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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.



As with most non-profit organizations, fundraising activities have ground to a halt due to the current pandemic. In addition, donations are down as people face the difficulty of losing a job or even an entire business. It's no different for Samaritan Village. We have been unable to have our booth at the Farmer's Market and cancelled *To Tanzania with Love* for the first time ever. **But, God is good!** We have already received several donations from the fundraising letter that explained the situation we are in. *Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and sacrificed so Samaritan Village can continue to be a place that rescues abandoned and orphaned children.* And it's not too late. Go to the website to **donate** or **sponsor** a child or use the enclosed envelope to give.

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 new medical clinic.
- Pray for the children as they return to school after being home for so long.
 - Continue to pray for **SPONSORS** for **ALL** the children.
 - Pray for an increase in funds as we see more children added to the orphanage.
 - Pray for any new children that may arrive at this time.
 - Pray for an end to this virus and the restrictions on visitors to the orphanage. *An important part of the children's well-being is interacting with people who come to encourage and love on them.*



Be Careful When You Give Online!

If you are looking to **donate** to the Orphanage and you search for Samaritan Village online (Google, Yahoo, Duck Duck Go, etc.) you'll notice a myriad of sites where you can donate. But **BEWARE!** These sites use the names of orphanages, and may even use pictures from that orphanage to **scam** people into thinking they are giving to that orphanage. But, they are just that—a **scam**. Be sure to only donate by going to our website. The address is given below



Want to have a Speaker Share at Your Church or Organization?

We have an excellent presentation deigned to share what is being done to rescue orphaned and abandoned children in Africa through Samaritan Village Orphanage. We can supply you with bulletin inserts, a promo video, brochures, posters and more. Give us a call to set up a date.

Visit samaritanvillageorphanage.org to learn more or to make a donation.



Joy is Still Present at Samaritan Village!

Our First Wedding!

Let's face it. Every girl dreams about her wedding day from the moment of birth. (Okay, that's a little soon, but not too much.) She has chosen her flowers and her bouquet to match the fairytale theme she has pictured in her mind.

She envisions her stunning, white dress, its elegant train flowing behind her as she's escorted down the aisle by her father. She sees her future husband standing at the altar waiting for her to arrive. Then, guided by the words of their pastor, the two of them pledge their lives to one another, "till death do us part."

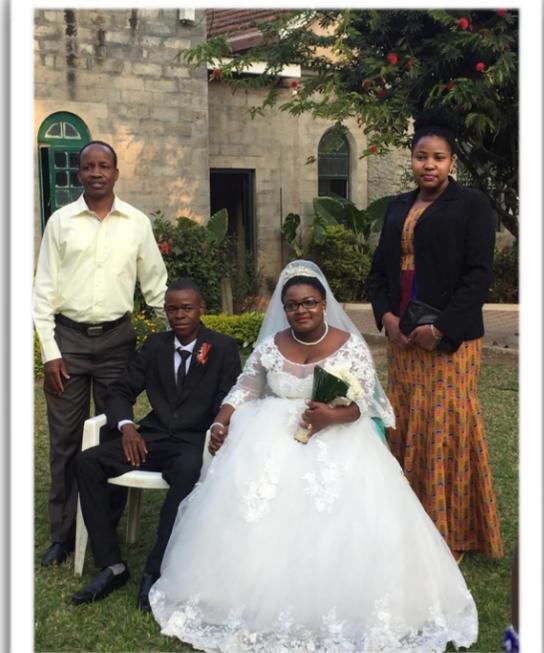
Finally, she hears those long-awaited words, "I now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss your bride." She feels the soft veil as it is lifted by her groom revealing the joy on her face. The two share that first kiss, then race down the aisle as friends and family smile and cheer at the newlyweds.

Then comes the multi-tiered wedding cake, topped with the tiny figures of her as the bride and her handsome soon-to-be husband as the groom. The two of them playfully feed the first pieces to each other.

