



# 2012 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.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

1. **ORGANIZATION GROWTH** - The organization continues on its path of growing. As of the end of calendar 2012, we have now completed 7 years and are half way into year 8. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in the first 10 years and 5 villages every 5 years thereafter, as our history reveals below. Also, we are now in year 2 of another 3- year re-certification 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 \$30,000 grant for 2012 for HIV/AIDS. We are most grateful as we now are serving 250 HIV victims + 200 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 2013 to continue our work for the 2013 year. (Potentially this grant could even help us to start covering some additional villages as well!) In 2012, Abbott had us continue the latest addition – involving starting small scale development projects for beeskeeping, gardening, and pottery making, which involved startup help for another 115 individuals. (115 helped in 2011)! In addition the Para-legal program they had us start several years ago, is really taking hold. After some legal training sessions by officials, our coordinators and volunteers on this program have helped resolve 38 disputes in 2011 and another 51 disputes in 2012.

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 finally gave out, and we had to purchase a newer 2003 Toyota SUV during this year.

4. **MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, KISIMA CHA NDEGE, & MATUMBULU REPORT** - We are very happy to report that these 5 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. **ISANGHA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – We started working on this village in 2011, completing our overall survey, adding a new submersible pump, motor and generator to run the pump, and built a new reservoir on a hilltop. In 2012, all of the distribution lines were dug by the villagers, and pipes were laid connecting the pump to the reservoir, and then from the reservoir down to the various distribution points in the village housing area. This was a huge undertaking by the villagers, as they contribute so heavily to the success of these projects. There is a lot of real sweat that develops as they dig these literally miles of trenches. Without their significant contribution, these huge projects would simply not be possible!! **Village # 6 – NOW COMPLETE!!!**

6. **ILOLO VILLAGE (#7) ASSISTANCE** – We surveyed this new village and were most fortunate to hit water on the very first attempt at digging the new well. The good Lord was with us! The well has been completed, and we set up a temporary hand pump for the villagers to get clean water right away by walking quite a distance to the well, until we can fund the next segment of work. We also completed building the Pump House, in preparation for the rest of the job, which we plan on completing in 2013 for them.

7. **ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – This year we decided to forego our annual trip, in favor of contributing the money we would have spent traveling, etc, to the rather heavy expense involved by our purchasing the newer vehicle last summer in Tanzania. Our office staff mentioned above, has done a marvelous job at keeping everything going in relatively perfect rhythm for us. We intend to travel again in September of 2013, as it is very important to review what has been done and to study the plans for the following period of time.

8. **WEBSITE UPDATES**– Our website @ [www.tanzanialifeproject.org](http://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 – 2012 - \$828,826**

**Financial Position – 2012**

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	18,669
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>18,669</b>

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Debt	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

Dodoma Area villages	108,622*
HIV/AIDS program – Mtumba Warde	30,000**
Local NGO office	13,735
<b>Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.</b>	<b>152,357</b>

**SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Management	1,670
Fundraising	2,246
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>156,273</b>
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2012 INCOMING REVENUE	160,436
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Change in Net Assets	+4163
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\* Includes \$37,807 for newer vehicle

\*\* This portion is funded by our partner – the Abbott Fund from Abbott labs