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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 pray for the approval of the licensing of the new medical clinic. The government will make its decision in the next two months.
- Pray for funds to build a wall and a gate that will separate the floors of the clinic so the top two floors of the new building can be used as a dormitory for children.



- 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.

CHILDREN GO ON "HOLIDAY"

Each year generous donors provide funds for all the children to take a fun, educational trip to someplace in Tanzania or other nearby countires. This year the children were able to go to two places. First, they visited a tea farm. The picture shows Scholastica, one of the Samaritan children, giving a speech to the



other children about the climate and weather necessary for growing tea. (Note: Tanzania has some of the best tea on Earth.) Josephat says Scholastica is doing very well in science at the Secondary Level School.

The children were also able to go to Nairobi, Kenya. Giving the children these kinds of experiences are important in giving them the best childhood possible.



Visit <u>samaritanvillageorphanage.org</u> to Donate or Sponsor any of the children.



SO AUCHTO CELEBRATE

Merry Christmas!

We know it's a little late to be saying *Merry Christmas*, but we wanted to report on this year's **Christmas Celebration** at the orphanage.

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For the past several years, we have held a very



special event to celebrate the birth of Christ. We invite the neighbors as well as children and staff from other orphanages in Arusha. Nearly a thousand people attend the event! There's music and food and, of course a time to present the

story of Christmas to many who may never have heard. NOTE: Be sure to check out the **Christmas Celebration Video** sent to us by Josephat. Just go to the MEDIA page on website. While you're there, check out the other videos that tell the story of Samaritan Village.

Some News from Josephat

Josephat updated us on just a few of those who have visited the orphanage this last year and have given generously for the work being done here.

Good news from some visitors visiting us here.

- One company from US/Canada who visited provided funds to support our service.
- One family and an individual who visited us here last year decided to give funds to renovate the original building (Nursery and Dining Room). This included the

replacement of the roof and ceiling boards as well as renovating the walls, tiles and the veranda. They also helped support the school fees for several of the children.



- One volunteer from Germany provided funds for the education fees for nine children!
- One woman from Belgium came twice last year to the orphanage. She provided the funds for the Solar lights around the Samaritan area.
- An individual from the USA (who has not even visited the orphanage) donated all the funds needed to renovate the entire playground for the children. This will be done when a team from *Calvary Chapel Yuba City* visits this summer!

Thanks to All Our Donors and Sponsors!



The list goes on and on as God lays it on the hearts of so many wonderful individuals, couples, families and businesses to give to support the work of rescuing orphaned and abandoned children

at Samaritan Village!

There is more work to be done and more funds to be raised as we get ready to open the Medical Clinic and furnish the top two floors to take in more children. Let's all be in **prayer** about how we can help!

Pictures from Arusha



Christmas Celebration



Watermelon Harvest



Christmas Celebration



The chapel and main

New landscaping



Children in Nairobi



Playground to be Remodeled



Dining Room



Purchasing Items in Africa for the Farmer's Market

Yuba City Certified Farmers Market

Volunteers Needed!

It is fund raising activities such as these that enable us to use 100% of all donations and sponsorships for the children at Samaritan Village. Please consider volunteering. Simply email or call us and we'll get you all the information you need to help out.

Yuba City Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market resumes in April and runs through November. Many board members and volunteers do an

incredible job of organizing this fund raiser including being at the Farmer's Market nearly every Saturday during this time. If you live in the Yuba/Sutter area is it very easy to volunteer, even if it means helping on just one Saturday morning.

Yuba City Downtown Summer Stroll

We will again have a booth at the annual Summer Stroll. This booth helps us raise money as well as gives us an opportunity to inform the community about the orphanage.



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.



January 23, 2019 Dear Samaritan Friends,

A baby boy approximately one year old was found by police at Mwanga Kilimanjaro. The baby was crying in the bushes. He was cared for at the hospital for a week. The police publicized his picture on television and no one came forward to claim the baby. He

was suffering from malnutrition and he was very weak. We admitted him and gave him the name Daniel

Josephat Mmanyi

Current Report

- We now we have 53 children (25 Girls and 27 boys) living at the orphanage. The youngest baby is Florence who is five months old.
- We have one girl in the University who will complete her Law Degree in July 2019.
- We have two girls in College. One is in a Social Work College and the other is attending a designing and hair dressing college.
- Three girls have started their own life after finishing college. They are now working in different areas according to their profession.
- Two girls are attending high level secondary boarding school
- Two boys finished their secondary school in November 2018

boarding school - Eleven boys and twelve girls are attending primary

- Four girls and three boys are attending secondary

- school
- Four girls and six boys attend nursery/kindergarten
- Five girls and three boys are below school age.

More Children Who Would Love a Sponsor









Margaret



Elijah







Jeremiah

New Website!

We now have a new website! The address is still the same. samaritanvillageorphange.org. We hope the newly designed website will be much more user friendly. The website features up-to-date news as well as the last several years' newsletters. There is a media page with videos that may also be downloaded and shared with friends or groups.



Each child is listed with both a picture and the story of how they were brought to the orphanage. There is also a SPONSOR button for each child. When you click the button, it

takes just a couple of minutes to become a monthly sponsor.

You can make **DONATIONS** through the website, sign up to volunteer, download photos, posters and brochures, learn the history of Samaritan Village and more. Be sure to visit the new website today! And tell you friends!

