

NEW LIFE BAND

December 7, 2007 e-Newsletter

ASANTE SANA!

It is getting to the end of year 2007, and it has been a wonderful year for us, with lots of good things happening in our youth ministry and school construction work. 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.

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. From 17th to 24th June we were together and 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 also had concerts and gospel rallies in Arusha, Moshi and Dar es Salaam, where our friends who visited us this summer from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and Petaluma, California had the privilege to attend. We had a wonderful time with God ministering to his people.

NEW LIFE BAND SECONDARY SCHOOL:

Wooh!!! Congratulations to everyone of you for your prayers, advice, encouragement, and financial support since



the beginning of the construction work. Two class rooms and two teacher's offices are now ready, and we expect the first 80 students to be enrolled into the school next January

2008, when the school calendar starts, as we had planned. Registration for students is scheduled to start this December of which 48 students will be girls (60%), and 32 will be boys. We plan to add a vocational school as soon as possible.



It has already been used for a reception for the baptisms of a neighboring Maasi family!



Since our school is starting in January, we need to make sure that we construct at least two additional class rooms each year to make room for new students that will be enrolled in the following academic year. We do pray that you will continue to support us in every way so that we finish this most needed school in our area and our country. In case you want to know the cost to build one class room, it is \$US 20,000 (and for a soccer field is \$US 3,500.)

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our academic School program is only for those bright students who are from poor families, and their families can't afford to pay for the school fee, uniforms, books, stationeries and other school costs. If you would like to join our Scholarship Program to help these students, \$50 dollars can help purchase stationeries for a student per year, \$100 can buy school uniforms, and \$400 can pay for school fee per year. The money people will give toward this program will only be used to help those kids from such families to meet their school needs. Please be sure to designate "NLB Scholarship Program" when donating for this program.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH US IN AFRICA



A big "Asante sana sana" to those who raised money and sent it to help us with the construction work of our school. People walked miles and miles and climbed Kilimanjaro. Others raised money through the "buy a brick to build a school in Africa" program, while others invited people for special programs, all to help raise money for the school construction work. Also a big "Asante sana" to those who sponsored these groups/people and those who came and worked at the school directly. Once again, "Asante sana" for sharing your gifts and talents with us, and we can't wait to

have you back. We also welcome those who are planning to come next year, and we really appreciate and value your help and support. The picture is of James & Pastor Kellgren (Elim LC, Petaluma, CA) inside of classroom.

Are you a retired high school teacher and want to volunteer for sometime in teaching a school in Africa? Or are you a college student and want to help teach in a Secondary school in Africa 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!..

OUR WEBSITE: www.newlifeband.net

To see more of our activities please click on EVENTS, GALLERY/camp and VIDEO.

STORIES FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE:

1. *My name is Sayuni Mariki. I'm married with one child and another one of the way. I met the New Life Band back way in 1996 when I was in high school in Moshi when the band came to perform and share with us as part of there program of school visitations. That time I had a problem with school fee and the school administration had arranged to send me back home. I explained my situation to the band and they were so generous and helped pay m y school fee which was \$100 and then they continue to support me for another following two years thru there friend in the US. God really helped me and I performed so very well and was selected to join one of the University where I have graduated in bachelor and master degrees and now I'm working at the same university as assistant lecturer. The ministry of the New Life Band is fantastic and the guys are doing a wonderful job. We pray that God will keep and sustain them as they continue to reach more young people and may God meet and provide for there needs in ministry and families too.*

Sayuni Mariki

Sokoine University of Agriculture

2. *My name is Dickson. I'm 17 years old and at the moment a street vendor. This summer while on street selling things I happened to meet friends of the New Life Band whom after talking to them and explained why I'm in street and not in school they have offered me a chance to go to New Li fe Band Secondary school in January 2008. I'm very excited and looking forward to study hard so that I can fulfill my dreams which seemed to flip. Thanks friends for being there for me and I pray that many people will come in to help the band with there plans to build this school which will be of great help to many children especially those who dont have families to support them like myself.*

Nickson

IN CLOSING: If you would like to make a direct donation, please see: www.newlifeband.net and click on "Donations." Or mail a check made out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Ln, Lafayette, CA 94549 and put "NLB", "NLB-school" or "NLB-Scholarship" on the "Note" line. Thanks once again for your prayers, you friendship, and your support!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

*We wish you God's richest blessings at this time
when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Ondo, Gideon, Eglah, James, James, Deo, Peter, & James

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