

# Merry Christmas!

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## 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 medical clinic and for visiting doctors
- Pray for the children and staff as they deal with the death of Mercy.
- Pray for Godluck, the newest little boy who's doing better but is still dealing with medical issues.
- 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 our founder Elizabeth's health.
- 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.*
- Pray for the possibility of the children having their annual Christmas celebration

## Our Founder's Birthday

Elizabeth Mwazi, the founder of Samaritan Village turned eighty-six years old on September 9th. She seems happy. It is due to her sacrifice and vision for saving the orphans in Africa that we can all be part of Samaritan Village. God is blessing her and also blessing the children.

If you have not read the story of how Samaritan Village began, go to our website. You'll find the story and videos detailing the remarkable vision of Elizabeth as well as her determination and ceaseless prayer that has resulted in saving the lives of over two hundred children. And there's more to come! If anyone would like to send her a card, simply mail it to the above address.



**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.

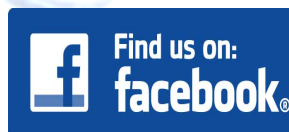
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# SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

*Rescuing Orphaned and Abandoned Children*



## Joy and Sadness at Samaritan Village!

### A Wonderful Success Story

If you've been a supporter of Samaritan Village for at least the past few years, you know the story of the ten girls from the Maasai Tribe who were brought to the orphanage in the spring of 2017. They were between the ages of eight and nine which meant they were the first children to come to Samaritan Village who were not abandoned babies. They were taken from a home disguised as an orphanage. They had been abused for some time, but one of the girls managed to escape and authorities were able to rescue all the girls.

Once at our orphanage, they were to stay while Social Welfare did an investigation to determine exactly what happened and what should be done with the girls. When they came to Samaritan Village, none of the girls spoke either Swahili or English. They were obviously very frightened, but the children and staff welcomed them with loving arms.

The girls quickly became a part of the family. When the court case was finished, the girls were asked if they wanted to stay at Samaritan Village and they agreed with no hesitation. Everything that happened to the girls and what Samaritan Village did to give them a home became national news.

Sadly, one of the girls died of cancer in 2018. The other nine girls have continued to grow and flourish. While they still have the option from the court to return to their tribe, the girls continue to choose to stay with their new family at Samaritan Village.

In October, at the beginning of the school year in Tanzania, the five oldest Maasai girls and five of the boys from the orphanage began their first year at Sojema Primary School, a private Christian Boarding School. (NOTE: Going away to boarding school is part of the education system in Tanzania.)



Their story and many others, are possible because of the generosity of those who have chosen to sponsor these amazing children!

### An Adoption

Whenever we receive a new baby at the orphanage, our first priority is to find a family to adopt the child. Over the years, we've had over one hundred-fifty children adopted. Little Deborah was adopted after only being at Samaritan Village for three months!

(NEWS continued inside)





## A Sad Story

Many times when children are abandoned as infants, it stands to reason they will have mild and sometimes severe medical conditions. We have been blessed with a wonderful medical clinic and a tremendous staff of doctors, nurses and assistants. As a result, we often receive children in need of health care. That was the case with a baby Josephat named Mercy. She came to the orphanage on August 27, 2019. This is what Josephat wrote at the time.

Dear Samaritan Friends,  
Attachment is a baby girl founded abandoned yesterday. The baby looks weak and her left eye is not open as normal. She has chest problem and some signs of hernia. She is in special room at Samaritan for special care. At her hand she have an annular for the injection. We approximation she looks like 5 months old I named Mercy. Pray for her.

She was taken care of at the medical clinic but needed surgery. The surgery was performed at a regional hospital in Arusha. Sadly, Mercy died during the operation. Please pray for the children and staff as they deal with the death of this little girl.

## Pictures from Arusha



Doing Homework



Daily Chapel Service



In the Little Kids Rooms



Mealtime



Two Cute Twin Babies



Reaching for Bananas

NOTE: This page doesn't look much like Christmas, but remember, in Africa, Christmas is in the summer.

## New Water Tower

The newest water tower has now been raised to meet the needs of the entire facility. It was especially needed to bring water to the third floor dorm of the medical clinic building.



## Thank You!

God has truly blessed the orphanage and medical clinic during this global pandemic. Although we haven't been able to hold any fund raisers this year, individuals, churches and organizations have stepped up to fill in the gap. We were able to supply the funds needed for the shortfall in education/tuition payments for all the children. We will also be sending funds for Christmas for the staff and children. Thank you to everyone who has donated and will continue to donate to help save orphaned abandoned children in Africa!

## Annual Christmas Trip

It may not be possible to hold the annual Christmas celebration for the local orphanages and members of the community. It may also not be possible for the children to take their trip this year during their Christmas Break. But, we're still praying for these things to happen!

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

### Two New Children

#### Godluck

Dear Samaritan Friends.  
Attachment is a baby boy founded dumped yesterday afternoon. The baby is very weak, affected by malnutrition. After baby founded, reported police and transfer to Samaritan Village. He is sick and we care and doctors from our Medical Clinic helping to treat and advice how to do.

His parts like legs, neck, hands not moving, he staying a same place no moving because of weak.

Your prayer and support will make his life to recover again. I approximate he have 11 months old. He crying all the time, my hope doctors will found more problem from him I named Godluck.

Thanks  
Josephat Mmanyi  
Father of Village



#### Glory

Dear Samaritan friends  
Attachments is the baby founded yesterday after abandoned by her mother soon after birth.

The baby admitted yesterday evening around 7:30 pm She is healthy and her name is GLORY.

Thanks  
Josephat



### Sponsor a Child's School Tuition



In addition to sponsoring a child for their room and board at the orphanage, we also need sponsors for each of the children's education. Every child at Samaritan Village is given a Christian Educaion at a local school or a boarding school for the older children, Tuition varies but an average education sponsorship is \$35/month

## Sponsor a Child

We added two new sponsors since the last newsletter. However, we lost some sponsors as well, possibly due to the effects of the pandemic. It's easy to sponsor a child. Simply go to the website, click on **SPONSOR**, Follow the instructions by choosing a child, then entering the amount you wish to donate each month.

Here are the children who still need a sponsor. You can read their stories on the website.



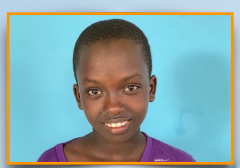
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