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Path to a 501C3—UboraTZ by Tim Neet

In the year 2000 Perimeter Church began training 400 pastors in Practical Ministry throughout the various regions of Tanzania. While eventually equipping over 800 pastors, we failed to develop the deep long-term, supportive relationships that we desired. Re-establishing a goal to help a church of Tanzania bring transformation to their community, we sought to engage a church who was actively seeking to serve its vulnerable community of widows and orphans, both of which lived on the margins of Tanzanian society. In helping to transform a community to wellness and hope in Tanzania we also desired to transform the members of Perimeter Church by engaging not only our theology (our heads) but also our compassion (our hearts) and significantly our serving (our hands).

It soon became apparent that to help transform a Tanzanian community for the benefit of its future generations we would need to address their woefully poor opportunities for development of their children and youth. In doing so, we came along side Pastor Wariaeli Maphie who was a man of great vision but with a very small church of support. We became enablers of his church to grow and to address the needs of the community's widows and children.



Few children ever graduated 7th grade from the poorly equipped public school and fewer ever went on to Secondary School. While we helped to build homes for destitute widows and engaged them in learning new market skills, we also began helping the Pastor to build and develop a primary school grades 1-7. We funded the school and its operation through the establishment of a child sponsorship program, which we named Project CHILD. Through Project CHILD we have funded the ongoing operation of the school and directly met the needs of its students by providing nourishing meals, medical care, clothing, improved curriculum, teacher training and spiritual development. As our students began to graduate from 7th grade - and amazingly to date all have passed the national exam, which allowed them to continue their education - we committed ourselves to fund four additional years of education for all our students at private Secondary Boarding Schools. Likewise, we expanded to provide two years of pre-school and Kindergarten to aid in early childhood development. Thus far we have benefited over 566 students, with 142 having now graduated from High School and another 114 currently in High School, leaving 309 students currently in our Primary School and Pre-School. 43 scholarships and grants have been awarded for advanced studies. Our graduating classes rank in the top ten percent in the nation.

The success of our students has led to a high degree of support and notoriety in the community and local governments and with that we are being offered thru Pastor Wariaeli the opportunity to expand our work to benefit more of the broader community. We have begun assisting the local public school with necessary basic materials and developing a resource library for the community at large. In addition, we are developing partnerships with other organizations to provide medical services and agricultural development. We are now planning to double the size of our primary school with a self-funding student population and have been challenged to construct and operate a Science and Math Centered Secondary School. While our original focus of benefit was on the village of Karansi, our expanded intent is to serve the Siha District, and eventually the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. To take advantage of these opportunities that will benefit the broader community will require more financial resources and dedicated staff than Perimeter Church is equipped to administer. Our Mission and Goals will go well beyond the charter and priorities of Perimeter Church, and while we will still work closely together, we need to establish a separate and independent 501C3 that can secure finances from a broader population and can be more near term responsive. (cont'd)



So Which is It?? by Tim Neet

Over the years we have used many names in referring to the school funded by Project CHILD. Sometimes it is referred to as Karansi Christian School, and at other times PUNCHWMI English Medium School. It gets its name from the Tanzanian Foundation with whom we partner, the "Poor UNeducated CHildren's and Widow's MInistry. Thus the name PUNCHWMI — quite the acronym with a less than impressive English connotation.

Over the years the notoriety of the school has changed. It is no longer known as a school of uneducated students from financially poor families—but instead it is known as the NUMBER 1 School in the entire Siha District made up of 27 other schools. With the prominence and future scope of the school it is only fitting that it have a new name. Thus going forward the name of our Pre-School and Primary School will be the **Siha Leadership Academy. (SLA)**

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It is our mission to enhance the Spiritual, Physical, Educational, and Economic capabilities of these Tanzanian communities. We will do this through continued educational excellence and the expansion of our pre-school, primary and secondary school to serve the Region. Partnering with Youth With A Mission, and through the application of Life on Life Missional Discipleship we will provide a strong spiritual foundation for our students. We will promote early learning and creative thinking for our students and the community through the deployment of a community library and provision of books to the public schools. In addition, we will improve the health and well-being through routine child physicals at our school and through the public schools. This will be augmented by a partnership with Morehouse College and Medical School. Additional community benefit of job creation and economic capacity will come from the further development of our "Skills Training Center" and also improved agriculture and crop management via a partnership with ECHO Training.



Our expanded initiatives will be supported long term by one full time and three part time staff for a total resource of 2.5 people. The Full Time position will be that of the Executive Director responsible for overall leadership and Fund Raising. The part time positions will span the functions of Administration, Finances, Short Term Journeys, Project Management, Curriculum Development and the Project Child TZ Sponsorship Program. This staff will also support the efforts of 30+ volunteers. The overall ministry will be directed and supported by a board of 5 individuals with financial, community development and ministry backgrounds/experience.

Project Child Tanzania will continue to raise "Child Sponsorship" funds for the nearly 500 students whose families cannot afford to support their schooling. This totals approximately \$350,000 per year of fundraising from individual sponsors. Construction of new primary school facilities will approach \$500,000 with the prospects of a future secondary school ranging nearly \$3 million. Funds will be solicited from individual donors and from likeminded charitable foundations.

The Swahili word for excellence is "Uboru." Hence, our new 501C3 is named UboratZ, building on the theme of Excellence in all that we do, and in recognizing that we serve a Risen Savior who is the Most Excellent of all. As we roll out this new non-profit initiative, we ask for prayers of all of our sponsors and supporters as what we are attempting will only succeed with God's blessing and our faith, diligence and perseverance.

Expanding the Mind by Tim Neet

What is education? It certainly can include the accumulation of knowledge and facts on various subject matters. Facts are important and can lead to broader thinking about issues and situations. Facts by themselves do not get you very far in life. However, when they are applied to solve problems, make plans or design solutions, that's when facts come to life and add value. Applied facts can often separate truth from opinion and solutions from failures.

This year the July Family Team will begin sharing with students and faculty concepts of problem solving utilizing the mediums of literature, Lego's and puzzles. Tailored for the young and adventurous mind, skills of critical thinking and problem solving can begin to develop at an early age. Literature plays a key role in expanding the mind and perspective. Understanding stories, relationships between characters and problems being resolved give insight to real life situations.

You can help the July team, and the development of the school and community Library through the purchase of needed books and resources. To enable your participation with our team we have established a wish list. It is very simple – Just go to one of the following "Amazon Wish Lists," make a selection – pay for it – and it will be delivered to our team.

LEGO and Critical Thinking Puzzles for TZ

Link: <http://a.co/dxHDLKX>

Books for TZ

Link: <http://a.co/jjNITun>

MAIL CALL—Letters and Packages

In late July/August we have several teams headed back to Karansi. That means we have the opportunity to send letters and small packages. Get them to us **No Later than July 15** and we will get them into a suitcase to be carried over by a Team.

Packages, photo's and gifts can be sent as long as they fit within **one - gallon sized Ziplock Bag. For packages, include a visible list of items to help with Customs.** Packages, letters and photos can be delivered to Wendy Williams C/O Perimeter Christian School, 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek Ga 30097 or delivered to Pam

Willis, 2600 Woodside Dr., Duluth GA 30096

See TZJournal #66 which can be found at www.projectchildtz.com/journals

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