



2007 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION: To assist the poor rural communities of Tanzania, Africa, with life’s basic necessities – to become healthier, better educated, and more self sustaining.

ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE: To become an umbrella organization, which analyzes the basic needs of a community, and then, through this and other cooperating service agencies, lays out and carries out a plan for improvement in that community, to improve health, growth, and survival.

OVERALL STRATEGIC GOAL: To substantially improve the lot of 5 rural villages in Central Tanzania in the next 10 years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007

1. **ACQUIRED 2 NEW CORPORATE SPONSORS** - Our growth continues as we were able to garner new support from 2 Corporations. C.H. Robinson, a transportation logistics company, blessed us with an unconditional grant of \$10,000. Abbott Labs approved a grant request for another \$10,000 for the specific purpose of establishing an HIV/AIDS program (see below).

2. **SETUP OF OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA** – In 2006 we completed the legal paperwork and in 2007 we actually setup an “operating arm” office of ours in Dodoma, the central city of Tanzania. We now have 2 part-time employees there, who help us implement our programs. This has proven to be a big step forward. The NGO is called the Tanzania Life Project (T), where (T) stands for “in Tanzania”. We have established 3 separate financial accounts there, to control funding for Office, Project Management, and the HIV/AIDS Program. Our staff sends us pictures and receipts to verify completions.

3. **MTUMBA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** - In 2005 and 2006, we resurrected and refurbished a very delapidated well and pump, expanded the water distribution system and brought electricity in to the schools. We also restored two classrooms. In 2007 our work expanded as we bought a used tractor and farm implements to help avert starvation in the future. We built a milling machine shop and a carpentry shop – furnishing oil and flour milling machines and equipment for carpentry work. Both are now very functional. 6 Additional classrooms were refurbished and 30 new sturdy desks were purchased for the school. We introduced off-season gardening, with contests for both adults and children. This will help them survive after a poor rainy season. When we started work in this village there were 4500 people. Currently the population is 6000. Clean water, and they come!!!

4. **HIV/AIDS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED** – We applied for and received a special grant from Abbott Labs in Chicago, for \$10,000. We are now in partnership with them and giving new hope and assistance to 80 victims and 40 orphans of earlier victims who did not survive, in the MTUMBA Warde which includes the villages of Vikonje, Ihumwa, and Mtumba. We trust that this partnership will continue in the years ahead.

5. **CHISICHILI VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** - In September, we met the wonderful people in a new village for us, with 1300 residents. They – just as in Mtumba – need so much. We started by developing a water distribution system on paper, and then proceeded to start implementation by drilling a 500 foot deep well. After the first “dry hole” attempt, we were successful on the next try. 2008 will bring the system much farther along. The villagers are delighted after years of drinking/using muddy water.

6. **ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – Four of us missionaries visited Tanzania in September of 2007. As always, this trip was to establish and continue to foster, a good working relationship with the villagers and our program staff located in Tanzania. It also permitted us to see firsthand what was accomplished, and to understand the impacts of each improvement on the recipients. We were also able to help them fine tune the new capabilities. This trip also helped us plan future activities as well.

7. **WEBSITE UPDATES**– Our website @ www.tanzanialifeproject.org continues to be updated with exciting new pictures and stories about programs and progress being made. Many pictures and short narratives tell a much more detailed story than can be covered in this report. Please visit us there to get the full story of everything that has happened and continues to happen in this continuing and developing story, thanks to your generous contributions!

8. **ELIMU AFRICA** – Currently we are helping this sub organization until they get IRS exemption status. Their funds assisted a small independent school in Moshi, Tanzania called the Second Chance Education Center, by paying school teachers salaries and associated school expenses. The school is for the poor children who were “left behind” the local system.

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Financial Position – 2007

Management of this organization is accomplished primarily by the volunteer and unpaid efforts of the Chair & Founder James Vanderheyden. This explanation is offered to help to explain the relatively low amount of our Management Expenses during these early years of this organization.

We anticipate the spinoff of Elimu Africa during the 2008 Fiscal Year. Financial records will be modestly affected.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash 39,760

TOTAL ASSETS **39,760**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Debt 0

TOTAL LIABILITIES **0**

PROGRAM SERVICES

Mtumba/Chisichili villages 53,416

Establish local NGO office 9,306

HIV/AIDS program – Mtumba Warde 10,100

Moshi – Second Chance Ed. Center 11,161

83,983

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management 2,276

Fundraising 2,238

4,514

TOTAL EXPENSES **88,497**

Change in Net Assets **25,282**