



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 UPDATE

In order to accommodate the number of students who desperately want an education, TMS is now holding two sessions each school day. The first session starts at 8 a.m., finishing at noon. The second session starts at 1 p.m. and finishes at 6:30 p.m.

For the morning session there are some students who get up earlier than six each morning to walk four miles to school. Once they finish school and arrive back home, they are expected to help work at home such as cooking, fetching water from the river, and collecting fire wood. There is no time after school to study and do home work.

Runaways Escape Abuse

Naomi and Stefano grew up in the care of their grandparents. Often late in returning home from playing with other village children, they were punished severely by their grandparents, even to biting them.

To be free from the punishment Naomi and Stefano ran away. They boarded a bus not knowing where they would end up.

They just wanted to be free from the punishment. They were on the bus for six hours. After they got off the bus the children stayed in the bus station for many hours. They didn't know what to do or where to go. They were hungry.



The TMS headmaster saw the kids at the bus station. Thinking they were students from his school he talked with them. After a while he learned they had

no parents and were running away from abusive grandparents. He took them to his home and fed them. They started school at TMS and are in standard one. Education at TMS has changed their lives. They have hope for the future, they now know God.

EVANGELISM

Multi-site evangelistic meetings have been held in 13 unreached villages. More than 675 souls received Christ and were baptized. The team of evangelists consisted of students, lay pastors, Bible workers, and choirs. Everyone camped out at one of the villages for 21 days.

It was a lot of work to feed and transport everyone, but through the work of the teams God touched the hearts of men and women. Both young and old gave their lives to Jesus.

One writer says, *"the work of saving souls will not get any easier as Christ's coming nears."* In Luke 5:4,6, Jesus said unto Simon, *"Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets."* And when they had done this, they closed in a great multitude of fishes.

Our nets are our talents, methods, gifts, and techniques. Some of our nets may be old, torn, and worn out like Peter's, but the Master says, *"Let them down."* If it is only a needle, use it as Dorcas did in Acts 9. If it is only a slingshot, use it as David did in 1 Samuel 17. There is always a great miracle when we go deeper, as evidenced in Luke 5:6. What a joy Peter had!

Even though there are more than 50 people at Mhinduro worshiping under the shade of a tree, the village chief said, *"I have never heard such good news."*

In Magara a lay pastor recounts this story. *"One day on our visit to people in their homes we knocked on a door. A man and his wife, Anaeli, came out and welcomed us into their house. Anaeli told us that she had a dream the night before. 'I saw two angels visiting us, holding Bibles in their hands. You must be the ones I saw in a dream. Teach us the Bible.' We taught them the word of God and they were the first to be baptized."*

CURRENT NEEDS

- \$2,600 for Toyota Landcruiser repairs. Funds are also needed for vehicle operation. One trip alone to Twing Memorial School runs more than \$700 for diesel fuel and expenses.
- \$50 will educate one student at TMM for the entire year. There are 532 students enrolled.
- \$17,000 to repay individual who provided funds to purchase the Toyota Land Cruiser used by TMM.
- \$840/month for 12 full-time lay pastors stipends.
- \$1,520/month for 11 full-time teachers and a headmaster
- Secondary school/college tuition for special young people who are 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 11 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,

It's been great to see evidence of renewal as the trees, shrubs, and flowers have adorned themselves this Spring.

I've heard from several of my African children since I last wrote. They send me news of their family, photos of their children, and for some even grandchildren! It is always good to hear from them, even though it is a gentle reminder that I'm not getting any younger!

I'm looking forward to a visit from Musa when he comes to see me again this year and to attend ASI in Orlando, Florida, and to visit with special folk who are so supportive of his work. How I wish I could travel with him.

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



Roads Damage Vehicle



"I use the Toyota Land Cruiser in this work," reports Pastor Mitekaro. "I traveled over

three thousand miles on rut-filled roads of sand and mud. When we finished the meetings I took the Land Cruiser to the Toyota dealership to be serviced. Many parts were broken. It will cost more than \$2,600 to make necessary repairs and service the vehicle.

We are praying that God will provide the means to pay for these repairs so we can continue our ministry."

Visit With A Sorcerer

One sunny day the evangelistic team had an appointment with a woman who asked them to visit with her. This woman was a sorcerer. She had many things in her home that she used for witchcraft.

"I am tired of serving Satan," she said. "I want to be free from him." She was asked to bring out her witchcraft things so they could be burned. Even though it was hot and sunny, suddenly a great wind appeared, followed by strong rain.

The woman explained, *"Whenever I have tried to leave the work of Satan, he has threatened me as you can see yourself."*

The pastoral team knelt down and asked God to intervene, to bring back the good weather and to save this woman from the hand of the evil one. Soon after the prayers, the rain and the wind stopped. Then all the things were burned as the word of God was being read.

The woman faithfully attended meetings in her village and at the end she was baptized.

Heard from a Distance

A member of a church for more than 15 years, Nehemiah was not satisfied and left that church to join another church. He became a pastor and started a church in his own village.

As the evangelistic team came to his village to hold meetings, he instructed his members not to attend. His home, however, was near the site of the meetings. Every evening he couldn't help but hear the message from a distance. He was touched by what was being said. One night while listening he decided he must attend the meetings. Once he started attending, his members began to attend, too.

At the end of the meetings Nehemiah, along with all his church members, were baptized.

Maasai Translator

Joseph, a kindergarten teacher, offered to translate for a series of meetings in his village. His church did not want him to serve as a translator. He told them *"Those preachers are teaching about our same Jesus. Their message will be helpful to our village, so I will continue to translate for them."*

The speaker for the series of meetings knew Swahili, but didn't know the Maasai language. He was not sure Joseph was translating correctly. He could have been teaching everyone the beliefs of his own church. At the end of the meetings many people accepted Christ and were baptized, including the translator, Joseph.

It is only through your prayers and financial support that the work in Africa is done. Your support is more important now than ever before. Thank you again. Let us give God glory for all things He has done here in Africa.

– Musa Mitekaro

