

# YFT NEWS

### Dear friends of "You Feed Them,"

In a season when raising funds has been a tremendous challenge throughout this pandemic, we are so grateful for all the innovative fundraising ideas our team has come up with and all of you who supported them (e.g. car rally, "Alone Challenge", etc.). We are grounded in gratitude for how The Lord has blessed our outreach and mission work. We are thankful for our monthly supporters and to each any every person who donated and blessed the communities that we raise awareness and funds for.

We look forward to an amazing and exciting year forward with continued growth in our villages, an abundance of food produced off the farms, as well as health and wellness for all our students, and all of you!

Roland Poirier, CEO, You Feed Them inC.

### Mwalwigi, Tanzania good news update:

The work that is ongoing in Mwalwigi Tanzania continues to move forward in spite of the global pandemic! In a recent update from Pastor Titus, he assures us that all is well with the Albino children at the school. They are enjoying the beds, blankets and knowledge that food will be available each day.

Many of you who are reading this newsletter are part of that good news. The gifts that each of you gave made those things possible. The acreage that was purchased is now providing food! When Pastor Titus was asked "What is going to happen to the food from the harvest of the 4 acres?" His response was:

"These foods will be processed/provided to the Albinos children who are at the school, orphans, widows and vulnerable groups of people in our society and beyond"





"It's harvest time. To GOD be the Glory" (Pastor Titus)





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#### Good News update - Continued

To all of us working with Pastor Titus, this is such incredible news! This is our goal, to have the village working towards being self-sustainable. The 10 acres of land continuously provides food; up to 3 crops per year, weather permitting. Some of this food can be sold to provide money for the purchase of more seed, fertilizer, and fruit trees.

## So, to re-cap:

- 200 children were fed when there was no one else to help.
- These children have a warm, dry, safe place to lay their heads at night.
- The acres that were purchased are producing food to feed those who are the most in need; and
- This food can also provide a small income to purchase the seed and fruit trees that are in the budget. AMAZING!!!!

# What's next for the Mwalwigi community you ask?





Believe it or not, THIS is how (and where) men, women and children are having to collect water! In addition to this being extremely dangerous (including crocodile infested rivers), the water is filthy and even after boiling before drinking, it is *still* causing water-borne illnesses and death!

## Therefore, we are raising awareness & seeking a total of \$20,000. for a drilled well.

Back in January of this year, thankfully a donation was made to fund the important first step of a hydrological study to make sure there was a water source near the farmland. A water source was found on a 1-acre parcel of land nearby. A donation was also provided to purchase the one acre and so far, **close to half of the \$20,000 has been raised.** The \$20K quote includes the following:

- The drilling for the 80-meter deep well.
- The casement pipes, to make sure no contaminates get in.
- A cement pad.
- A 5000-liter holding tank.
- A solar powered pump.
- A security fence.

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The groundwork has been laid, now we wait on The Lord for the funds.

Clean water changes lives and gives health and hope! Would you consider joining us to make this happen?

The other area we would like to inform you of in Mwalwigi Tanzania is the need to help with the salary for Pastor Titus who's monthly budget is \$500 CDN/month. This ensures that he is able to do the work with projects, visiting schools, and pastoring the growing church.

Funds are currently donated each month by 2 churches and several individuals in our area. The church that he pastors pays him what they can, usually around \$17 per month.

We are currently seeking \$130 each month to get to this \$500 mark.

If you are able to help, visit <a href="https://gcfcanada.com/partners-in-hope-tanzania/">https://gcfcanada.com/partners-in-hope-tanzania/</a> if using a credit card; OR if paying by cheque, mail it to:

The Great Commission Foundation, PO Box 14006, Abbotsford, BC V2T 0B4 Please add a note to designate your one-time or monthly gift by indicating:

"a well" or "for Pastor Titus' salary

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

# An update from Kenya:

# 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. The installation was finished just in time for the return of the students. Pastor Silas tells us that the internet is functioning well and helpful for the students as well as the teachers. He is also able to work in the village since he's able to access important emails from his office there.



The cost of the Wi-Fi service is 9000 Kenyan Shillings (Approx. \$110. CAD) per month. In addition to this expense, and given the high cost of school supplies needed due to COVID, Silas would appreciate any financial support from donors, if possible. We're praying for a church group or individuals who appreciate the value of this service for the community of Yogo to help. If you are able to contribute, please contact silasoduor@yahoo.ca

#### Who is You Feed Them Inc?

We are a small group of people from the Ottawa area who travelled to Africa and saw firsthand the needs of the people in remote villages. We continue to communicate with the pastors of the villages as well as with churches and individuals here in order to provide updates on progress and prayers being answered. We also aim to raise awareness for the needs of the people in these communities.

If you'd like to be part of our team, are interested in traveling to Africa with us when safe to do so, or if you want to talk with a YFT team member with an idea of how you can help, please email us at <u>contact@youfeedthem.com</u>. We would LOVE to hear from you.