



2013 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: As the original goal of substantially improving the lot of 5 rural villages in Central Tanzania in 10 years has become a reality, we now set our sights on helping 5 villages every 5 years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013

1. **ORGANIZATION GROWTH** - The organization continues on its path of growing. As of the end of calendar 2013, we have now completed 8 years and are half way into year 9. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in the first 10 years and 5 villages every 5 years thereafter, as our history reveals below. Also, we are now in year 3 of a second 3- year re-certification by the Charities Review Council - after meeting their new and larger group of 27 very rigorous Accountability Standards. In early 2014, we will seek another 3-year renewal, after completing those last 6 years of their highly desirable certification.

2. **OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM** – Our partner – Abbott Fund (Abbott Labs from Chicago), has graced us with a \$40,000 grant for 2013 for HIV/AIDS. We are most grateful as we have been able to expand our coverage, now serving 355 HIV victims + 260 orphans of victims. Our service area comprises the villages of Mtumba, Vikonje, and Ihumwa, and now we have added 2 more – Isangha and Chisichili. We are on track to receive another large grant in early 2014 to continue our work for the 2014 year. In 2013, Abbott had us continue the latest addition – involving starting small scale development projects for bee keeping, gardening, and pottery making, which involved startup help for another 115 individuals. (115 also were helped in 2011 & another 115 in 2012)! In addition, the Para-legal program they had us start several years ago is really taking hold. After some legal training sessions by officials, our coordinators and volunteers on this program have helped resolve 38 disputes in 2011, 51 in 2012, and another 134 disputes in 2013. How amazingly successful is this effort!! Can you imagine the improved peace in the villages!!

3. **OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA** – Our loyal staff of 3 great Tanzanians continues to serve our collective needs very well!! We added the third member late in 2011 to help with the details of the added small scale development projects cited above. This office support 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 of our fund releases, approvals, and direction.

4. **MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, KISIMA CHA NDEGE, MATUMBULU, ISANGHA, AND ILOLO REPORT** - We are very happy to report that these 7 villages which we helped with new clean water sources in recent years, are all doing very well. There is a noticeable improvement in the health of all of these people since the new water arrived. Diseases have markedly dropped, and the spirits of all of the villagers seem to have improved significantly.

5. **ILOLO VILLAGE ASSISTANCE** – We started working on this village in 2012, completing our overall survey, drilled the well and constructed a pumphouse. In 2013, we added a new submersible pump, motor and generator to run the pump, and built a new reservoir on a hilltop. Also in 2013, all of the distribution lines were dug by the villagers, and pipes were laid connecting the pump to the reservoir, and then from the reservoir down to the various distribution points in the village housing area. This was a huge undertaking by the villagers, as they contribute so heavily to the success of these projects. **Village # 7 – COMPLETE!!!**

6. **IWONDO VILLAGE (#8) ASSISTANCE** – We surveyed this new village and were most fortunate to hit water on the very first attempt at digging the new well. We were blessed because this actually occurred in our presence in September!! The well has now been completed, and we will soon set up a temporary hand pump for the villagers to get clean water right away. The villagers will walk quite a distance to the well until we can fund the next segment of work. We plan on completing a pattern of total work similar to that of the above Ilolo, in this village, in 2014.

7. **ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – This trip included Jim & John & Mary – all regulars – plus 2 of Jim’s granddaughters named Hannah and Maria. We visited 7 different villages in as many days, reviewing previous water work at Matumbulu and Isangha, current work at Ilolo and Iwondo, and possible future work at Igandu and Mzogole. We also visited a highly successful garden project as part of the HIV-AIDS effort at Ihumwa/Chilwana. (This really improves their independent sustainability!!)

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

TOTAL PROJECTS TO DATE – 2005 – 2013 - \$989,967

Financial Position – 2013

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	14,180
TOTAL ASSETS	14,180

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Debt	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0

PROGRAM SERVICES

Dodoma Area villages	104,100
HIV/AIDS program – 5 villages	40,000*
Local NGO office	13,205
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	157,305

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management	1,247
Fundraising	2,589
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TOTAL EXPENSES	161,141
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2013 INCOMING REVENUE	156,652
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Change in Net Assets	-4,489
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* This portion is funded by our partner – the Abbott Fund from Abbott labs