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## **Dear Missions Partner:**

Greetings this November from the Landmark World Missions board. We are writing to share with our partners as we near the close of 2021 and the wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We would like to thank you for your continued support of the mission work in Tanzania. God is supplying our needs through your generous giving and His faithful multiplication.

Work continues on the orphanage facilities as we are making much needed plumbing and electrical repairs. There have been problems with the septic system for some time, but a new hand-dug septic tank is in place and the workers are on schedule to make the concrete top. New lights and wiring are still being installed. New outside lighting is finished, making the grounds safer at night. The new playground equipment has been purchased, built, and is on site. The children are enjoying it immensely. The freezer died and a new one was purchased this past week.

We have started having video meetings with the orphanage staff. We have had three meetings so far and are working to make these happen on a regular basis. They have been a source of strength to the workers and lets them know that we are with them in spirit, though we are not there in body. The morale is great and spirits are high. We have increased wages and put the orphanage on a regular budget with an increased food allowance to bring the diet up to standard. The children needed more meat and fruits in their diet. This past year they had a garden on the orphanage grounds and produced their own maize and various greens. This will continue and we are adding a chicken coop where they can raise their own eggs and chickens. Orphanage grounds have been cleaned and new grass is being planted to improve the appearance. When we were there in September, we walked the grounds with the men and stressed with them that we wanted the place to be clean, neat, and "shine" for Jesus because the appearance of the orphanage reflects on Him. The workers have taken the initiative and made many improvements.

A few weeks ago, the bus that was purchased several years ago broke down. It is a Hyundai that is little used in Tanzania and getting parts is a near impossibility. We hope we can eventually get it running and make it a utility vehicle. However, it is no longer suitable to bus the children. We have looked at buses in Tanzania and are interested in purchasing a Toyota Coaster. These buses are very popular in Tanzania and can hold 20-30 passengers depending on the model. We are looking for a good used one and need to purchase it by the end of the year. Sister Margaret, who manages the orphanage, is using her personal vehicle to take the children to school for the remainder of this month. The children are off next month but return to school in January. We can come up with approximately half the money, but need a boost of \$7,000 to \$8,000.

We have planned the first field trip for the children in December. Several churches have come together

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

to raise the money to send the children, staff and families to Mkomazi National Park for a day, providing travel, meals and money for the children to buy a souvenir. It will be their first field trip. We are planning a Christmas party at the orphanage with the children, staff, families of the staff and some of the pastors we have worked with in the past. We are seeking to build relationships between the churches there and the orphanage. We want them to feel the burden of the fatherless in their land. We are on schedule to give the children a nice Christmas. We want to care for these children as we do for our own. Just because they live in a third world country does not mean they should be treated as such. We seek to present an image to the community that it is a privilege to be and work at the Landmark World Missions Orphanage.

We have nothing to report relative to selling the orphanage. It is still our desire that this happen, but the Lord must bring it to pass. We will press forward working where we are. We are still working on several things as we get better organized. We are planning another trip there in January, 2022. Our new NGO should be formed by then so we can get a bank account set up in Moshi and get the workers on regular payroll as required by their government. There is much work to do. We have nearly \$1,000 on hand to buy Bibles and plan to take these funds and whatever more comes in with us in January. We will place several Bibles among the Maasai people. We are already receiving money for pastor support and have nearly \$1,000 to take to them in January. We will send a complete financial report to you in January, 2022 along with your donation record for 2021.

We are excited about what the Lord is doing. Much more is happening, but enough for now. Our next update will be in January after the holidays and will come with the financial report. We will have pictures of their field trip and Christmas gatherings. For the record, our present needs are regular support that we can use for remodeling, and regular operating expenses, a new (used) bus, Bibles, building new churches, and pastoral support. Our goal is to keep you informed and be faithful stewards of what the Lord puts in our hands. God bless you! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Executive Committee
Landmark World Missions



Pastors Gideon and Joshua Baptizing New Converts in the Rift Valley



New Merry-Go-Round at Orphanage and Sprucing up the Grounds

