

# NEW LIFE BAND

MISSION TO YOUTH AND STUDENTS  
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The Mission to Youth & Students: New Life Band from Tanzania, East Africa, 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.



**ASANTE SANA!** We are pleased to publish a Newsletter showing our recent progress and sharing with you our youth ministry and school construction and operation. You have helped us make this possible, and we are so grateful to God for all of our progress. We greatly appreciate all of your help and support – and may God bless you so richly.



Here is our school construction progress! The first two classrooms and two teacher's rooms were built in 2007 and ready for occupancy by the end of the year.



Our school is now up to 29 students of which 19 are girls and 10 are boys. As information gets out that we have started a secondary school with competent teaching staff, we expect many more will want to join our school. For poor families with qualified students, we hope to offer scholarships at \$440 US/year including fees, medical, uniform, etc. Please be sure to designate "NLB Scholarship Program" when donating to this program.

The construction work is progressing well. We are working on modern toilets at the moment and hope to finish this in May. We plan to complete the other two classrooms {whose foundation is show on the right} before the end of this year. The Army has agreed to give us water from their pipeline that crosses our property. Praise God for this blessing of water!



## **YOUTH CAMP, CONCERTS AND GOSPEL RALLIES:**

Youth camp has, and always will be, a great event that will gather young people from different denominations and nationalities to share their cultural, spiritual, economical, etc. experiences. We had a wonderful camp in June where we had 560 young people from Tanzania, Kenya and England. We concentrated on Bible teachings, counseling, family life relationships, career development, responsibility, and accountability that were taught and eagerly discussed among the youth. We also had the opportunity to discuss how HIV/AIDS has crippled our country's economy and other related effects from this deadly disease.



We are actively preparing for our National Youth Camp that will be held in Dar es Salaam from June 8-15, 2008. We expect to have more than 800 young people at this camp. Concerts and Gospel rallies continue where we have the opportunity to minister to thousands of people who sometimes walk miles to attend.



## ONGOING SUPPORT PROGRAM

In December of 2007, Pastors Tim Kellgren of Elim Lutheran Church in Petaluma, CA and Newt Kerney of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Rohnert Park, CA sent out a very well written letter to many of our supporter churches requesting a more consistent fund raising strategy to support our ongoing operations here in Africa. Pastor Tim and a group from Petaluma had recently returned from their second trip to visit us here in Africa. They have been the sponsors for the new Hostel being built at our school site (for guest and staff housing). In the letter they report that they have been “overwhelmed by the quality and vision of this group and the ministry they do”, and they strongly recommend a continuing and more consistent financial support program to provide funding for our ongoing work with young people here in Africa. They very graciously describe our group as “dedicated, humble, visionary and faithful missionaries in a challenging and resource poor environment that is doing remarkable work of spreading the gospel and effecting positive change.”

They go on to challenge both churches and individuals that have not already done so, to make a monthly or yearly contribution to our work here in Africa. They point out that, if we could count on just 40 churches or individuals giving \$1,000 each per year, this would be enough to support our 8 full-time Band members and their families, our staff, office space, vehicles and other yearly costs for our operations (your money goes a very long way in our country!). With our new school, active youth/ music ministries, and some of our young families with small children, we are becoming so busy that our typical fund-raising tours to the USA and England may be required to be less frequent and for shorter periods of time. We greatly appreciate their letter and their efforts on behalf of our support.

Please consider participating as an individual, church mission board or committee, or other group in this type of ongoing support. The amount that any individual or church gives is entirely up to you (\$1,000 per year is only an example), and any amount pledged to this “NLB Rafiki” (Friends) program will be very much appreciated. Please contact Sharon in our CA “Office”: [newlifeband@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeband@gmail.com) or 925-284-4199 for further information and a copy of the letter from Pastors Kellgren and Kerney.

## FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU

For those of you with email addresses on our list, we have been sending out a very successful e-Newsletter to keep you updated with more detailed descriptions of our various activities, school construction and start-up, youth camps, comments from the youth themselves, etc. These e-Newsletters are easy to prepare, have color pictures, and are **absolutely free of any costs to us**. If you are only receiving the annual Newsletters via US mail but have Internet access, please email us at [newlifeband@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeband@gmail.com) so you can begin to receive the more frequent e-Newsletters and brief e-Updates. In addition, you will be able to visit our greatly improved website at [www.newlifeband.net](http://www.newlifeband.net) for our latest news, goals, organization, and activities and a wide variety of pictures, information and text that may be interesting and useful to you in many ways in your church Mission Programs. Of course, if you do not have access to the Internet, we are happy to continue sending you the annual mailed Newsletter.

## OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH:

Are you a retired high school teacher or a college student who would like to volunteer to teach or help teach in our Secondary school for a period of time? We would like to give this opportunity for anyone who can teach science subjects such as Math, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computer Science and English to please come and help!..

## PLANNED USA TOUR FOR 2009

We hope to return to the US in 2009 but have many decisions to make and many questions to answer regarding this tour; what dates, length, how many people to bring? With the high cost of airline tickets and our heavy workload here in Tanzania, perhaps we should bring a smaller team. Please pray about these things. We are anxious to see you all again to fellowship and to share our music and our ministry with you.



### 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, 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.