

YFT NEWS

Dear friends of "You Feed Them,"

It has been a while since we have sent an update as to all that is happening. But rest assured, the Lord is at work and we are seeing His hand in the areas we are serving.

These last few months have been unprecedented in our world, and because of the pandemic, YFT needed to shift some strategies to help those we have always helped. With God's wisdom and guidance, and His call to help, many have been assisted through these difficult times.

First, come with us to Yogo village:

The Yogo farm had a bountiful crop of kale, which before COVID - 19, would have supplied 5 schools in the community. However, with the schools closed, the demand stopped! Our farm manager there, Elisha Otieno, was very discouraged knowing that food was about to be spoiled in the fields.

With some research on our end and the willingness to try something new in Yogo, donations were sent to Hungry For Life to purchase the materials to build a solar dehydrator unit at the Yogo YFT Farm.

Yogo Solar Dehydration Unit

This new way of doing things was embraced by Elisha and the Yogo leadership as well as the community. With the help of volunteers, all the kale was harvested and prepared to be dehydrated.

Testing different methods was important to Elisha, in order to be sure of the best way to use this new system for dehydration. Some of the kale was left as whole leaves and some was chopped. All the kale was washed in salt water (for preserving), placed on screens to drain excess water, and then placed on the shelves in the unit.

After two days, all the kale was completely dried. Now they are sealing the dried kale in plastic bags that will keep it for 6 months. This dried kale can be rehydrated and used for soups, etc.

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"The outcome was amazing as the shredded leaves took less space while spreading them on the shelves. It only took two days to dry, easier to pack and even in cooking them. The whole leaves were a bit challenging" (Elisha)





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In addition to kale, Elisha has been testing other crops in the solar dehydrator, such as the bountiful harvest of red onions. A quicker drying method allowed the onions to be sent to market earlier.

They have also realized that the dehydrating unit is an excellent place to start new seedlings.

Praise God!! Not only was a need met, but it surpassed what we had hoped it would do. We look forward to seeing where this new resource will take the Yogo farm in sustainability.

Wi-Fi in Yogo

Just prior to COVID-19 and government orders to isolate, an internet company was hired to install Wi-Fi in the village. We look forward to the completion of the installation and our first Zoom meeting with Elisha. The internet will also be an excellent resource for the school teachers and students.



Now some news from Pastor Titus in Tanzania

Pastor Titus has a very active ministry within his village, and one of the ministries that is near to his heart are the Albino Orphans in the Mitindo school. These children live within a school dorm that is in protective custody because witch doctors pay to have Albinos killed and returned to them. They have spread the evil belief that Albino body parts bring wealth! Eight-foot cement walls, razor ribbon and an armed guard keep these children safe from these hunters.



With COVID, the larger population of the school was sent home, along with those who cared for the Albino children. These little ones aged 5-12 were left alone without help or food.



Pastor Titus took charge, and in making the requests known to us, we were able to send over \$8,300 (through The Great Commission Foundation) to feed these 200 children over a 4-month span. The needs of the children were met and the care of the children was taken over by some women from the church, who were in turn paid a stipend to help feed their own families at home.

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This is truly a picture of the Lord hearing the cries of His children and answering their prayers using people like you and I. What an incredible blessing to be used of God in this way!

A further story about the money given for aid is that the next level of government has now taken over the expense of feeding the children. This development left a surplus of money in Pastor Titus' account with The Great Commission Foundation, which was used to purchase 2 acres of land. This land will be used to grow vegetables for the Albino orphaned children to supplement the beans and rice that are given.

The people of the church will be the ones to work this land, the local widows will also benefit from these crops. It is exciting to see God provide and then exceed 'the ask' with land which will be sustainable as a future food source!

COVID-19 strikes children in the school...

During the time the school was closed, five children developed COVID, and have since fully recovered. PRAISE GOD!

The sickness of the children highlighted yet another need.

A number of years ago a Japanese organization came to the school and built a beautiful dorm, complete with slat beds.

That is how it remains today, with only a few mattresses, and little bedding, blankets or mosquito nets. Most children choose to sleep on the floor on makeshift mattresses, and without the comfort of even a blanket. Although it is a hot country, the nights can be very cold. And in times of illness, having a fever and not even having a blanket must be heart-breaking for those trying to care for the children. (Photos courtesy of Pastor Titus below)



Pastor Titus distributing blankets





Makeshift mattresses that children put on the floor to sleep rather than sleeping on the slats as shown above.

We have asked Pastor Titus to provide us with a list of the needs for these children as well as the prices per item. It is a BIG ask! Thank you for your help – updates as of Nov.3rd are:

- ~~200 blankets @ \$20 ea.~~ all 200 purchased
- 72 mattresses @ \$40 ea.
- ~~100 mosquito nets @ \$6 ea.~~ 85 purchased, 15 required
- 45 beds @ \$45 ea.
- 150 pillows @ \$7 ea.

To think that \$118 total would supply a complete bed set for a child, providing a safe and comfortable place to sleep. As donations are received and to ensure each child is included, Pastor Titus will purchase blankets for all children first, then one of the other bedding items, etc.

You Feed Them is working with The Great Commission Foundation Canada (TGCF Canada) to get any funds donated safely to Pastor Titus who leads by the Ministry name "Partners in Hope Tanzania."

If God is leading you to give to any of these needs, please go to the following website and put "bedding" in the note:

<https://gcfcanada.com/partners-in-hope-tanzania/>

(Donations that are over \$25 will receive a tax receipt from TGCF Canada).

You Feed Them Inc. is a small group of people from the Ottawa area who traveled to Africa and saw, first hand, the needs of the people in remote villages. We returned and have since kept in communication with the pastors of the villages and communicated with churches and individuals here, to provide updates on progress and prayers being answered, and to raise awareness and funds as needed.

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns or would like to find out how you (or your church group) can help. Email us at contact@youfeedthem.com.