YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



As we said in the last newsletter, we believe that Samaritan Village should provide the children with more than simply food, a place to live, clothing, and a Christian education. We believe we should also furnish them with a wide

variety of experiences outside the walls of the orphanage or their nearby schools.

Thanks to the generosity of of one of our many anonymous friends of Samaritan Village the children were able to visit the

Snake Park in Arusha. Josephat reports they held harmless snakes and even rode camels!

Thanks to another generous and anonymous donation, the orphanage now has a new van! The van is

used daily to transport the children to and from their various schools throughout Arusha as well as to



attend church and go on trips such as the one to the Snake Park. The old van had also been donated but was clearly on its last leg requiring constant repairs and becoming extremely unreliable.

FROM ELIZABETH,

(September, 2008 Newsletter)

Dear Friends of Samaritan Village.

Our Bible study at Crossroads Church is "The Study of Missions." One of the lessons was about giving, not taking. This practice



is very true when Christ is the reason. We become God's givers as we open our hearts to be used in giving of our funds, our time, going to the mission field and by praying.

Thank you for your prayers for the children at Samaritan Village, the staff who care for them, the board of directors here in Yuba City and in Arusha. Tanzania.

Your servant.

Elizabeth Mswai

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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,

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.



Next year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Samaritan Village.



Samaritan Village Orphanage became an official organization in the USA in July, 1992. It would be nearly four years later that the paperwork would be processed through the government of Tanzania and

the first children would arrive. Since then, Samaritan Village has rescued 121 abandoned and orphaned children. Of those, 77 children have been adopted by families in Tanzania. One was adopted by a family in Germany, one by a family from the USA and one by a family in Great Britain, although this family remained in Tanzania. Thirty-three children are now living at the orphanage. Sadly, 8 children died after being brought to the orphanage with serious illnesses or injuries.

Now, as the new medical clinic nears completion, a new era will begin at Samaritan Village. Rescuing abandoned and orphaned children and raising them in a Christian environment will always remain our primary goal. However, we will now be able to further our mission to fulfill the great commission of bringing the Good News of Christ to the people of Tanzania through the work of the new medical clinic.

While it is certainly exciting to think of all this new clinic and dormitory will do for the orphanage and the surrounding community, it also presents several

challenges—challenges for those of us here in the United States and throughout the world who support Samaritan Village through our donations, prayers and hours of volunteer work-challenges for our director Josephat and



the staff at the orphanage who care for the children each day—and challenges we have yet to realize.

This new era will require medical personnel and dozens of new volunteers to maintain the staffing of the medical clinic. It will also mean more staff and volunteers at the orphanage as we more than double the number off rescued children who will be living and growing up at Samaritan Village. Finally, more children will require the need for increased funds and more sponsors. All this will be here before we know it!

If we had to rely on our own ideas and effort to



meet these enormous challenges, we would be completely lost! Fortunately, we have the God of the Universe on our side! He has led us to this point and there is no reason to believe he will not continue to direct our steps.

We hope you will join us as

we continue to experience the mighty hand of God in this new era. Become a sponsor, a prayer partner, a volunteer at home or in Africa or all of the above!

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



TO TANZANIA WITH LOVE

Our annual concert/ fundraiser will be held September 11, 2016 at Crossroads Community Church. This year we have

Leon Patillo in concert. Leon is the former lead guitarist for the band **Santana**. The evening will begin with a free dinner followed by the concert and a special presentation about Samaritan Village..

This year we are looking for individuals and businesses to **sponsor** the event. There are different levels of sponsorship from \$100 to \$2,500. We will also hold a raffle with dozens of prizes donated by local businesses. If you own a business or know someone who does and would like to be a sponsor or donate a raffle prize please contact us.

FARMER'S MARKET CONTINUES

The Yuba City Farmers Market continues every Saturday through the Fall. Stop by the booth at the fountain or contact Joan Hackney to volunteer.

