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## AN EASIER WAY TO GIVE!

We now have the ability to do **automatic withdrawals** for donations and sponsorships. Simply sign up on the website on either the donation or sponsorship page.



## PRAYER POINTS

We have decided to include areas where we can all join together to pray for the needs of Samaritan Village. Visit the website or Facebook for more prayer requests. Here are some things to pray for as of the publishing of this newsletter.

- For God's will to be done in the lives of the Maasai girls; that they can remain at the orphanage
- Favor with the government officials for the licensing of the building/clinic
- Wisdom and direction for hiring the new staff needed for the orphanage
- Sponsors for children currently in need at the orphanage and for the children who will be coming in the future.
- That the Lord would provide the necessary increase in funds to care for the new children.

## SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

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[samaritanvillageorphanage.org](http://samaritanvillageorphanage.org)

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Plan now to help us celebrate twenty-five years of rescuing abandoned and orphaned children at Samaritan Village. It all happens **September 10, 2017.**

Here's how you can help. . .

- 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 about the orphanage and the upcoming celebration.
- Ask a business to donate items for the raffle or funds for the event.
- Invite others to attend with you!

## DONATE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE



Sponsor a child



Donate

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a child at Samaritan Village Orphanage you can do so by using the enclosed envelope, by visiting the website or using your smartphone with the QR Code above.

**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.

Tanzania, Africa

Summer 2017

# SAMARITAN VILLAGE ORPHANAGE

RESCUING ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN



## FOURTEEN NEW CHILDREN ARRIVE

The first board meeting of this year was held here in Yuba City, CA on January 31, 2017. The board members prayed that night that ten new children could be added to the orphanage in 2017.

Ten days later on January 27th, Josephat wrote that **two** children were brought to the orphanage. (You read about them in our last newsletter.) A month later **ten** more children were added. Then, four children were added—**sixteen** children in all!



All **sixteen** children, including the two added in

January, had been living in other orphanages in Arusha and were taken when the government closed down the facilities where they were being "cared" for.

Four of the new children are infants who fit into the plan of Samaritan Village which is to rescue abandoned babies. The two children who came in January are a little bit older. The ten girls who were brought to the orphanage are even older. But, after much prayer from the boards members in Yuba City and Arusha, it was decided that God is giving us an opportunity to depart from "our" plan and help save these young girls.



You can read more about these new children inside this newsletter and keep up-to-date on their progress by visiting the website.

Of course, our goal is still to rescue babies, and thanks to the completion of the new building/medical clinic and the renovating of the current buildings we are prepared to add as many as eighty more children!

Our Yuba City Board Chairman, Dr. Victor Savage, just returned from Arusha with the good news, as well as a host of prayer requests, as we begin this new work. When we heard his report, all we could say was it's a good thing we serve a BIG God!

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



TO TANZANIA WITH LOVE  
MEET JOSEPHAT, DIRECTOR/FATHER AND ANNA, THE FIRST ORPHANAGE  
FEATURING MUSIC BY LEON PATILLO

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
445 B ST YUBA CITY, CA

## THE JOY OF VISITING SAMARITAN VILLAGE IN ARUSHA



All of us at Samaritan Village wanted to thank Ann Pratt-Teberg for her continued support of the orphanage over the years in bringing her students to visit the children. In addition, this year Ann brought back items for our Farmer's Market booth. Here is her story,

Visiting Samaritan Village is a joy for all of us. The children are so happy to have us visit each year and we love returning to see how they've grown, how they are doing in school, and how their home has grown and changed. Each year I travel with students from the School of Education at Whitworth University. These students are fulfilling their intercultural field experience when we visit Arusha.

One of the most memorable days is our visit to Samaritan Village. The children delight in challenging us to a rousing game of football (soccer). They have some pretty good moves and play together like an accomplished team. The college students have to work to keep up. This January we visited again. We brought embroidery thread and taught them how to make "friendship" bracelets. We

were all well adorned by the end of the day. The children are fascinated with our cameras and are very skilled in photography however, they mostly love to see their smiling faces on the screens of our cameras.

