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People Served 86.000





The difference in drinkina water with a TLP clean water system

Our beloved co-founder and Chairman Emeritus, Jim Vanderheyden, passed away peacefully at the age of 87. He accomplished much in life including working on the first color TV, helping to put a man on the moon, and creating Tanzania Life Project (TLP) to provide sustainable clean water to thousands since 2005. Jim was an amazing man who approached life humbly with love and a drive to use his skills to serve others.

Trying to solve the water scarcity problem in Tanzania was not part of Jim's original retirement plan. However, in 2005 Jim met Ben Mlula (now TLP's Executive Director in Tanzania) when Ben was traveling through Minnesota. Ben's home village of Mtumba had been without clean water for eight years because their well had broken and the government could not fix it due to lack of funds. This presented an opportunity for Jim to be part of a group who would travel to Tanzania to lend their talents and fix the broken well. As you might already have guessed, Jim was up for this new challenge!

After many days partnering with the village leaders and local experts, the well started to produce clean water

on the final day of their visit. The grateful, happy faces of the children made a lasting impression on Jim's heart. From that day forward, Jim dedicated his life to bringing sustainable clean water to people in under-served Tanzanian villages through the creation of the non-profit Tanzania Life Project with bases in the USA and Tanzania.

Jim gathered trusted people to form his Board of Directors and each year encouraged interested people to travel with him to Tanzania. He was grateful for the many individuals and organizations that partnered with TLP as it grew. Jim was a great planner and ensured the important work of TLP would continue long into the future by transitioning the leadership of TLP and helping develop a new strategic plan. This plan calls for TLP to double the number of people getting sustainable clean water each year by 2025. To do that, we will need to increase awareness, capture the interest of new donors, and encourage greater support from our long-time, faithful donors. Help us tell others about TLP by sharing our website with friends and family and liking/following our social media posts.

The well pumping water on Jim's first visit to Tanzania

Jim's work is not done, can you help us continue Jim's mission by making a donation today?

## He faced life fearlessly, always remembering the lesson of his childhood, "We learn by doing." Thank you, Jim, for all you have done!

Rest in Peace James Vanderheyden (1935-2022)

## We're upgrading our communications!

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