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## **Trip Report December 2005**

***Tanzania Life Project*** is a certified 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is dedicated to helping the poor people of small villages in Tanzania, Africa, to develop a better quality of life and to reach a point of self sustenance. Our success comes from empowering the villagers to help themselves, providing experienced mentors to educate and work cooperatively with them and keeping the size of our projects within the means of our support.

This was our second trip to Tanzania, with the first occurring in June 2005. The travel team members were Jim Vanderheyden and Dan Vanderheyden. Our primary goals on this second trip were to complete the implementation of water drop locations for drinking water from the refurbished well, run electricity to the village and support Women's Economic Development and Empowerment issues.

Again there were tremendous efforts by Dan, me and the local villagers in Tanzania to complete as much as possible in a short period of time. With the Lord's help we were able to accomplish the following during the December 2005 trip:

**1. Continued work on the water system**

- \* Added 7 more distribution points and several miles of added distribution lines all dug by the villagers (Total 18 Distribution Points now)
- \* Set-up transformer substation near the schools
- \* Brought power to the schools, and health center (and into them)

**2. Began Installation of electricity**

- \* Brought in 1 1/2 miles of transmission lines and poles
- \* Set-up transformer substation near the schools
- \* Brought power to the schools, and health center (and into them)  
(Next electricity to power the shops in #6 below)

**3. Furnished 12 solar ovens and instruction on how to use them**

- \* Villagers are saving some trips to get firewood

**4. Provided 1 computer to each of the Secondary and Primary schools**

- \*including printer, table, and chair for each school  
(Instructors to teach children how to use them)

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5. **Purchased materials and transportation for the Health Center**
  - \* **Microscope, centrifuge, stethoscope, blood pressure cup/indicator**
  - \* **Six months of supplies, and two bicycles for making house calls**  
(The Master Doctor of the area was able to allocate a refrigerator to the village because of these additions and the electricity in #2, which should result in better overall care and health of the village)
  
6. **Acquired tools & equip. for an IGA Facility (Income Generating Activity)**
  - \* **Oil milling machine and a flour milling machine**
  - \* **Carpenter workshop including:**  
table saw, belt sander, circular saw, grinder, electric drill, electric jig saw, misc. hand tools, saws, clamps, vise, locking cabinet, etc.  
(Currently villagers are constructing a building for the milling machines and have made the cement blocks to start building their carpentry shop.)
  
7. **Addressed Women's economic development and empowerment issues**
  - \* **Funded a Women's empowerment seminar**
  - \* **Money for pottery supplies (women actually started a revolving fund so that 30 of them could all borrow at one time and repay)**
  
8. **Gave money for refurbishment of 2 classrooms in primary school (10 rooms to go)**
  - \* **Villagers painted rooms and filled big holes in concrete floor**

As you can see, we were able to make great progress in several key areas that will become the seeds of change for the people of Mtumba. We are very proud of what has been accomplished through the generosity of all of you. While they are not living in the luxury that we enjoy, at least now they have some good clean water to use, and we have introduced them to the electrical world, with its tools, machines, and computers.

On behalf of the wonderful and gracious people of Tanzania, let us take this opportunity to say a heartfelt Thank You to each of you for your outpouring of prayers and support. The Lord will surely bless you in this coming year.

Sincerely,

**Jim Vanderheyden**  
**Chair, Tanzania Life Project**