



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**MISSION:** To assist the poor rural communities of Tanzania, Africa, with life’s basic necessities – to become healthier (via providing clean water), 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, develops and carries out a plan for improvement in that community to improve health, growth, and survival.

**OVERALL STRATEGIC GOAL:** As the original goal of substantially improving the lot of five rural villages in Central Tanzania in ten years has become a reality, we now set our sights on helping one new village every year.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

**1. ORGANIZATION GROWTH - The organization continues on its path of growing, as we now pass the \$1.9 million dollar mark for services delivered!** As of the end of calendar 2018, we have completed 13 ½ years. In that time 13 villages now have clean water! We hope to continue providing clean water for one new village every year going forward. Also, we are in the final year of another three-year re-certification by the Charities Review Council - after meeting their new and larger group of 27 very rigorous Accountability Standards. As reported in 2015, we built a new office in Ipagala, Tanzania (right next to Dodoma) which has cut our rental costs, allowing us to be even better stewards of your donations. Our Board of Directors (all volunteers) has stayed the same during this year at a count of 8.

**2. OUR OFFICE IN DODOMA (Ipagala), TANZANIA** - Our loyal staff of three great Tanzanians continues to serve our collective needs very well!! This office support is an extremely important part of our mission, as these people carry out all of our activity with the local villages, including extensive planning and coordinating, getting estimates, negotiating contracts, paying bills, keeping two bank accounts up to date, and reporting back to us for control of our fund releases, approvals, and direction. In addition, the staff keeps up with the maintenance of our new office building.

**3. MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, KISIMA CHA NDEGE, MATUMBULU, ISANGHA, ILOLO, IWONDO, CHIBWE, CHIMWAGA, IGANDU, MAPINDUZI, and NGUTOTO REPORT** - We are very happy to report that these 13 villages where we installed new clean water systems in recent years, are all doing very well. There is a noticeable improvement in the health of all of these people since the new clean water arrived. Diseases have markedly dropped, and the spirits of all of the villagers seem to have improved significantly. If you are keeping tally, this now adds up to 54,000 poor Tanzanians who are now enjoying clean water, courtesy of TLP and you many wonderful donors.

### 4. VILLAGE WORK IN 2018 –

In 2017, we got the Ngutoto villagers to agree to a Strict Human Rights set of By-Laws, prior to drilling them their well and running the piping to the site of the Reservoir. Early in 2018, we completed the Ngutoto village Water Project (population 3654). We put in the big Reservoir, and all the piping to and including the 8 distribution points and a cattle trough. The villagers are ABSOLUTELY ELATED!!

We also started the next village of Banyibanyi (population of 8000). As this is such a big village, we decided to split it into 2 segments, calling them Banyi banyi Low and Banyibanyi High, so we could do some work on the first one in 2018, leaving the rest for 2019. They will become our 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> villages. They also had to first agree on a similar Strict set of Human Rights By-Laws. Then we proceeded to drill the well, survey the whole village, order all the necessary machinery, set the pipes to the first reservoir, construct it, and start on the pipes to the distribution points. The remainder of the service for Banyibanyi Low will be completed in 2019, as will the rest of the system for Banyibanyi High.

**5. ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – This years traveling contingent included John & Mary Vanderheyden, Paul & Cathy Trescony, Peter & Sam Vanderheyden and Henry Croll. All the village work described above was verified as those villages were visited. The Zepisa village was also visited as it will become our 16<sup>th</sup> village. In addition, furthering our women’s empowerment efforts, we again partnered with Days for Girls to “*help create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions, ensuring girls and women can attend school and other economic activities without missing any days!*” Mary led this effort – being assisted by Cathy and also the Tanzanians Agnes Mlula, Mama Mbenanga, and Grace Oneya (translator) with the training. Over 200 feminine hygiene kits were distributed at these sessions. This brings our total to 800 hygiene kits distributed so far! Also, this year we continued setting up seminars for the men!! Again, they went over extremely well. Men came out of these meetings fired up to improve themselves, and their behavior. Peter Mnyangulu taught the session!

**6. 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 – 2018 - \$1, 963,618**

**Financial Position – 2018**

Management of this organization is accomplished primarily by the volunteer and unpaid efforts of the Chair & Co-Founders James and Kathleen Vanderheyden. This explanation is offered to help to explain the relatively low amount of our Management Expenses.

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	14,210
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,210</b>

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

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

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

Dodoma Area villages:	
Ngutoto	61,360
Banyibanyi Low	126,846
Vehicle repairs, misc	5,933
<u>Local NGO office</u>	<u>13,390</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	207,529

**SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Management	1,788
Fundraising	4,255
	<u>6,043</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 213,572

**2018 INCOMING REVENUE** 219,472

**Change in Net Assets** +5,899