



# 2020 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 2020

1. **CONSTANTLY LEARNING AND IMPROVING WHAT WE DO** - Our methods and procedures have evolved over the last 15 years as we’ve learned from each new village project. The Tanzanian government recently put in place a new program to help guide villages as they implement governance for water distribution systems. Together with our Tanzanian partners, we decided this was an opportunity for us to create an updated and consolidated set of procedures for each new water project going forward. This new set of procedures began being used on our new village of Iringa Mvumi with great success! We also evaluated the cost of paying for trucking services to deliver the materials necessary for each water system and realized we could save a great deal of money by purchasing our own truck. We did this prior to starting Iringa Mvumi and have nearly paid for the truck with savings from this one village. We’re constantly looking for ways to be better stewards of the generous contributions of our dedicated donors!
2. **VILLAGE WORK IN 2020** - We completed the water installation for Zepisa which now serves over 5,600 local residents plus many from surrounding villages. Work began on the next village of Iringa Mvumi which will serve over 11,000. Iringa Mvumi has completed the Human Rights seminar and developed and implemented by-laws for their village. TLP completed a well, pumphouse and *temporary* distribution point until the reservoir and final distribution networks can be completed. We continue to get extremely positive feedback from villagers on the impact of our human rights education and change program. Both men and women state how this has been life changing for them both individually and as a community.
3. **MAKING CONNECTIONS** - During our visits each year, villages consistently ask for support with other needs aside from clean water. While these other needs are very important, TLP made a commitment early on to focus our efforts on providing clean water (the most basic need of all). Aware of the fact that many different NGOs work in the Dodoma Region, we created a Village Empowerment Committee to research NGO activities, learn about their missions, share the mission of TLP and to develop relationships. The committee has been researching NGOs that could fulfill village needs of higher education assistance, small business/micro-financing, sanitation, and medical support services. The goal is to develop a network of resources and make the connections between the NGOs and the villages and let them decide if there is an opportunity to partner.
4. **DEALING WITH THE REALITY OF COVID** - We feel very fortunate that none of our partners in Tanzania have contracted COVID and pray for their ongoing health and safety. While COVID prevented us from making our normal annual trip in August, Zoom technology allowed us to create a virtual trip broken up in to several Zoom sessions. While not perfect, it has definitely helped us conduct a good deal of the business we would have normally handled while on the trip. We will continue to leverage this form of interaction in addition to our annual trips as it allows greater participation from those who normally could not make the trip.
5. **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 been happening!

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**Established in 2005**

<b>TOTAL PROJECTS TO DATE – 2005 – 2020 - \$2,448,537</b>	
<b>Financial Position – 2020</b>	
<p>Management of this organization is accomplished primarily by the volunteer and unpaid efforts of the Chair &amp; Co-Founder James Vanderheyden. This explanation is offered to help to explain the relatively low amount of our Management Expenses.</p>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash	101,905 *
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>101,905 *</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Debt	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	
Dodoma Area villages:	
Zepisa	119,785
Isanga	262
Iringa Mvumi	88,422
Truck	20,691
2 motorcycles	4,750
Vehicle repairs, misc	3,140
<u>Local NGO office (Incl Health ins.)</u>	<u>16,680</u>
<b>Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.</b>	<b>253,730</b>
<b>SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Management	1,707
Fundraising	<u>4,593</u>
	<b>6,300</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>260,030</b>
<b>2020 INCOMING REVENUE</b>	<b>347,959 *</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>87,930 *</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes bequest amount of \$100,000 on 12-18-2020</li> </ul>	