



GREETINGS FROM AFRICA

Breaking news and stories for friends of Twing Memorial Ministries, changing lives in Tanzania, East Africa through health, education, and evangelism.

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How Do You Say, "NO, You Can't Come?"

Over 12 million children in Africa have been orphaned because of diseases such as AIDS, HIV, and disasters, war, and droughts. Many have been left to care for themselves. Sometimes there are grandparents or community who look after the little ones. Many have been forced to drop out of the school. Some do so to work for their keep. Without an education, these children, and the generations beyond them, have little hope for a better life.

How do you say, "No, you can't come?" Pastor Musa and the local school board couldn't say No. When he started Twing Memorial School (TMS) with 125 students, the next year another grade was added and there were 250 students, then another grade, more students, until now there are five grades with over 500 students! There are no other options in the area for an education. As the children advanced, the school program grew to accommodate them. The large number of students has required the addition of more staff, more classrooms, more supplies, more basic facilities, Now we also need to supply water. All of this requires additional financial resources.

A gift of \$50 will provide funding for staff support of one these students for an entire school year. In addition to basic funding to run the school, these children desperately need clothing, shoes, and school supplies.

Does your church do a mission project during the holidays?

Outfitting a child and/or providing a child with basic school supplies are excellent projects to consider. Uniform polo shirts can be obtained for about \$3 each. The shirts will be worn with navy blue skirts (for girls) and shorts (for boys). The children already have skirts and shorts, but many are threadbare with broken zippers and



Water is a major problem at TMS and in the villages. Children and women often dig for hours to find water.

missing buttons. Sizes are all children's (S) (5/6), (M) 7/8 and (L)10/12. (To coordinate a project or for more details, please call Rachel Terwillegar at (909) 810-7802 or email rachel@terwillegar.com).

Most of our TMS students walk to school barefoot to save their shoes. Some don't even have shoes!

CURRENT NEEDS

- \$2,600 for Toyota Landcruiser repairs. Funds are also needed for vehicle operating expenses.
- \$50 will educate one student at TMS for an entire year (teachers salaries). There are 532 students enrolled and 12 teachers.
- \$17,000 to repay Toyota Land Cruiser loan.
- \$840/month stipends for 12 full-time lay pastors.
- Uniforms (\$3 each for polo shirts). Some students also need navy blue skirts (for girls) and shorts (for boys).
- School supplies for students, e.g., pencils, paper, erasers, scissors, etc.
- Secondary school/college tuition for young people selected for advanced education.
- There are many other needs; however, these needs are most critical now.



Twing Memorial Ministries is a member of Adventist-Laymen's Services for Industries (ASI). The ministry is involved in evangelism, employs 12 lay pastors, a 12 full-time teachers and a headmaster for an elementary school, and educates young people beyond secondary school. Work is accomplished as TMM is blessed by donor support.



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Dear Ones,

Pastor Musa visited in July just before ASI meeting. It was such a pleasure to see him and hear about the work in Africa. He's so busy! He's grown Twing Memorial School by leaps and bounds. His work in evangelism has been fruitful. His family is growing. I'm proud of him, as I am of all the children who have had a part of my ministry in Africa. A year will be a long time before I see him again. In the mean time, I'll keep in touch via the mail and email. Isn't it wonderful to have almost instant communication. I know my husband, Jimmy, would have embraced new technology for all it does to keep loved ones close.

It is always good to hear from each one of you. Thank you so much for continuing to make this work in Africa possible. God is so good to me and I continue to be thankful. Once again thanks for your letters, cards, and phone calls.

Thank you for all you do to support the work in Tanzania. I love each one of you.

Ethel



How Do You Say, 'NO, You Can't Come?' (cont'd)

No matter what the original color of their clothing may have been, after one washing it is permanently stained with the red color of the ground on which they walk.

Parents and children try to survive the best they can. The hardships they endure are overwhelming. Attending Twing Memorial School provides incredible comfort to the families. They know in their hearts there is someone who cares for them.

You can rescue these children, not only from educational poverty, but also from the stigma associated with physical poverty. TMS is changing lives through education and the Good News of the Gospel. As you consider your year-end giving, please remember these kids and our opportunity to change their lives forever, one child at a time!

Lukasi Ntama

While at the camp meetings, I met (*by the providence of God*), Lukasi Ntama, who had just finished a six-month ministerial course. He loves to work for God, and was willing to be the spiritual leader, Bible instructor, and visit with the parents of TMS students. Ten people, who have no pupils at TMS, have agreed to contribute his living expenses. They did not know about the school until I told them at the camp meetings. These people live about 1,000 miles from the school. He and the support for his salary is an answer to our prayers!

Let me share an experience, Lukasi had in his first week of service. Halima is a pupil in grade four. She is 13 years old. Her father passed away some years ago. She lives with her mother, two sisters and four brothers. Her class performance was less than average and she would sleep when

she could during the class lectures. The teachers kept their eyes on her to try to keep her awake.

Pastor Lukasi wanted to find out why she was sleeping in school. When he visited the home he discovered that Halima's mother was demon-possessed.

The demons in Halima's mother would speak, cry, and make noise through the night. Halima and her siblings got very little sleep at night. Halima learned about God and His power.

She tried to cast out the demons from her mother by praying and placing the Bible near her mother during the night. Sometimes she would argue with the demons who would threaten that they were lions. Halima would respond, "*I don't know any lions but the lion of the tribe of Judah, who is Jesus Christ!*"

One evening the lay pastor visited Halima's mother, prayed with her, and by the power of Jesus, all demons were cast out. Halima's mother was healed and is now taking Bible lessons. Halima was a tool in the hand of God and she witnessed the power of salvation in her home. She no longer sleeps in class!

In Africa we live in a spiritual world far different from the West. Satan demonstrates his lying power day and night, but at the same time, we are witness the miracles and the power of God's salvation day and night!

— Musa Mitekaru



Halima and two of her brothers.

