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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, 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.



#### 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.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Visit the website for more prayer requests. Here are some things to pray for as of the publishing of this newsletter.

- Please continue to pray for the approval of the licensing of the new medical clinic. The government was supposed to make its decision months ago.
- Pray for the 25th Anniversary Celebration coming up on June 15th at the orphanage in Arusha.
- Pray for the continuing work being done to open the clinic as well as the staffing of the clinic.
  - Continue to pray for **SPONSORS** for **ALL** the children.
  - Pray for the team from Calvary Chapel Yuba City that will be going to the orphanage this June to volunteer.
  - Pray for Josephat and the staff as they plan for additional children coming to orphanage in light of the addition of the new dormitory.



#### THE FIRST BUILDING AT SAMARITAN VILLAGE



Several teams from churches in Yuba City, California traveled half-way around the world in the mid 1990's to complete the first building of Samaritan Village. For the first several years, everything that happened at the orphanage took place in that lone facility. Today, that building still stands along with a chapel, a two-story dorm and a new three-story medical clinic/dormitory.



And now, thanks to the generous donations of some very special individuals, that original building has been completely renovated. The temporary repairs on the roof are now permanent along with a new veranda and much more!

Visit [samaritanvillageorphanage.org](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.org) to Donate or Sponsor any of the children.

Tanzania, Africa



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RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



## A HOME A FAMILY A FUTURE

### More Than An Orphanage

If you've been a friend and supporter of Samaritan Village for any length of time, you know our goal is to do more than simply meet the basic needs of orphaned and abandoned children through an orphanage in Africa. Ultimately, our goal is to provide the children who are entrusted to us with three things—a home, a family and a future.



First, providing a home for any child means more than a place to live. While a home does involve providing food, clothing and shelter for those living in the home, it also means providing a place where children are protected, where children are valued and most of all where children are loved and nurtured to grow up and become all that God meant for them to be.

Next, every child needs a family. Several years ago I asked Josephat if he could have the children answer a few questions for us so we could help their sponsors know more about them. One of the questions I wanted him to ask them was to tell us about their "friends" who are growing up with them at the orphanage. Josephat politely reminded me that the children don't refer to each other as "friends," they call each other their *brothers* and *sisters*. They also call Josephat their *father* and the ladies who take care of them from the

time they arrive at Samaritan Village are called the *mamas*.

Of course, even more important than being part of an earthly home and family is the fact that the children are also part of the Family of God.

Central to everything we do at Samaritan Village is raising the children in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord through His Word, the Bible.

Finally, by providing the children both a home and a family, as opposed to life in an *institution*, the children can look forward to a bright future. In addition to all that takes place within the walls of the orphanage, the children also attend some of the finest private Christian schools in Arusha. This gives the children a huge advantage when it comes to where they will attend college or trade school that will ultimately determine the sort of career they'll have when they leave the orphanage.

The fact that they are brought up to know and serve God is also central to their future. And, unlike some orphanages, we continue to care and provide for the children until they are completely self-reliant.

A *Home*, a *Family* and a *Future*—that's the real mission of Samaritan Village and it's been happening every day for over twenty-five years!



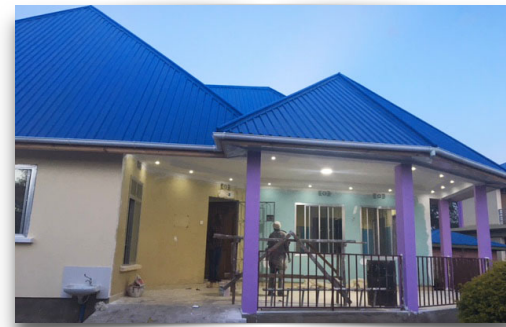
## Pictures from Arusha



Original Building Renovations



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Children and Visitors



Lunch



Growing Tomatoes

## Growing Our Own Food

One of our priorities at the orphanage is to provide quality nutrition for the children. Over the years, we have relied on the generosity of local churches and individuals to donate food or funds to purchase food for the children. Because of the price of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables and the lack of an adequate means to keep these items fresh, much of what was offered to the children consisted of dried staples such as rice, beans and grains.



While we still receive a great deal of food donations, over the last several years we have been able to add two greenhouses and increase the outdoor garden to help supply the children with the fruits and vegetables they need. In addition, we have been raising pigs and even cows. And, of course there are still lots of bananas. (Remember, the orphanage was built on a former banana plantation!)

## Samaritan Village Celebrates 25 Years in Africa!

We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Samaritan Village here in The United States back in 2017. The year 2017 marked twenty-five years since the orphanage was formed in Yuba City, California as a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing orphaned and abandoned children in Africa. It would be two more years before the orphanage was incorporated in Tanzania as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

It was then that the orphanage was allowed to open and the first two children arrived at the little rented home on the outskirts of Arusha. So, on June 15th, Josephat and the staff have planned a giant celebration to commemorate all that has happened since Samaritan Village was opened.

Please be in prayer for this event and be sure to read the report in the next newsletter on how it all turned out.



## Children's News

### A New Child Arrives. . .

One new child was brought to the orphanage since our last newsletter. Here is Josephat's report on his arrival.



April 26, 2019

Dear Samaritan Friends,

A baby boy was found at night on April 21, 2019. He had been abandoned 12 miles from the town of Arusha. He was crying and naked.

Some Samaritans took care of him and reported finding him to the police. These same kind people continued to provide temporary care for the little boy while the police and other security agencies tried to find any relatives. It was especially difficult to find anyone since no one had filed a report about a missing child. Finally, instructions were given by the police and social welfare officers for the baby to be taken to Samaritan Village.

We admitted him and gave him the name Philip. He would love a sponsor!

Thanks,  
Josephat Mmanyi

### Another Child is Adopted

In the last newsletter you read about the arrival of a new child. The little boy was found by strangers as he lay crying in some bushes. He was brought to the orphanage and given the name Daniel. Well, Samaritan Village was home to Daniel for just a couple of months. He has now been adopted by a family in Tanzania!

## More Children Who Would Love a Sponsor



Josiah



Baraka



Grace



Brigita



Daniel



Paul



Sunday



Shedrack

## Visitors and Volunteers in Africa

If you ever get an opportunity to actually visit Samaritan Village one of things you'll notice right away, in addition to the incredible children, the tremendous facilities, the beautiful grounds, the warm, loving atmosphere, the caring staff (I could go on and on) is the number of people just like you who are also visiting the orphanage.

Samaritan Village has a reputation that spans the globe which means you'll no doubt meet people from places far and wide who are coming to check out for themselves what they've heard from others about this wonderful place. You're also likely to see those who have come to do more than visit; they've come to volunteer their time, their energy and their treasure to aid in what's happening with the children at the orphanage.

One of these groups that has been sending volunteer teams to Samaritan Village for several years is Grand Valley State University, a public liberal arts university in Allendale, Michigan. The student group is volunteering and helping with some work including painting. They are coming one day every week during the entire month of May. Many thanks to their group leader Lisa Kasmer for arranging the visits to Tanzania each year.



