



2009 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. (2005 – 2015)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

- 1. ORGANIZATION GROWTH** - The organization continues on its path of growing. We now have completed 4 years and are half way into year 5. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in 10 years. Also, we have now been certified for 2 years by the Charities Review Council after meeting their 16 very rigorous Accountability Standards.
- 2. OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM** – Our partner – Abbott Labs from Chicago, has graced us with \$34,000 of grants through 2009 for HIV/AIDS. We are most grateful as we now can serve 150 HIV victims + 100 Orphans of victims. Our service area is the villages of Mtumba, Vikonje, and Ihumwa. We are on track to receive another \$20,000 grant in January 2010 for the 2010 year.
- 3. OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA** – After operating out of our small cramped office in Dodoma for several years, we are now located in a space about twice as large (266 ft.) since early 2009. Our loyal staff of 2 great Tanzanians continues to serve our collective needs very well!! This 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. As 5 villages are now involved (2 extra for HIV/AIDS), our travel and transportation needs keep increasing also. Our 1995 Mitsubishi SUV has been serving us well, especially after a new set of tires.
- 4. MTUMBA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** - This was our first village, where we (in 2005) cleaned out mud and restored a very old non-functioning well, adding a renovated pump and did some refurbishing of the old diesel engine. That work held until recently when we needed to add a new pumphead and did a complete overhaul of the engine. Old and used equipment was no longer able to do the job. Now clean water is again flowing! We also renovated 2 primary school classrooms with a grant from a new partner named “Friends of Tanzania”. We provided start-up money to assist a ladies group in getting a new vineyard going where they could grow, learn, and earn. We assisted another 25 women (over the 25 from last year) to start small businesses by giving them some “seed” money against which they could borrow more from a microfinance bank. All 50 of these ladies are now doing very well! We also provided money to plow and seed 120 acres of land, so the villagers could grow food to prevent starving and again learn some self-sustenance. Our old 1975 Massey Ferguson tractor is still working to help do this job.
- 5. CHISICHILI & CHIKOLA VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – After 2008 saw the completion of 3 new large items - the well, pumphouse, and reservoir, the first half of 2009 brought the addition of phases 3 through 6 of the new water system – including some 9 more neighborhood distribution points. The villagers are elated with their new clean water!! Adding a float switch in the reservoir (and a few other things) has completed the first “closed-loop” automatic feed water system in any village. The small neighboring village of Chikola (pop. 497), has requested to add a distribution line to their village from the Chisichili water system. While we convinced the Chisichili villagers that this was a good thing, and finished the initial survey to do this, the actual project will be completed in 2010.
- 6. KISIMA CHA NDEGE VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – With the aid of some unexpected funds, we were able to get an earlier start than planned, and made a very significant contribution to Kisima’s new needed water system. We built a large new reservoir and the villagers dug **miles** of trenches to complete a vast distribution system for them. All that remains, is to do a complete replacement of the old pump, pumphouse, and engine, with a complete new sump pump, generator and upgraded pumphouse. The old equipment is some 50 to 60 years old! No more water from the slimy green surface well when we are done here in 2010!!
- 7. ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – Four of us missionaries visited Tanzania in September of 2009. As always, this trip was to establish and continue to foster, a good working relationship with the villagers and our program staff located in Tanzania. It also permitted us to see firsthand what was accomplished, and to understand the impacts of each improvement on the recipients. We were also able to help them fine tune the new capabilities. This trip also helped us plan future activities as well.
- 8. WEBSITE UPDATES**– Our website @ 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

Financial Position – 2009

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	<u>9,130</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	9,130

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Debt	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0

PROGRAM SERVICES	
Mtumba/Chisichili/Kisima villages	108,207
HIV/AIDS program – Mtumba Warde	0*
Local NGO office	<u>12,248</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	120,455

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	
Management	1,800
Fundraising	<u>2,090</u>
	3,890

TOTAL EXPENSES **124,345**

2009 INCOMING REVENUE **115,461**

Change in Net Assets **-8,884**

* We wrote off the \$20,000 used for 2009 in December of 2008 when we received the grant check from Abbott Labs – our partner in HIV/AIDS work. Our next \$20,000 grant will be funded in January 2010 instead of December 2009.