

"FRIENDS-TO-FRIENDS" JULY 2018 TANZANIA TRIP MEETING: DECEMBER 2, 2017

This is your opportunity! See Songea's Kids' programs in action. Meet the orphan child you sponsor. Talk with our partners at Jirani Mwema and Hope Village Organization, as well as villagers. Safari in the beauty of Ruaha National Park. Linda Hines, President, will lead a group to southern Tanzania **July 8-28, 2018**. Learn more at an information meeting to be held **Saturday, December 2, from 10 am to noon at Bellewood** (3rd Floor, Town Hall), 3710 Providence Point Drive SE, Issaquah, Washington 98029. (425) 391-2880. Bellewood information [here](#). For trip information: [Linda Hines](#).

TRANSFORM LIVES: GIVE TODAY!

There is exciting progress in Hope Village (see updates below) and in the orphans' education. As students move to higher level vocational training and education, they need your help! Please consider a **year-end, tax-deductible gift to Songea's Kids** (including stock donations) for our **Greatest Need Fund**. Both volunteers and donors are essential to the students' progress.

Consider helping students like Fatuma Saidi (left): "Now I'm studying in form three at Bombambili Secondary School in Songea Municipal. I expect to enter in form four in 2018. My goals are to get good results in my final form four National examination, hence to be chosen to join in A-Level studies, then to go to higher learning University studies so as to reach my dreams of being a doctor of children and females. I believe God shall protect me to reach those my targets with your support".

Donate [online](#) or send a check to Songea's Kids, 3020 Issaquah Pine Lake Rd Se #539, Sammamish, WA 98075-7253. For stock donations contact Sally Farrell, Development Director, [here](#) or 206-200-8001.

UPDATE: HEALTH CARE CENTER AT HOPE VILLAGE

In the last 7 months there has been amazing progress in building the Health Care Center at Hope Village. It will provide the first local comprehensive care available to 2,800 villagers in the Lutukira area, and even more in the Madaba District. The Center is essential to care for orphans and students who will live on the Hope Village site. **Generous grants from Rotary Clubs have been making the Rotary Health Care Center a reality**. Watch progress on [Songea's Kids YouTube Channel](#).

**2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

July: Hope Village (HV) hires local Construction Manager • masonry grads hired to train locals to make interlocking bricks
August: Final HV design completed by Sundberg Architectural Initiatives • road constructed into and through HV • Madaba District Council allocated funds for road • Madaba Member of Parliament gave funds to immediately start paving • 40,000 bricks made and ready for exterior and interior walls of HV Health Care Center

September: Seattle architect, construction expert travel to HV, mentor local construction manager, oversee construction

October/November: Trained local workers to pour foundations, build exterior/interior walls • Windows and doors installed

November/December: Roof trusses installed, building roofed • Workers continue making bricks for vocational classroom

2018 PLANS – CONTINGENT ON FUNDING

Install solar pump, water storage tanks, pipes for Health Care Center (HCC) • Equip HCC rooms with furniture, instruments, medicines • Have HCC accredited by government health officials • Celebrate HCC dedication • Hire HCC physician, nurse other staff; operations budget in place • Accept HCC patients • Equip and staff vocational classroom • Admit vocational students for classroom and on-the-job masonry and carpentry training to help construct future Hope Village buildings.

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Lively bidding by attendees at our annual fundraising event, plus an evening of fun, good food and laughter, provided much-needed help to replenish our Education and Greatest Need Funds. Keynote speaker Nashon Kikalao, CEO Hope Village Organization and Project Manager at Hope Village, gave a moving speech about the impact of our work on the lives of vulnerable people in this very poor part of Tanzania. Listen to his speech [Songea's Kids YouTube Channel](#). Enjoy Soiree photos on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#). **Many thanks** to auction donors and event supporters!

