

2012 Trip Report

Our annual trips to Tanzania provide an opportunity to meet with the Tanzania Life Project staff in Dodoma to review the progress of our initiatives in the area. We spend time in villages with active or completed projects to review progress, successes, and discuss areas for improvement. We also visit prospective villages to meet the people and leadership in order to determine with whom we will partner for upcoming projects. As always, each traveling member uses his/her own personal funds for travel expenses.

In 2012 the truck our team had used for years finally gave out and could not reasonably be repaired. So we found ourselves needing to replace the vehicle, which obviously carried a large price tag. A decision was made to cancel our annual trip for this year and instead, traveling members donated their personal travel funds towards the immediate replacement of the truck. By doing so, we did not have to delay starting the important water projects we had scheduled. A used 2003 Toyota SUV was purchased and is working very well for the team in Tanzania.

We expect to resume our annual visits in 2013.