When we visit, we laugh, we play, we each practice a new language; they help us with our very basic Swahili while they dazzle us with their knowledge of the English language. Reading stories before bed is an all-time favorite. We bring new books for their library every year. The joys we share stay with us for years to come and we can't wait for the time we get to return and visit our new friends again.

**A GREENHOUSE GARDEN, CORN, CHICKENS, COWS, GOATS AND PIGS**

One of our goals for Samaritan Village is for the orphanage to become as self-sufficient as possible. The children are encouraged to do chores and help out in between school and homework. Josephat has been busily utilizing the land at the orphanage to grow food in a greenhouse for the children (and sell the extra vegetables), grow pigs and sell them, as well as growing corn and grinding it into maize to eat and sell. They are also able to get milk from their cows and goats and eggs from the chickens. **Welcome to the Samaritan Village Farm!**



# Meet the Children!

## MEET FOUR NEW CHILDREN

The four young children pictured here were taken from an orphanage in Arusha that was in disrepair and was unable to adequately care for them. No details as to the extent of the lack of care that resulted in the closure of the facility were given nor were any details given about the children that were taken to Samaritan Village or other local orphanages. We will be posting more information about the children on the **website** as we receive it. For now we can just tell you they are all very cute and they all would love a **sponsor!**



## MEET TEN NEW CHILDREN

The story of the ten girls that were brought to the orphanage is a much more somber story. The girls are members of the Maasai tribe. The Maasai are a nomadic tribe that still live a very primitive existence. This means they also have some very primitive religious and cultural traditions. One of these is polygamy that includes men marrying girls as young as ten years old or younger. Girls are pledged (*sold*) to men as old as sixty. The young girls are then sometimes marked (*tattooed*) with the brand of that man. (See the photo to the right.)



Sometimes the girls are able to escape. These particular girls either ran away from the tribe or were taken from them. They were being raised in an orphanage in Arusha. The sad part is they were no better off at that orphanage. The girls were being sex-trafficked. Some were abused. Finally, the government discovered what was happening and removed them from that orphanage.



They have been taken *temporarily* to Samaritan Village. A court trial is pending to determine whether they will be allowed to stay at the orphanage, be moved to a different orphanage, or returned to the tribe. **PLEASE be in prayer for these young girls!** We will keep you updated on the **website** whenever we hear more.

## SAMARITAN VILLAGE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

All of us know that Samaritan Village is an outstanding orphanage. For over twenty-five years, more than one hundred-fifty orphaned and abandoned children have been rescued and have either found a home with a loving Christian family or are growing up at the orphanage in an equally-loving Christian environment. Some of the children raised at the orphanage have now graduated from high school and are attending college or a university. God has truly blessed us!



And now, others, including the Tanzanian government are recognizing the work being done at Samaritan Village. Last spring Josephat was chosen to speak at a conference in Kenya to share how to run a successful "non-profit" organization. He was one of just five directors of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) chosen in the entire country of Tanzania (and the only orphanage director chosen to speak).

Then, last month Josephat was appointed as the director of the Association of Orphanage Directors in Arusha, Tanzania. The organization is sponsored by the government and meets monthly to discuss how to meet the demanding needs of orphaned children in Arusha.

The word has even spread across the world as volunteers and visitors from Africa, Europe, Japan, and the United States come regularly to visit and help with or learn from the work being done at Samaritan Village.

This month Josephat has forty students from Grand Valley University, USA and fifty-two students from Purdue University, USA coming to the orphanage!



## RENOVATIONS AND NEW STAFF

**With the expansion of the orphanage and the new medical clinic comes several renovations that are needed on the existing buildings. Some have already been completed including a new, more modern nursery facility. Other needed renovations include a new roof and new flooring for the chapel as well as possibly enlarging the chapel to hold more children and villagers; an expanded laundry facility with washing machines and dryers; a larger covered kitchen area and expanded dining room; a new office; a new gate installed along with a guard tower (required by the government); and various other smaller projects.**

**In addition to renovating and expanding the facilities, we must also increase our staff at the orphanage. The government is requiring that we hire a full-time social worker and a security company that will ensure the safety of the orphanage grounds twenty-four hours a day. We have also hired tutors for the children and a part-time bookkeeper.**

