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**Celebrations** began upon our arrival at Ndebwe Village, our first stop on this donor trip. The villagers treated us like royalty, holding welcome signs and surrounding us with song and dance, all the while chanting **Maji Safi** (clean water in Swahili).

Our party of six

travelers and our local staff of four spent a few hours worshipping with the villagers at their local church on this bright Easter Sunday.



It was a day of rejoicing on many levels. They were thanking God and they were thanking God for *us*, Water 4 Mercy, for bringing them HOPE and DIGNITY and CLEAN WATER accessible within yards of their homes!



Ndebwe Village is located in Dodoma district of Central Tanzania with more than 5,000 people and growing. For generations, the people of this village have walked miles each day to fetch dirty, yucky water. In order to supply water for such a large community, we installed 18 taps and 2 water tanks.



Joy abounds as we turn on the water taps for the first time! Fresh, clean, life-giving water is now just a turn-of-the-faucet away. Smiles of happiness are as big on our



After all the day's festivities, it was difficult to leave Ndebwe, but we were already late to our next destination—Mwinyi Village, about a 3 hour drive.

The Mwinyi water taps were turned on in October and the villagers were excited to show us what they have been able to do in the last 6 months with our gift of water.



Arriving in Mwinyi Village to more festivities, we saw people so grateful, their joy

was infectious. They embraced us in their celebrations, surrounding us with music and singing, dancing and drumbeats -- all the while calling us *their family*.

That night, the chief and his people invited us to a feast, offering fresh foods they had been able to grow, thanks to the water we provided.







The Mwinyi villagers bestowed us with many gifts.....including a **live rooster**! In their culture, a rooster is a gift of honor, one of the highest ways to thank someone. A rooster is as much of a life-saving gift as water, because one rooster can fertilize



What to do with our **African Rooster**?? We were pretty sure the airlines wouldn't let him on our flight. In all of the hoopla and a miscommunication about where to keep him, the rooster ended up in our Jeep and turned up at our hotel at the end of the night.

Our rooster was a talisman and we knew we had to keep him, at least for a while. Stay tuned for more of his (and our) adventures.

Better yet, join us!

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