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Dear Missions Partner:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are writing to update you with regards to Landmark World Missions (LWM). The past few months have brought many challenges, but the work progresses steadily with much excitement and hope.

As you are aware, Pastor Keith Powers passed away this past June. Sometime after this, the LWM board voted to make Daniel Woods, Chairman and Treasurer of the board. Some transition of board members has occurred since this initial change and the current board members are: Daniel Woods (Chairman and Treasurer), Tony Dovel (Vice-chairman), Dawn Powers (Secretary), Larry Powers, Howard Henegar, and Derek Jones. According to LWM bylaws the Executive Committee of the board takes care of business between board meetings. The Executive Committee members are: Daniel Woods, Tony Dovel, and Derek Jones. All of the LWM board members have been involved in the Africa work for many years and have a heart to see it move forward for the glory of God.

In September, the Executive Committee traveled to Moshi, Tanzania to assess the work, meet with Safe Haven Orphanage workers and orphans, and meet the pastors from the Kilimanjaro region and the Rift Valley. We wanted to connect with them, communicate our vision, and assure them of our commitment to continue the work. In addition, we met with our attorney in Moshi to discuss several legal challenges regarding Safe Haven Orphanage.

Tanzanian property cannot be owned by outside corporations. Accordingly, one has to form a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Tanzania that owns and manages the properties there. Safe Haven Orphanage was formed years ago as an NGO, but we discovered there were problems with the original organizing and subsequent maintenance of the NGO; and we were not in compliance with Tanzanian law. In addition, Tanzania is developing and many laws are changing. Pastor Powers had begun work on some of these things before he fell sick. We are working with the legal firm that he had contacted and are pleased with their work.

As a result of discussions with our attorney, we decided to dissolve the old Safe Haven NGO and establish a new one called Landmark World Missions. The board of this NGO will be Daniel Woods (Chairman), Derek Jones (Secretary), Jonas Kadeghe (Treasurer), Tony Dovel, and Pastors Kombe and Gideon from Tanzania. We are required to have an annual meeting, file reports with the Tanzanian government, and pay annual fees. All the paperwork to form the NGO has been filed and we are waiting for the government to give us official recognition. Several more things must be done once the new NGO is established to keep us in compliance with the government. It seems like a lot, but its no different than corporations here in America. Dealing with government regulations is a function of doing business.

In the midst of this, we discovered that our orphanage has some non-compliance issues that must be re-

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

solved. For some time now the number of orphans we can keep has been reduced until our facilities are repaired and updated. This would require approximately \$200,000. Also, originally the orphanage was located on the outskirts of the city in a suitable location. However, this area has subsequently developed for industry and is no longer suitable for an orphanage. The positive side of this is that the orphanage property has increased in value.

While in Tanzania we had an appraisal done on the property and found it to be presently valued at approximately \$840,000. Given this value and the many issues we are facing, we have decided to put the property on the market for sale. If we can sell the property at some price close to its market value, then we can purchase land within twenty minutes of Moshi at a much cheaper price and build new facilities more suitable to our present needs. There are many things that need to come together, but we are fervently praying and trusting God. The sale of the property would solve many problems and give us a fresh start. We could have funds for new facilities to house many orphans, have a church, conference center, apartments for workers and visitors, and more. Our vision for the orphanage is to have more land where we could have a small working farm, providing food for the orphans and opportunities for work. Our desire is to have the orphanage as close to self-sustaining as possible and provide on site work experience for future employment. This will free up funds to build churches and more orphanages in other regions. Therefore, at present, we are making several repairs to the orphanage to make the property more appealing for a sale and more usable for us until the sale occurs.

As stated earlier, while in Tanzania, we met with several pastors and can say that the region is open for the gospel. We distributed \$300 worth of Bibles (about 30). We could easily place 1,000 Bibles in the Maasai region today where there is an atmosphere of revival. Many churches are springing up and need facilities. The work seems limitless. We want to help them build churches, have conferences to train the pastors, and work for every church to be self-sustaining. We also want the churches there to be involved in supporting the orphanage work.

In other news, soon after the board assumed the leadership of the mission work, we decided to close the New Beginnings Orphanage in the town of Same and placed the orphans with a caregiver. The orphans were few and it was not financially sustainable, as we were renting facilities and had numerous issues at Safe Haven. If the Lord wills, we will return to Same at some future date.

We are grateful for the foundation that has been laid by Pastor Powers and a host of others. We have something to build on and continue to see lives touched by the power of God. Here at home, we have set up an accounting system to track all donations and will be sending an annual financial report to all donors. Donations should now be sent to the address on this letterhead. The present need is orphanage repairs and maintenance, support for orphans and workers, Bibles, church construction and pastoral support. As we continue to organize the work, we will provide more ways for the donor to be more specifically tied to a particular orphan or church for a more personal attachment. A website is under construction that will provide current information. We welcome questions, promise transparency and accountability, and commit ourselves to this work for the honor Christ. We thank you for your faithful giving and do not take our responsibility lightly to utilize funds as the donor specifies and be good stewards of what God places under our care. We believe in team leadership and you are a vital part of the team.

If you wish to be more involved in the work, send us an email at landmarkworldmissions@gmail.com. We look forward to what the Lord is going to do in the final days before His return.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Landmark World Missions



**Brother Derek Jones lounging with
the children at Safe Haven**



**Children enjoying new
school uniforms**

**Maasai pastors
receiving new Bibles
at Pastor Gideon's
church in Selela, Rift
Valley**



**Bargaining for
new mattresses
in the Moshi market
for the boys at
Safe Haven**

**With the Staff at Safe Haven.
Staff members from
left to right,
Moses, Jonas, Costo,
Josephine, Margaret, Sofia.**





New church building in the Rift Valley built by Mike McMillan from Riverdale, California with help from Tanzanian workers. Brother Mike has already started work on another church in the vicinity of this one. There is a great need for new church buildings in the Rift Valley as new congregations have formed in many places.



Brother Costo with the garden at Safe Haven Orphanage



This pastor needs a new church in the region near Pastor Kombe



Brother Tony giving out candy in the Rift Valley



Relaxing with area pastors after service at Pastor Kombe's church.