But how can that dream come true for a little girl who was abandoned as a baby in Africa? Well, it did for this little girl, thanks to all of you who are supporters of Samaritan Village Orphanage.

Catherine was abandoned as a newborn at Mt. Meru Hospital. She was taken to Samaritan Village while only a few days old. She would grow up there surrounded by dozens of brothers and sisters.

She graduated from the Maasai Girls' School and began attending college in September 2018 majoring in Social Work. Catherine Josephat Samaritan is 21 years old. Her new husband is Edward Agustin Kaleza, 26 years old. Edward is from Zanzibar. He is a wonderful Christian young man and we wish them all the best in their new life.



From left to right: Josephat, Edward, Catherine and Grace (Josephat's wife)

Pictures from Arusha



A Swing for the Little Ones



John Weaves a Beautiful Placemat



Another Use For a Basketball Hoop



Preparing for Dinner



Just Another Day in Africa



Going for a Ride



Time for a New Storage Building



Mealtime for Children Under 5

CHILDREN'S NEWS - FOUR NEW CHILDREN



Lisa

Lisa is approximately two years old. She was found after being abandoned the first week of July. She had been left alone in the slums of the area in Arusha known as Unga Ltd. She looks healthy and, as you can see from her picture, she is a very happy, outgoing little girl. She was brought to Samaritan Village on July 7th. She would love a sponsor!



Jessica and Josephine

Around the same time Lisa was found, two little twin babies were also found. They had been abandoned in the same area and were found alone and crying at 3:00 a.m. They were turned over to the police, then to social welfare and finally brought to the orphanage. The girls are doing well, especially once they were each given a pacifier. Josephat named them Jessica and Josephine. They would each love a sponsor!



Deborah

(This is graphic) Josephat admitted a baby girl who was found on July 13th. The baby was found soon after delivery. She was dumped in the waste bin with the placenta still attached. The baby stayed in the hospital for four days and came to Samaritan Village on July 17th. She was given the name Deborah. She looks healthy. She would love a sponsor!



Neema (January 3, 2008)

Neema is one of ten Maasai girls brought to Samaritan Village when the "orphanage" where they were living was closed by the government. Theirs is a tragic story—too sad to publish here in its entirety. The girls had been taken from their tribe by a group claiming to be part of a legitimate orphanage. They said they were "rescuing" them from becoming child brides (and one of many wives) to an older Maasai man. Although they were "rescued" from that future, they were brought into an even more horrific situation. Without going into detail, one of the girl's escaped from the "orphanage" where they were being exploited and was able to tell authorities what was happening to them. The girls were immediately rescued and taken to Samaritan Village. Those involved were tried and given various sentences including one man being sentenced to life in prison.) Today the girls are flourishing in their new home!

We can have **all** the children sponsored if we **all** just give a little. Each child growing up at Samaritan Village would love a sponsor. The children shown here are the **only** children at the orphanage without a sponsor. **Why not sponsor one of them today for as little as \$20/month?**



Mercy



Safina



Jonathan



Sarah



Elizabeth



Use your smartphone to Sponsor a child

LATEST UPDATES

Things Get Back to Normal for the Children

Josephat wrote to let us know things in Tanzania have returned to normal, although they are still using extra precautions to guard against Covid19. All the children are now back in school, including those who go away to boarding school. However, there are definitely some problems that remain for both the country and the orphanage.

As most of you may have read in the *Letter* we sent last month, outsiders haven't been allowed at the orphanage for the past several months. Members of the local community help out tremendously through their generous donations of both money and supplies for the children. Foreign visitors contribute a great deal as well. All that ended abruptly and has yet to resume.

While we are financially stable at this time, other orphanages are not as fortunate. Josephat tells us that a number of children's homes have been forced to close their doors due to a lack of funds. The children from those orphanages are now being distributed to other local orphanages.

In addition, many more families are abandoning their children for various reasons. We received four new children within two weeks of opening back up. (You can read about them on the next page.) Sadly, we expect to be seeing even more children in the near future.



Pray for visitors like Jenny to return soon.



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