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Dear Friend:

The year 2012 has been a remarkable one not only for our country, but for Twing Memorial Ministries. I'd like to bring you up-to-date with the successes, challenges, and opportunities faced by TMM in Tanzania, East Africa. Let me start by challenging you to, "Hang on!"

TWING MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Elementary School – The year began with full enrollment at our School, more than 600 children in K-7! Uniforms are important to students in Africa. Our students proudly wear their new uniforms which were lovingly provided by our partners in ministry. Thank you!

Most of our students are refugees from tribal wars in surrounding countries. Some have a single parent, some are cared for by other relatives or aged grandparents. Some just hang out in the community! They do not pay tuition fees to attend school. Teacher salaries are funded with gifts from those who partner with TMM in this ministry. It costs less than \$50 a year to educate one child. Where else can you do so much with so little?

The Tanzanian education system begins at Kindergarten/Pre-school (one year), to Primary School (grade/Standards 1-7), to Secondary School (Form 1-4), to High School (Form 5-6), and then College or University. For the first time our students in grade 7 have done national exams, graduating from Primary School. We're so proud of them! For some time, however, we have not looked forward to this day. There is no secondary school in the local area. These children are so very young. How can we send our young people away from their home/community to other areas of Tanzania? For some it simply means their education is over, done!

Secondary School – Property for other school buildings had been purchased by Mama Twing many years ago. It was learned that the government was planning to confiscate the unused property. Through a series of events and promises by TMM to build, the Tanzanian government granted permits and authorized the school program. Initial funding was obtained and TMM now has a secondary school so very close to completion. Students who have just graduated (their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and the community) are praying that funds will become available so they meet in their new classroom beginning with the new school year, January 2013. \$15,000 is needed to meet this deadline.

BIBLE WORK

For the past five or more years trained lay persons have met for an annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting has been to discuss their work (share successes, learn from failures), to receive training, and make plans for future events in sharing the good news of salvation. Held in Central Tanzania, these meetings do not come without expense. You can be sure, however, that in comparison, the dollars spent are less and the results are greater than in many areas of the world. Twing Memorial Ministries supports just 14 of the over 1,000 who are involved in lay ministry. For full-time work they receive a stipend of just \$70/month.

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TRANSPORTATION

Bicycles, lots of bicycles, and motorcycles, too, help lay persons and teachers get to their destinations much faster so they can do much more. Special thanks to ASI for a \$25,000 gift in support of transportation.

It's not all about bicycles, however. The ministry provides a Toyota Land Cruiser which is operated by Musa Mitekaro on behalf of the ministry. Just one trip from Arusha to Twing Memorial School can cause unbelievable amount of expense. The roads are getting better, but not enough to spare significant dollars in maintenance expense. And, of course, as we are aware here, prices at the pump have doubled those of just a few years ago. It is the same in Tanzania.

INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS

Right now there are three students being helped outside of Tanzania with educational expenses. The plan is that these students will return to Tanzania in support of ministry, either church or hospital. Thanks to those who understand how important it is to invest in these young people.

PARTNERSHIP

I've given you a brief review of the work being done by you, as you partner together with Twing Memorial Ministries. It doesn't happen any other way. We treasure your partnership with us as we endeavor to maximize the impact of the funds entrusted to this ministry. This ministry is one of the very few ministries started with the ultimate sacrifice, empowering the people of Tanzania to fish – instead of receiving fish for a day.

As you consider your Holiday giving, please consider your support of Twing Memorial Ministries. You may return your check in the envelope provided, or you may go online to www.twingmm.org to make a credit card gift. This year you may also make a credit card gift via your smart phone by scanning this QR code.

Again, thank you so much for all you've done – for your gifts, for your prayers, and for your love of our brothers and sisters in Africa. Please know that because of what you have done it will bring many to know the reason for this special season.

In His Service,

Larry Hawkins, MD

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