you think. Is it possible for a child to overcome a past that includes being thrown in a public dumpster shortly after birth? Or what about being left by your mother with a neighbor when you were just a few weeks old, only to have her never return to pick you up? What if you were found abandoned in a field when you were two months old and you were so severely injured and dehydrated that not a single orphanage in the entire country wanted to take you in for fear you would soon die under their care? Or, what about being left in a wooden box by your mother who was afraid the neighbors might call the police if they heard her baby crying even one more time. Oh, and when you're finally found in that box, you're taken to the morgue because they presume you're dead?

Hold on, there's more. What do you think about the superstitions of a certain African tribe that would cause them to leave twin boys alone in a hut alongside the body of their mother who had died during childbirth hoping the two babies would also die? Would those boys have any hope for a future? Or, what if you watched both your parents die of AIDS when you were a young child and then no-one would take you in because of the fear associated with that deadly disease? Would you have a future filled with hope?

Wait, I've got one more. How about being taken into human trafficking as a child as young as two years of age, then abused for years until you were finally rescued? Would that sort of trauma destine you to a life



of anxiety and depression? Would you ever be able to trust another human being, much less have a normal life?

I could go on and on, and I will in this book. Then again, at this point, why would you want to continue reading this book at all? I mean, it probably sounds too depressing to go on. But trust me, you need to read this book because the answer to the question as to whether it's possible for these children to have hope for the future after having suffered so much at the hands of those who were supposed to be their protectors is... absolutely yes!

Each year in Africa, thousands of children like these are orphaned and abandoned. Sadly, many of these precious little ones die before being found. But, for those who are found, at least in Tanzania, there is hope. That

hope comes from a very special place where orphaned, abandoned and trafficked children are taken in and given a new family—a family who adopts them or a family at the Samaritan Village Orphanage.

As for the purpose of this book, it's not written to simply tell you the history of an amazing work being done in Africa. It's also not intended to be an appeal to get you to send money to support this work, although you can. **The reason this book was written is to transform your life into a life filled with HOPE.**

100% of the profits from the book go to Samaritan Village. The book will available for pre-sale on Amazon in February with the release date in May.



Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for "(small) Esther" who has been diagnosed with blood cancer. Esther was brought to the orphanage on May 7, 2022. She is 12 years old
- Please continue to pray for Lisa who has not spoken since she arrived at the orphanage on July 7, 2020. She is 5 years old.
- Please continue to pray for wisdom as we raise the money for the new hospital.
- Please pray for Allen, our newest child.

Children's News

Two New Children Arrive



Allen

Dear Samaritan friends,

The baby boy was found abandoned by Olasiti Arusha. He was found crying on the road. The baby is approximately 2 years old. After being checked by our doctors at Samaritan Hospital he was found to have a big wound in his chest. (The wound looks like a fire wound.) After being reported to the police, Social Welfare officers brought the child to Samaritan Village. The person who found the baby requested us to give the baby his name **Allen**.



Samwel

A baby was found abandoned on 11/30 in the Tobacco Farms in Tabora about 660K from Arusha. He was brought to Samaritan 4:00 p.m. He looks to be around 7 months old and is in good health. I gave him the name **Samwel**.

Mercy Still Needs a Sponsor



Mercy is twelve years old. She is one of ten children brought to the orphanage on May 7, 2022. The children are all adjusting well to their new home as they experience the Love of God from their new family.

Another Success Story

Rachel was orphaned after both her parents died in 2009. She was then cared for by her uncle. A neighbor discovered that he was abusing his niece. The neighbor contacted the police who investigated the situation and the uncle was arrested. The baby was injured and didn't walk properly. She was brought straight to Samaritan Village.



Rachel finished her Laboratory Technician Certification in September of this year, graduating with honors. She is now working at the Samaritan Village Medical Clinic.

Summer Vacation Plans

The children are home for Christmas Break (Summer Vacation). And as always, there are big plans for their time off school. There will be a Christmas Celebration on Christmas Day with over 900 children from local orphanages. Before that, the children will be going on a Safari (Field Trip) to Fort Jesus in Mombasa, Kenya. They will also be doing their annual Community Service Project for the widows in the community.

If you would like to donate toward any of these activities, simply use the enclosed envelope or visit the website. You may also use our new **TEXT TO GIVE** number. Then choose **Christmas Events**.



Pictures from Arusha

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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.

Ways to Give

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