



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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EVANGELISM UPDATE

Winfrida and I are back home after three weeks of public evangelistic meetings. I was conducting one and Winfrida was doing another one. We experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these two meetings conducted in two different towns. Our hearts are full of joy for the outcome of these meetings. Let us share our joy with you.

We drove 934 miles toward Victory Lake where two towns are located, Maswa and Geita. Winfrida conducted public evangelistic meeting in Geita and I was in Maswa. The lifestyles of people in these towns were strange, even to us. The water was so bad, the people poor, living by drinking all kinds of alcohol. Evil existed everywhere.

In Africa, it is believed that, "A good day shows up in the morning," meaning in the morning when the sun shines it is a good day, but if the day starts with clouds, it is unpleasant day.

About 2,800 attended the first day of my meeting, giving us hope. Attendance was also surprising for Winfrida's meeting. This was a sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was like the day of Pentecost, recounted in Acts 4: 4. People who heard and believed were 5,000. In Matthew 9: 37-38 (NET), "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

The first week 189 souls, the 2nd week 204 souls, and the third week 244 souls . . . a total of 637 souls were baptized. For Winfrida, the first week 182 souls, the 2nd week 190 souls, the third week 170 souls . . . a total 542 were baptized.

Four ordained pastors assisted us, two for each meeting. Couples held each other and the pastor would baptize both of them at the same time. This method of baptism takes less time for this



number of people.

The newly baptized members were given Bibles, but there were not enough for all of them. It was touching to see these newly baptized members receiving Bibles, especially former Muslims. They received the Bible, kissed it, and placed it on their chest. This shows high respect for the Holy Bible as they used to do to the Koran.



Yes, God has given us the mission; we are God's tool to prepare for the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Twing Memorial School

TMS was established to educate young people in the unreached Haa tribe. There is no paved road reaching the villages around this school. The roads are very dusty and rough, very difficult to drive on in the rainy season. It is indeed hard to conceive how people cope with their daily life in such an environment. The Tanzania government has paved the road from Kigoma town to Mnanila where the school is situated.

TMS has its challenges, such as the need for clean drinking water, diseases, poverty, food, clothing, and transportation. The school needs teaching materials and new classrooms. (Each year an additional grade has been added so the first TMS students can continue to be educated. Presently there are seven grades with almost 600 students.) With the expansion of the school, water has become a huge issue. It would be a great blessing to have a well to serve not only the school, but the local community, too.

Our students walk very long distances to and from their homes to attend school. They eat at home before they go to school, and do not eat again until they get home at the end of the day. We must consider providing something for them to eat at the lunch hour. It is hard for them to concentrate on their studies.

CURRENT NEEDS

- \$50 will educate one student at TMS for an entire year (teachers salaries). There are 562 students enrolled with 14 teachers.
- Swahili Bibles for newly baptized
- \$840/month stipends for 12 full-time lay pastors.
- Uniforms: Navy blue skirts (for girls) and shorts (for boys).
- Motorbike-TMS headmaster
- School supplies for students, e.g., pencils, paper, erasers, scissors, etc.
- Secondary school/college tuition for young people selected for advanced education.
- Bathrooms: Glass for windows, and doors are needed.
- Well-drilling fees for drinking water at TMS
- Noon meal for students (\$600 for the entire school year.)
- \$17,000 to repay Toyota Land Cruiser loan.
- 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 of 500+ students, and educates young people beyond secondary school. Work is accomplished as TMM is blessed by donor support.



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Dear Friends,

"If you don't have educated people, you cannot develop," UNESCO says. What we are doing is little, but it has been said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Thank you so much for your financial sacrifice toward our work here in Africa. Because of your gifts the work continues. This work simply would not be done without your loving sacrificial gifts. Each gift is a sacred responsibility. It is our privilege and honor to make wise use of every gift received for this work.

May God's richest blessings be yours throughout this special Holiday Season and New Year.

Your servant,

Musa Mitekaro

Twing Memorial School is indeed a place for training students for the service of God and preparing them to face the future. In January 2011, 60 new students were enrolled in grade one, out of 248 applicants.

The system of education in Tanzania is as follows:

- Primary education — Grades 1-7, 7 years
- Secondary education — 4 years
- High School education — 2 years
- College or University — 2-4 years

In January 2012 new students will once again be enrolled in grade 1. The challenge is great; we will need more another teacher for those entering grade seven.

As I see children in the street and working in the villages without an opportunity of getting basic primary education, I get worried. I ask myself, what can I do? What can we do to help these young people escape a life of despair? Most do not know how to read and write. They suffer immensely, encounter difficulties children should not face, and so many die before they should. Education is what they need, and that is exactly what we are offering through Twing Memorial School. Education will change their lives, change their future, help them survive, and provide the best for their future. We offer what other schools do not a Christian education. Wars, hunger, desert, poor farming, lack of education, political instability have contributed to poverty, and most of the affected are children and women.



Every Friday afternoon, TMS students do something good for the community. They go out and fetch water for the sick and elderly and collect fire wood to help those who are not able to do it themselves. Our students are being trained for service to God and people. If they are faithful in little things, they will be faithful in their big responsibilities. Social care is not known here, we live by helping each other.

SERVICE RECOGNIZED

The center-piece of the Loma Linda University Centennial Pathway is a 26-foot tall stylized globe. Engraved in granite at the base of the globe, are the names of our alumni and staff who have served for a cumulative period of one year or more around the globe. Visible from many places



Michaelis, Charles E.
Turner, Lorna J. Lukens
Munce, Clifford Gene
Butler, Maurice K.
Kizzlar, Jr., John Wesley
Fowler, Mark W.
Schmunk, Robert
Bennett, Jack Leonard
Shrestha, Sherry T. Read
Saunders, John Eric
Charles-Marcel, Zeno
Smith, Wayne E.
Schaffner, Marlowe H.
Chen, Amy Mullen
Whiting, Jr., A. Sidney
Kraft, Edwin C.
Twing, James A.

on the campus, the name of Dr. James A. Twing appears there. Dr. Twing graduated in 1949 as a physical therapist. He applied to the School of Medicine so he could serve the church in mission work. Unfortunately at that time mature students were not granted admission into medical school, so James Twing enrolled and graduated medical school from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Mexico.

We are thrilled that the service of Dr. James Twing is recognized in such a place.

