

Mission to Youth & Students: NEW LIFE BAND

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Mission to Youth & Students: New Life Band is an inter-denominational ministry that serves as an instrument to transform the lives of youth and students within Tanzania through the gospel of Jesus Christ by giving them hope and opportunity by knowing that they are loved.

Jambo! We arrived home safely just before Christmas after a good flight from Chicago, thru Houston, London, Dubai, and ending in Nairobi, Kenya. Our wives were all there to meet us and, after being gone for almost 3 months, it was a wonderful reunion. We had a very good Tour this year, visiting Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and California. We saw many old friends and supporters, and it was so good to see you again! We were particularly pleased this time to be introduced to many new churches and make many new friends. All in all, we were very busy, thanks to all of your coordinators and a large number of support people, and we shared our music and our faith with you in more than 100 concerts and musical performances! We were also pleasantly surprised with your generous gifts in this year of financial difficulties. We had receipts (after all expenses) of more than \$70,000, which will go a long way to support our ministry, school, and projects in Africa. **Asanti sana, sana.**



NEW LIFE BAND “FAMILY” NEWS: We would like to share with some information about our families in this newsletter: Peter and Grace were blessed with a new baby boy while Peter was on tour in the USA, bringing the total of our children to 12. Their names, ages, parent & school are as follows:

Tina 22	(Gideon)	College
Tom 19	(James)	Secondary School, Form IV
Francis 17	(Gideon)	Secondary School, Form IV
Sarah 17	(Ondo)	High School, Form V
Evelyn 17	(James)	Secondary School, Form II
Naomi 15	(Gideon)	Secondary School, Form II
Prince 10	(James)	Primary School, Grade 3
David 5	(Deogratias)	Nursery
Joshua 4	(Abednego)	Nursery
Irene 3	(Eglah)	Nursery
Denis 1	(Deogratias)	
Nathan 3mo	(Abednego)	

We greatly appreciate the individual school support funding that you are giving to our children, as their continuing education is so very important to their future.

THE NEW YEAR ---- NEW CHALLENGES and OPPORTUNITIES

We begin 2010 back home in Africa with renewed energy and enthusiasm carried over from our successful USA Tour. But the challenges are formidable and the opportunities are great, and we will need your thoughts and prayers, and your continued support:



Increased Presence and Concerts in Tanzania: We have been invited to sing at the Stadium in Arusha (pic at left) on Feb 10th for an “all Church Crusade” that will last for 5 days. Two of us were flown from Chicago to Atlanta to hear an outdoor demonstration of some new speakers for our sound system. We are hopeful that our new speakers will arrive in Arusha prior to these concerts. Throughout next year, we hope to do more “Stadium” type concerts in East Africa, as we had great success with these types of concerts for students last year. We were pleased to find out after we arrived home that the Praise Power Radio Station in Dar has awarded us as the **“Best Band of the Year.”**

Completion of School Buildings Already Under Construction

We have renewed excitement about finishing our partially constructed buildings at our beautiful 20-acre school site. Our first priority will be to finish the 3 upstairs and 2 downstairs classrooms currently under construction. (The first 2 classrooms have been finished and are currently in use by more than 60 students) The costs for finishing these 5 classrooms will be approximately \$20,000 for windows, doors, concrete floors in the 2 lower classrooms, plaster, paint and school furnishings. With these 5 classrooms finished, we will have ample space for the near term expected growth in our school.



Completion of the Hostel, primarily the project of our friends in Petaluma California, will also be a major priority. This is a large facility with 7 self-contained guest rooms, a community area, and a kitchen, which can accommodate more than 14 visitors. This will allow more of you to visit our school and help with both construction and longer-term teaching assistance.

An additional project that we will be trying to finish will be the ground floor of the original 4-story classroom building that we started several years ago. The foundation and walls of this rather long building (55 meters, with 4 classrooms) were constructed, but not finished due to the relatively high cost of building such a large 4-story building. We now are planning to put a temporary roof on this building, which can be easily disassembled and moved to higher floors as they are constructed in the future. Finishing these lower classrooms with a temporary roof will allow us to use them initially for dorm space, and ultimately as classrooms as our school continues to grow. With this building partially finished, we will have the total space of 11 classrooms and it will be possible for at least some of our youth camps to be held at our own facilities during school breaks.

We ask for your prayers that additional funds will become available to help bring these short-term projects to completion.

Looking further ahead, we are just beginning to plan for the assembly building (see our master plan in our Fall, 2004 Newsletter <http://www.newlifeband.net/documents/51.html>) This large assembly building will greatly improve our school campus, provide a facility for our 1000 person youth camps and local concerts, and become rental income from expected community use. Please keep these very preliminary plans in your thoughts and prayers.

STRONG SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ACADEMICALLY

Our school was ranked number 37 among 108 schools in the Form 2 zonal examinations that were conducted in September 09. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our teaching staff and students for their hard work that has put our school amongst the better performing schools in the country. We hope our friends will help us with school materials and supplies such as science books, chemistry, biology, and physics laboratory equipment to help us reach our goal of being one of the best schools in the whole Country. If you would like to help as a qualified teacher in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics, we would be very grateful

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEEDY STUDENT(S)?

So far we have 12 students who are sponsored by different families/people/schools, and they are all performing very well in their studies. We do have others who are on the waiting list and, if you are interested, please contact us at Newlifeband@Habari.co.tz and we will give you more details.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We wish you all a most happy, healthy, and blessed new year!! Thank you again for your wonderful friendship and support.

James Kiphizi, Secretary, New Life Band.



DONATIONS TO THE NEW LIFE BAND MAY BE MADE BY:

Wiring funds directly to their bank account: Mission to Youth & Students (New Life Band), National Bank of Commerce Ltd., Uhuru Road Branch, P.O. Box 3004, Arusha Tanzania, Account No. 0141 05 006176, Swift Code NLCBTZTXA074 (add'l fee [up to \$50] may apply) or by sending a check made out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 with "New Life Band" on the "memo" line. Funds sent through Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be combined with other donations and wired to the New Life Band on a regular basis.