



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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Uniforms for Twing Memorial School Children

In our last newsletter we announced a holiday campaign with the goal to provide at least one uniform for each child attending Twing Memorial School. There are more than 500 children in the school so this is a very ambitious project! This project is important for many reasons, even though operating funds are essential to continue many of the other projects of Twing Memorial Ministries.

In Africa children wear a uniform to school, most likely the best clothing they possess. The first 150 students who started at TMS five years ago wore blue and white checked shirts with navy blue skirts for the girls and shorts for the boys. Stained from the water they are washed in (*the soil is red*), many of the shirts are held closed with the few remaining buttons, and some are torn. The buttons and zippers of their shorts and skirts no longer work.

We are able to purchase a polo shirt for each child for about \$3.00 each. The shirts will be red and worn with navy blue skirts (*for girls*) and shorts (*for boys*). We will not be purchasing shorts and skirts, but will work with those who can donate used items or those who can take on a sewing project and make them.

Here is a summary of what is needed:

- **Red Polo Shirts** — 210 size 5-6-6X, 180 size 7-8, 160 size 10-12 (*Purchased, imprinted with TMS Logo for about \$3.00 each.*)
- **Girls Skirts** — *Navy Blue:* 105 size 5-6-6X, 90 size 7-8, 80 size 10-12 (*Straight, pleated, gathered, or A-line.*)
- **Boys Shorts or Pants** – *Navy Blue* 105 size 5-6-6X, 90 size 7-9, 80 size 10-12 (*With front zipper, although for the small boys a gathered waist is okay.*)

Gifts for the shirts are tax deductible (write Uniforms in the memo section of your check) and may be sent to:

Twing Memorial Ministries
PO Box 6
College Place, Washington 99324

Clothing can be sent directly to Africa, however, the African non-profit organization supporting the school cannot issue documentation for tax purposes. The address in Africa is on the back of this newsletter.

Randy and Rachel Terwillegar are collecting shorts, skirts, and other things for the children and/or the school. They will arrange shipment to Africa. Clothing and other items for the children should be sent to them at 118 Temple Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223.

Other things the children can use are socks, new shoes, underwear, and school supplies. The school can also use age appropriate story books (*English language*).

We are happy to announce that several churches and many individuals have announced their support of this project. The support of many others will be needed for this project to be successful.

For answers to your questions about this project, please call Rachel at (909) 810-7802 or email at rachel@terwillegar.com. Those who are regular donors for other ongoing TMM projects, please consider this project in addition to what you already do. Although important, it is essential to have funding to run the School.

Lack of Rain, A Good Thing?

By September the rain should have been falling in Kigoma region, but there was no rain. In fact, the area was quite dry.



CURRENT NEEDS

- \$50 will educate one student at TMS for an entire year (*teachers salaries*).
- \$840/month will provide a stipends for 12 full-time lay pastors.
- \$2,600/year for vehicle maintenance and repairs. Funds are also needed for vehicle operating expenses.
- School supplies for students are needed, e.g., pencils, paper, erasers, scissors, etc.
- Uniforms (*\$3 each for polo shirts*). Students also need navy blue skirts (*for girls*) and shorts (*for boys*).
- \$17,000 to repay Toyota Land Cruiser loan.
- Secondary school/college tuition for young people who have been selected for education beyond what is available nearby.
- 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,

Another year is almost done and I certainly have been blessed. I have so much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for my family who continue to support my dreams for Africa. I'm thankful for my African family, especially Musa Mitekaro, who does not want his people to forget the sacrifice of my husband. I'm also thankful for you, for lifting me and the ministry in Africa up in prayer and for your financial support. It has been a difficult year for many with the economic situation everywhere. With more than 40% of our ministry income arriving during the Holiday Season, I certainly appreciate the sacrifices that will be made so we can be His hands, offering education and the knowledge of a loving Savior to those in the Kigoma region and throughout Africa. There just isn't a more heartfelt Thank You that I can give for everything you have and will continue to do for this special ministry.

It is always good to hear from each one of you. May His richest blessing be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year. Thank you!

Ethel



Kigoma is near Lake Tanganika and the rain forest. A mountainous area, this zone usually has plenty of rain.

Government officials were out visiting the school recently. They required that the school toilets be drained and new ones built. The ward chairman (or chief), helped Musa to get five people, who started digging the new pit. The work proceeded and was completed before the rains came. It is possible to build the building for toilets in rainy season, but not possible to dig the pit. The period of no rain gave the School time to take care of this problem to avoid negative government action.

New School Pastor

In our last newsletter we introduced to you by a story, Pastor Lukasi Ntama, who has been assigned the work of School Pastor. Had no space for a photo, so here he is. Pastor Lukasi has already been such a blessing to our school.



Bicycles

Bicycles are so very important in getting our lay pastors from one village to another.

Thank you for the bicycles that help get our pastors there faster!



With the winter rains come extreme traveling difficulties. One trip from Arusha to Twing Memorial School over 700 miles away caused more than \$1,000 in damage to our vehicle. As you can see, being washed regularly is the least of our concerns.

Our ministry has a Toyota Land Cruiser because a dedicated supporter loaned the ministry funds to purchase the vehicle. It is used

for many things including transportation for students and volunteers who do evangelism, as well as trips to Twing Memorial School with supplies and educational support. Without dependable transportation it is nearly impossible to do ministry in a country where public transportation is not safe nor dependable. Special thanks for the loan which will be repaid as the ministry is blessed with support.

