



# 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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## TWING MEMORIAL SCHOOL

January each year is the start of a new school year in Africa. In the Tanzanian education system to proceed to standard (grade) five, pupils must pass standard four National examinations. Twing Memorial School (TMS) standard four pupils all passed their National examinations. Now starting the new year, we have our first pupils who are in standard five.

Each year new pupils are enrolled in standard one. In January 2010, 215 children came afresh to join standard one at TMS.

Some of them live about three miles from the school. Many have to walk many more



miles to come to school. Only 123 children, of the students who came, were between 7 and 12 years old – and only 82 were accepted.

Our facilities and infrastructure in general does not permit us to enroll such a big number in standard one. There were many tears and disappointed children who were sent away. It is not our wish to turn them away. Most of them will not get another opportunity to go to school.

Their hope disappears with them as they return home to care for cattle and other home activities for life long.



Currently our enrollment is 532 pupils, 50 of whom are in pre-school. Twing Memorial School is registered as a pre-school (6-9 years) and

primary school (7-12 years), from pre-school to standard seven. Decisions



on prospective pupils for TMS in standard one is not done by age, but ability.

In Primary Schools, learning while sitting on dusty floor is difficult. Most schools have no desks for pupils. Girls find it much harder to sit six hours each day on the floor than boys. They wear dresses to school. Uniforms get dirty quickly, and to comprehend the class lessons becomes harder than those studying in a good environment. At TMS, the number of pupils has increased dramatically. We don't have enough desks so our pupils are not sitting on the dirt, but a cement floor. It is a challenge to us.

## LAY PASTORS

Three years ago, Rachel and Randy Terwillegar and her daughter from Australia, Tammy Pannekoek, along with Curt and Carol Frembling, and Viorel Catarama, ASI evangelism director, come to Tanzania to conduct a seminar for lay pastors on how to use a DVD player and DVDs for evangelism. Lay pastors were equipped with these modern tools for God's work.

Two years ago Dr. Frank trained the same group of lay pastors in another method of evangelism. We now have an army of God, over 1,200 Lay Pastors who are making things happening here in Tanzania. Among this number we are able to help only 12 with a small monthly stipend.

In December 2009, two of our lay pastors received a call to be the district pastors for the Seventh-day Adventist Church and each received a bicycle to facilitate the work in the respective district. Thanks to generous donors, we have been able to provide 22 bicycles for lay pastors who are working in unreached villages to carry three angels message.

## CURRENT NEEDS

- \$50 will educate one student at TMM for the entire year. There are 532 students in school this year.
- 50 bicycles for lay pastors to get from church to church @100 each.
- 80 Desks for students @80 each
- \$17,000 to repay individual who provided funds to purchase the Toyota Land Cruiser used by TMM.
- Funds are also needed for vehicle operation and maintenance. One trip alone to Twing Memorial School runs more than \$700 for gas and repairs.
- \$720/month for 12 full-time lay pastors stipends.
- Secondary school/college tuition for special young people who promise to be exceptional students.
- There are many other needs, however, these needs are most critical at this time.

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 number of teachers, and educates young people beyond secondary school. Work is accomplished as it is blessed by donor support.



## TWING MEMORIAL MINISTRIES

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Dear Ones,

Once again thanks for your letters, cards, and phone calls with Holiday wishes. What a snowy New Year! It's great to see the snow as it reminds me of His promise to take our sins and make them white as snow.

You remember Philip Rushemeza? He's been a student for some time now. He just finished his training to become a medical doctor. He is now looking at his options to return to Africa, quite possibly to Heri Hospital. It may seem like an easy decision, but he is not of majority tribe from that area, and his beautiful wife is from Ethiopia. Please continue to pray for my African children as they face challenges such as this.

Musa spent his first Christmas in three years at home with his beautiful family. What a blessing he is to Twing Memorial Ministries. It is great he was able to spend some time with family to refresh and renew before hitting it hard again.

I continue to be thankful to God for His goodness to me. Each day I am getting stronger. Thanks again for all you do to support the work in Tanzania. I love each one of you.

Ethel



What a blessing it is for our lay pastors to have transportation. Bicycles are used widely for transportation of goods. They are very expensive, therefore few African are able to purchase them.

### NGWANAKORE CHURCH

In addition to my work with the University of Arusha and Twing Memorial Ministries, I pastor five churches with a total membership of more than 3,000. Three years ago, my wife, Winfrida, and I conducted three weeks public evangelistic meeting in Ngwanakore Village. Winfrida taught health and family and I preached. The Holy Spirit did the work through us. At the end of the meeting 317 souls received Christ and 211 were baptized. Among the 211 were an African Inland Church of 192 members who were reborn again and became Adventist members. I cared this particular church for one year. Church leadership put the



church in the Usa River district, under a pastor who already had about 5,000 members. The church membership has dropped from 192 to 83 members.



*Musa meets with laypastors in Singidia after the first lay training session with the DVD players in 2007 (on the way to Twing Memorial School).*

The Church leadership has decided to return this church to my district; this means more responsibility to me. I have assigned our lay pastor Wanani, to do regular visitation, one more evangelistic meeting and more teaching, believing that this church will grow again. Please pray for lay pastor Wanani and Ngwanakore Church.

In African churches, elders, and lay pastors work as leaders in local church. The work of the pastor is to train and to show them the direction. To be successful here with 15 or more churches, the major focus of your work will be to involve all church members under the leadership of trained elders and lay pastors.