RUN FOR ORPHANS

We had originally planned to hold the second annual *Run for Orphans* this Fall but have decided to hold it next Spring. Watch for more information on the website and in our next newsletter.

If you would like to make a DONATION you can do so by using the enclosed envelope, by visiting the website or using your smartphone with the QR Code in this newsletter.

GO TO AFRICA!

Have you ever wanted to **go** to Africa and meet the children and staff of Samaritan Village Orphanage? Ask anyone who has gone and they will tell you it is truly a life-changing experience.



Well, now is your chance! We are forming a team to volunteer at the orphanage in the Summer of 2017. That gives everyone a year to raise support and save money to go, The total cost of the trip

(which includes airfare and a one day *African Safari*) will be approximately \$2,800. That may sound like a big amount of money but remember, we serve a BIGGER God who answers prayer. So, start praying now about going.

DO YOU HAVE A GROUP THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHILDS

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."

Sponsorships can be a little as \$20 per month and the sponsorship goes both ways. The children send regular letters and pictures to their sponsors that can be shared with the group. The group members can then



write their sponsored child either as a group or as individuals. Contact us for more information.

PROGRESS ON THE NEW BUILDING

We recently received the latest pictures from Josephat of the new building! They show just how close the Dormitory/Medical Clinic is to being completed.

It is incredible to think how wonderful this new building will be and all the ways it will be used to rescue and care for even more children. God has truly blessed Samaritan Village through its many supporters that have made this all possible.

Visit us on Facebook or on our website at samaritanvillageorphanage.org. to view progress on the new building as well as other news of Samaritan Village.









MEET THE CHILDREN MEET PAUL AND JOSEPH

Two of the nicest boys at the orphanage are the twin boys Joseph and Paul. They were born near Ngorongoro Crater National Conservation Area. Their mother was a member of the Sonjo tribe. Sonjos are a nomadic tribe. Their mother traveled 70 kilometers to town to give birth to them. She



died shortly after the twins were born. The convent near the place where they were born tried to bring them back to the tribe, but the tribe believes it is a bad omen to accept children with dead mothers, so they would not take the children back. Instead, they left the children in the hut with their mother's body and moved to a new location. The babies were found by the nuns from the convent. The twins stayed in the convent and were baptized at the age of one month. They were then transferred to Samaritan Village. They are in class 2 Primary at St. Monica School. They like to play a lot. *Joseph has had a sponsor for nearly two years but his brother Paul still needs a sponsor.*

MEET ESTHER



Ester is the sister of Flora. She was brought to Samaritan Village by a social welfare officer. Their mother died in 2006 from HIV, Their father was in the final stages of HIV when he brought the children to Social Welfare. He later died. Both children were okay and they were allowed to be adopted according to the parental agreement between the father and the

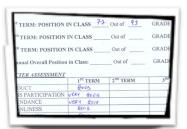
government. She is in Class 7 at Lady of Mercy School. She is one of our children who is doing wonderful in school. She is a good singer, plays different games and likes dolls. Her future plan is to be an accountant. *Esther's sister Flora has a sponsor but Esther still needs a sponsor.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA!

Anna was one of the first three babies brought to Samaritan Village. She just Graduated from A School (similar to our Community College) and will now transfer to the university!



REPORT CARDS ARE HERE!



If you or your group sponsor one of the children at Samaritan Village you should have received your sponsored child's latest report card. Why not take this opportunity to congratulate (or encourage) your sponsored child by sending them a letter. You can even include a picture of your family or group! The address is listed on the website.

Please sign-up on the website to get regular monthly E-MAIL updates and immediate, urgent PRAYER requests from the orphanage.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Visit the website to read these children's heart-wrenching stories and to sponsor any of the orphans of Samaritan Village.

Mathew Age 1



Daniel Age 14



Brigitta Age 8



Wilson Age 2



Silas Age 2



Sunday Age 3



Isaac Age 4



Simon Age15



John Age 16



Niceclara Age 16



Safina Age 17

