



October 2014 Newsletter

The Malowa Medical Clinic in Mahida

The **Tanzanian Children's Project** (TCP, Inc.) continues its work of improving the lives of the children of Tanzania. Our first project is the **Malowa Medical Clinic** located in the Malowa village a rural area in northern Tanzania in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. Thanks to the generous support given to TCP over the past several years, the Malowa Medical Clinic has been constructed and is now in limited operation. A limiting factor has been the lack of reliable power. To remedy this, TCP has signed a contract to have a solar power system installed on the roof of the clinic. This system is similar to solar power systems on other parish buildings. The solar power system should be installed and operational by spring 2015.



Orphans being treated at Malowa clinic



The Malowa Medical Clinic

Having a building for a clinic is not sufficient to ensure success. What we also needed is a local partner to oversee and operate the clinic for the benefit of the local population. TCP is pleased to announce that the **Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor** have agreed to operate the clinic. The Adorer Missionary Sisters is a religious congregation founded in June, 2013 by Sister Mary Wandia and Father Mark Mlay. Mary is a citizen of Kenya and has extensive experience working

in East Africa. She currently resides in Florida. Fr. Mark is from Malowa and is a pastor at St. Peter Catholic Church in Jupiter, Florida.

The Adorer Missionary Sisters live in a convent located a few hundred meters from the clinic and along with managing the clinic they also supervise the **St. John Vianney Orphanage** which was founded in 2013 by Sr. Mary and Fr. Mark. They already provide a variety of services to the parish and surrounding area. The sisters give us a local connection and buy-in from the local community. This is very important as we need the local community to take responsibility for the clinic, support the clinic, and use it to meet their needs. TCP, located thousands of miles away, can't really operate the clinic. Working with the Sisters, the government of Tanzania has committed to paying the salary of a doctor for the clinic. TCP will continue to supplement purchase equipment and supplies for the clinic for the next year, as well as pay the salary of a nurse/lab technician.



Northern Tanzania



Classroom under construction at St. John Vianney Orphanage

Other Projects in Mahida

There is still work to do in the Parish in Mahida. The Adorer Missionary Sisters want to build an elementary school and TCP wants to help them build it. It will cost \$10,000 to build each classroom. A new classroom for first grade is planned for January 2015 and TCP would like to commit \$5,000 to the project. Of course this depends upon our fundraising. Once the clinic is fully operational, TCP will focus on the elementary school. Consider making a donation at www.tanzaniakids.org/donate.html.

If funds are available TCP will also provide support to the orphanage run by the Adorer Missionary Sisters – one of the original goals of TCP.

The Next Project after Mahida



Kindergarten class in Ushetu

Now that the Malowa Medical Clinic has been built and is operating and other projects are planned for Mahida, the Board of TCP wants to continue providing support to the children of Tanzania. As Mahida is in the northern portion of Tanzania, the TCP Board looked for an opportunity to provide support in southern Tanzania. In its search, the Board wanted to focus on an existing religious establishment which is currently providing support to children in a rural area. The Board has decided to support the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM), an order which is part of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word (IVE.). Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará have established a convent in Ushetu (Diocese of Kahama), Tanzania. The sisters in the convent support a medical clinic and kindergarten and perform other parish work. SSVM also has convents in Kenya and Sudan.



SSVM sisters at Ushetu parish



Play time in Ushetu

The Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a religious community of Diocesan Right, was founded by the Rev. Carlos Miguel Buena on 19 March 1988 in San Rafael, Argentina. The Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará and the Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE) comprised of religious priests and brothers, along with the Third Order make up the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word. These two religious Institutes share the same charism, have twin constitutions and both include active and contemplative branches. The name Servants is a reference to the faithful women who stood at the foot of the cross and to the term used by St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort. The Cross of Matará is worn by the sisters and

reminds them that Jesus on His Cross and the Virgin Mary must be the foundations of their spirituality.

Keeping the Projects Going

The clinic is well underway and the other projects are about to begin. None of this could have been done without the generous support of the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish and Columbia, Howard County, and elsewhere. TCP continues to rely on you to provide us with the funds for these projects. Our goal is to raise between \$15,000 and \$25,000 each year to keep our projects going and TCP viable. We encourage you to watch for and support our fundraisers throughout the year, including

- The Annual Alternative Giving Program – December 6-7, 2014
- The St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 21, 2015
- The Baltimore Mandolin Concert - May 31, 2015
- The Leprechaun Charity Run - June 6, 2015
- And others - check www.tanzaniakids.org and www.tanzaniaceiliband.org

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Are You Interested in Serving?

Although support through fundraising is vitally important to TCP, there is another way to provide support. TCP is looking for **interested people to serve on its board of directors**. We need people who have an interest in helping people in Tanzania. The TCP Board meets four times a year and a term of office is two years. It's not a large time commitment. But, by your service on the TCP Board of Directors, you can make a difference. Or if you are interested **volunteering** in some other capacity, please contact the board of directors using the above address or email us at volunteer@tanzaniakids.org.

Again we thank everyone who has supported TCP and hope you will continue your support.

The Board of Directors of the Tanzanian Children's Project