



2011 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, every 5 years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011

1. **ORGANIZATION GROWTH** - The organization continues on its path of growing. We now have completed 6 years and are half way into year 7. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in 10 years. Also, we have now been re-certified for another 3 years by the Charities Review Council after meeting their new and larger group of 27 very rigorous Accountability Standards.

2. **OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM** – Our partner – Abbott Fund (Abbott Labs from Chicago), has graced us with a \$30,500 grant for 2011 for HIV/AIDS. We are most grateful as we now are serving 200 HIV victims + 150 orphans of victims. Our service area is the villages of Mtumba, Vikonje, and Ihumwa – known as the Mtumba Warde. We are on track to receive another large grant in January 2012 to continue our work for the 2012 year. In 2011, Abbott had us adding another segment – involving small scale development projects for beeskeeping, gardening, and pottery making, which involved startup help for 115 individuals.

3. **OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA** – Our loyal staff of 3 great Tanzanians continues to serve our collective needs very well!! We added the third member late in 2011 to help with the details of the added small scale development projects cited above. This office support is an extremely important part of our mission, as these 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. Our 1995 Mitsubishi SUV has been serving us well, with some care!

4. **MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, & KISIMA CHA NDEGE REPORT** We are very happy to report that these 4 villages which we helped with new clean water sources in recent years, are all doing very well. There is a noticeable improvement in the health of all of these people since the new water arrived. Diseases have markedly dropped, and the spirits of all of the villagers seem to have improved significantly.

5. **VIKONJE VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – We were approached by an ambitious group of women from this village requesting help with a small business of theirs. They had 4 groups of 10 ladies with a total of 800 chickens, and needed to build a house to protect their chickens. They helped bring this dream to reality with a lot of hard work. They dug the footing trench, hauled sand and rock, chiseled the rock into small stones for cement, and transported finished cement block to the site. We funded the building with 4 sections for the 4 groups of women with walls, roof, doors and windows. The building has now been completed and these women are extremely grateful. Our website has many pictures of them working to bring this to completion. Some growing pains were noted as a number of their chickens died due to a disease. They are getting help to replace the lost chickens.

6. **MATUMBULU VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – This was our new project for 2010, extending into 2011. There are about 5000 people living in this village, and another 10,000 people in neighboring villages who come here to an open cistern to get clean water when the system is working. Unfortunately the system was old, delapidated, and not functioning at all. The biggest need was for a new submersible pump, generator and pumphouse, as the 60 year old system was inoperable. We have now completed the total renovation of this well with new equipment, have built them a new reservoir, added new distribution lines and distribution points and repaired a number of old broken lines, etc. We just released funds for them to hold a Women’s Empowerment Seminar to help them appreciate their rightful place in society, as women are generally not treated very well.

7. **ISANGHA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – An overall survey was completed, as was the addition of a new submersible pump, motor and generator to run the pump, and a new reservoir on a hilltop is currently under construction. Work will be completed on all the remaining items in 2012. The villagers anxiously await the completion of their new water system!!

8. **ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – This year we got back to our normal annual trip to Tanzania to review all of the happenings personally, and to begin to map out the future of our plans for 2012 and beyond. Five of us made the trip, and all came away impressed with the progress made, and the hard work of our staff in Dodoma as well as all of the villagers in Tanzania.

9. **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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Established in 2005

TOTAL PROJECTS TO DATE – 2005 – 2011 - \$674,048

Financial Position – 2011

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.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	<u>14,506</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	14,506

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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

PROGRAM SERVICES

Dodoma Area villages	84139
HIV/AIDS program – Mtumba Warde	30,500*
Local NGO office	<u>12,343</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	126,982

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management	1,713
Fundraising	<u>2,088</u>
	3,801

TOTAL EXPENSES	130,783
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2011 INCOMING REVENUE	129,706
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Change in Net Assets	-1,077
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* This portion is funded by our partner – the Abbott Fund from Abbott labs