



2008 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 2008

1. **ORGANIZATION GROWTH** - The organization continues on its path of growing. We now have completed 3 years and are half way into year 4. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in 10 years. Also, we are now certified by the Charities Review Council after meeting their 16 very rigorous Accountability Standards.

2. **DOUBLING OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM** – Our partner – Abbott Labs from Chicago, has graced us with a \$20,000 grant for 2009 for HIV/AIDS, after reviewing our program results in 2008, with their first grant to us of \$10,000. We are most grateful as we now can serve 120 HIV victims + 60 Orphans of victims. Our service area is the villages of Mtumba, Vikonje, and Ihumwa.

3. **OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA** – 2008 saw the first full year operating out of our small office in Dodoma. As things are very cramped, we have made arrangements to rent a space about twice as large (266 ft.) in early 2009. Our staff of 2 has now grown to 3. This is an extremely important part of our mission, as these 3 people carry out all of our activity with the local villages, with extensive planning and coordinating, getting estimates, negotiating contracts, paying bills, keeping 3 bank accounts up to date, and reporting back to us for control. As 5 villages are now involved (2 extra for HIV/AIDS), our travel needs have increased as well, causing us to supplement our motorbikes with the purchase of a used Mitsubishi SUV.

4. **MTUMBA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** - Earlier, we resurrected and refurbished a very delapidated non-functioning well, and added many new distribution lines and distribution points. This year, we added an extension on the electrical service to get within range of some 15 more houses and small startup businesses. We upgraded the electrical service in the secondary school and the carpentry shop too, along with some equipment upgrades. We added some desks and purchased 650 books for the primary school (was 1 book for every 6 – 10 students). We added some needed chairs/tables for the dispensary. In the women’s empowerment area, we also helped 25 women start small businesses, by giving them some “seed” money, against which they did borrow more from a microfinance bank. We also setup both schools so they could be internet enabled with the 2 computers we had gotten for them earlier. We funded the costs to use our old tractor to plow and disc farmland for 227 families to plant seeds for food.

5. **CHISICHILI VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – Our first full year working for Chisichili was filled with sorrow and euphoria as well! It was the first time we drilled for water and hit a “dry hole”. This is a most unfortunate happening, as it consumes a lot of time, money, and energy. Also – it dashed the hopes of the villagers to get clean water. However, fortunately the Lord was with us, and we were suddenly blessed with 3 extraordinary and unexpected donations totaling \$30,000! This was about the cost of the dry hole experience!! Fortune was with us on the next survey and drilling attempt, and now we have a functioning well! They are almost finished with the reservoir, and getting the pump and pumphouse equipment working as the year culminates. In addition, we refurbished 4 classrooms, and purchased 70 desks and 500 books for the primary school. A womens’ empowerment seminar was held for some 70 women. We also engaged a nurse and veterinarian for 2 visits each to help the health situation there.

6. **KISIMA CHA NDEGE VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – As we have 15 villages who have signed up needing help, it was difficult for us to select the next one to work in, given the 3 our staff had selected for further review. All need much help. We selected this one because the villagers had made so many visits to our office pleading for help. So far, we have funded the survey which is now complete and we are awaiting the cost numbers. Their water source is a surface well which is a very slimy green.

7. **ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – Four of us missionaries visited Tanzania in September of 2008. 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.

8. **WEBSITE UPDATES**– Our website @ www.tanzanialifeproject.org continues to be updated with exciting new pictures and stories about programs and progress being made. Please visit us there to get the full story of everything that has happened.!

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Financial Position – 2008

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.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	<u>18,014</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	18,014

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Debt	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0

PROGRAM SERVICES

Mtumba/Chisichili/Kisima villages	102,275
HIV/AIDS program – Mtumba Warde	24,300
Local NGO office	<u>11,166</u>
TLP Subtotal	137,741
*ELIMU–AFRICA passthrough of funds	<u>18,633</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	156,374

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management	1,338
Fundraising	<u>2,135</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	159,847
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2008 INCOMING REVENUE	138,101
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Change in Net Assets	-21,746
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*Passthrough of funds as this suborganization spunoff and now has its own 501(c)(3) exemption.