



# The Baobab Tree

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GCDI - Tanzania

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## Please Give

Thank God for His provision! Since 2020 we have seen a sharp decline in regular support as some churches and individuals have found it necessary to reduce giving. Currently we continue to rely upon special gifts to make up the budget deficit on a month to month basis. ***This newsletter documents some amazing progress over the past six months made possible by those who have, instead, drastically increased giving.*** Do not lose heart! Let it be our testimony to the Church that God provides through the generosity of His people! Join us as we continue to faithfully serve.

2 Corinthians 4:1-4 ***Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.***

***When you give to Gateway CDI, you are helping kids in need.***



## One Fish Preschools

For many years now, Pastor Emmanuel in Morogoro has led the Haven of Peace Christian Church. We helped found this church, in partnership with Emmanuel and his family. The church started in a small rented room and soon outgrew it. He had blue tarps covering the overflow area outside. With financial support from folks in the US he was able to buy a property smack in the middle of one of the poorest neighborhoods in town. He built a church building and soon launched the One Fish program as part of the outreach ministry to children and families in this neighborhood. Over the years this ministry has had a huge impact for good and today they are still going strong. **Your One Fish child sponsorships help to fund this program.**

Recently GCDI received some large donations. With help from this fund Emmanuel was able to remodel and upgrade the facilities to meet the specifications now required by local government. Our preschools in Kimange Village and Melela Village also have undergone required improvements and upgrades with help from the same fund. **Your financial contributions are still needed!** We intend to build a new building for One Fish kids in Vigwaza Village area of Chalinze.

## Widows and Orphans



Pastor Daniel and his wife Esther, in Kimange Village, launched Agape Ministry to help care for orphans and other children in need. Over the past year they have helped 18 children, of all ages, with some food, clothing and schools supplies. These children, whether orphaned or abandoned, live with their extended families in the surrounding area. The small ways that Agape Ministry has been able to help and encourage these kids has had a big impact on them and on the community as well. Last year, special offerings from churches and individuals allowed for the purchase of an unfinished house adjacent to the One Fish preschool there. With help, the house was then completely finished and they celebrated the New Year with a fellowship dinner for their community. Since then, thanks to continued giving by supporters, construction has begun on a facility to house and care for these and other children. They hope to be completely under roof soon. Much more work is to be done on the buildings. When construction is complete, they will begin to accept local orphans and other children in dire need. Soon Agape Ministry will need consistent support income to operate this facility. **Your financial contributions are needed!** Join with us to help Daniel and Agape ministry continue to serve these children.

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Asia and her three sons Edwardo, Sebastian and Elisha had been living in this unfinished house. Imagine sleeping in the dark with the rain coming in, just few pieces of tin laying over one room. When Asia's husband, the boys father died they had nowhere to go. She struggled until she was able to buy a small property, way up the mountainside and, with some help from family and the church, she built as much of the house as she could. These boys have all been in the One Fish program and the whole family has been part of the Morogoro church for several years. Because of a generous donation we were able to move forward with many building projects, their house being one of them. We got the roof on, windows and doors done and all the plaster done on the inside. Most of the rooms now have a cement floor, instead of dirt. We hope that, as funding comes in, we can continue to help improve the place. It could use better toilets, electricity and a water line. They are extremely grateful and they give praise to God knowing they are so much better off than they were just a few months ago. But we know that they, like other families we help, continue to need some help now and then with expenses. **Your financial contributions are needed!** Join with us to help this wonderful family and others like them.



## Church Construction



Pastor John Malaki and his crew have been working on this church building since the end of last year. This is the Haven of Peace Christian Church in Vigwaza Village of Chalinze. In the background you can see the old, mud building they have been meeting in. Soon they will have a crew erecting wooden trusses and covering the new building with a metal roof. A few years ago a donor gave us money to get this property. Last year our visiting mission team met Pastor Malaki and have been donating funds to build this church building since then. This June I'm traveling with a returning mission team member to celebrate with the Chalinze church in an inaugural worship service under the new roof. Once its covered they plan to start meeting in the unfinished building while they continue finishing it. They will need to work on doors and windows, plaster walls and cement floors right away. A water line was connected and proper toilets are ready to use. At some point they hope to run electricity to this building as well. **Your financial contributions are needed!** Join with us helping to build this church building and the others we are also currently constructing.

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### More water Please



On the left is the water tank at Melela Village, the first deep well project we did with our Tanzanian churches. You can see the One Fish building in the far background. It provides water for the One Fish preschool, the Church, the Pastors house and many of the neighbors. Below that is pictured the most recent water project, Well # 9, accomplished last year in partnership with the church in Chogo, Tanga.



Pastor John Amiri and his family operate this water relief ministry. The bottom picture on the left is the water meter, from the city water line at our property in Mikumi Town. Top right is Pastor Malaki in Chalinze where we were able to run a city water line to the church there. In Zanzibar we plan to use a shallow well. We continue to make clean water to our churches, schools and other ministries a priority. In September we want to take a mission team to Tanzania. Plans are being made and we are currently raising funds for Well #10. **Your Financial Contributions are needed!** Join us in giving water to a thirsty world!



## Leadership Training



We currently support one Bible College student. Ibrahim is a young man from one of our churches in the Kondoa area who desires to serve as a Pastor. Since January he has been studying in a Bible School in Dodoma and is beginning a Summer session now. He hopes to graduate with a ministry certificate by the end of the year. He will be assisting in a new church plant ministry next year. **Your financial contributions are needed!** You can give to support Ibrahim in his training as well as other young men who desire to serve God but lack training opportunities.

## Youth Camps

We are currently looking for partner agencies, churches or individuals experienced in operating international Youth Camp outreach programs. As we develop our facilities in Zanzibar and Mikumi Town we anticipate having the opportunity to host visiting ministry teams coming to lead 1 to 2 week long day camp sessions for local youth. Our facilities are being developed as a place for visiting teams to stay and meet with local partners with expertise in the particular camps focus. Larger venues would be planned for the Youth Camp events. We would like to host outreach through Sports, like soccer, basketball and swimming. Other camps may focus on education like Science and Math and on Environment, like local beaches in Zanzibar or animals in Mikumi Game Park. The Youth Camps will be open to all local youth of appropriate age, generally free of charge. The purpose of our Youth Camps will be to challenge and encourage local youth in these activities and studies while respectfully demonstrating the love of Christ.

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## One Fish Sponsors Needed



You can sponsor a child as a way of supporting our One Fish Preschool ministry. Our Christian schools are operated by our local, Tanzanian church partners. For your contribution of \$20 per month, **One Fish** helps a child get a good preschool education, daily nourishment and a safe, daytime environment to grow. Our churches minister to their communities through this fantastic outreach program and it has a great impact on a child's life as well as their family. To sponsor a child, email us at [onefishgcdi@gmail.com](mailto:onefishgcdi@gmail.com) for more information. Or just follow the giving instructions below. Always include your email or home address so we can contact you with your One Fish child information and updates.

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