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Dear Partners,

We have been home four months and are amazed at what God has been doing among the Massai since we left there. The school is doing well and now has moved to two classes a day.

As we sit down to write to you, three words come to mind: Charity, Food and Water, and with them, three scriptures.

Charity

Charity is practical. Sometimes it is easy, more often inconvenient, but always necessary. It is the ability to use one's position of influence, wealth relative to the rest of the world, and power to affect lives for the better. Charity is singular and it is achievable.



The famine is hardest on widows, orphans and the handicapped.

In Luke 10:30-37 Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. A Jew is traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he is beat nearly to death by robbers. He is stripped naked and left lying along-side the road. A priest passes him by as well as a Levite. However, a certain Samaritan (one who is considered unclean by the Jews) came upon him and had compassion on him. He bandages the man's wounds, put him upon his horse and took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he left and told the inn-keeper, *"Whatever he needs until he gets better, I will come back to repay you."*

All of those who passed this man by on the road could have helped him, but only one did. Only one had compassion.

The dictionary defines charity as simply the act of giving voluntarily to those in need. It is taken from the word "caritas," or simply, love. In Colossians 3, the Bible instructs us to *"Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."* Will we be known as one who wears Charity?

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This child is only one of many in our village with severe birth defects resulting from unclean water.

The Massai people in the area we are currently serving are lacking two basic needs, food and water.

Water

Clean potable water is non-existent. In the rural areas of Tanzania, more than 70% of the population lack clean water. The following is a quote from Charity:Water.org. “Unsafe water and the lack of basic sanitation cause 80% of all sickness and disease, and kills more people every year than all forms of violence, including war. Many people in the developing world, usually women and children, walk more than three hours every day to collect water that is likely to make them sick. Of the thousands of deaths that occur every week from unsafe drinking water and lack of basic sanitation, 90% are children under the age of 5.”

Jesus said in Matt 10:42 , *“And whosoever shall give drink unto one of these little ones, only a cup of water in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you shall in no wise lose his reward.”*

Every day Domenic brings a bucket of water from home so the students can have one cup of clean water. The villages surrounding our school have never had clean water.



These orphans have never had clean water to drink.

Our 35-foot surface well is still producing. The local villages have been using it and have not drained it dry. We do have to note that this well does not produce clean water.

Our dollar amount in the deep well fund continues to increase. We are currently at around \$10,000.00. We need \$11,000.00 to drill the well and then roughly \$7,000.00 more for a pump, storage tank and power source. We are researching prices for the pump, power source and storage tank. We have contacted 20 different mission agencies that drill wells. So far we have had 6 responses saying that they don’t work in our area or are unable to take on outside projects. This well is not only necessary for our school, but it will also serve as a source of clean fresh water for the surrounding villages. Pure water is the difference between life and death.

Food

Luke 11:5-8 And he said unto them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?” And he from within shall answer and say, “Trouble me not; the door is shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.” I say unto you, “Though he will not rise and give him, because he is a friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.”



No grass for the animals.

The continuing drought in Tanzania has depleted the food source for the Massai people and their livestock. Those with strong family structures are barely surviving. The widows, orphans and handicapped have nothing. We have sent some money to help our students and some to help with our village but it is not nearly enough.

Below is a letter from Domenic as he wrote it:

“I’m glad to let you know that I gave out the maize gift to the students as you had instructed me; Allow me to thank you so much on behalf of all our students, they were really excited to see the gift and they sent me word of thank you. I managed to buy 720 kilos (1,584 lbs) of maize with Tsh 288,000(\$218). Each student got 31 kilos(68.2 lbs) but the interesting part is that they each gave a tithe to the most needy widows and disabled persons in our village. 8 persons benefited from this tithe. You could see the overflow of their joy as they share together this precious gift, they prayed for you. We only have 3 couples studying together, all the students now are 25, 3 couples and 19 individuals but that God may raise you higher because of such a time like this. Remember one couple is a father and daughter. After the sharing of the maize was over something great happened, a Muslim gave his life to Jesus after seeing the Christians being blessed by their fellow Christians, this is their month of Ramadan when they are fasting, but he said from today I want your Jesus and the students prayed for him and he got saved.”



A widow that benefited from the tithe.

The school continues to do well in Tanzania. They have completed Trimester A. Domenic said they are so excited about school that they are now taking two classes per day. At this rate, they will have earned their mid-term certificates in November and be finished by late winter or early spring.

We have been able to keep up with our monthly expenses while the well fund continues to grow. Our students are doing well in their studies, we do feed them once a day but their families and those left in the village are hit hard by the famine. We feel the Lord is moving heavily on our hearts in response to the prayers of the people. We can’t feed everyone in the region but we can make a difference in our village. Recently we received a gift that provided food for 96 families of widows, orphans and handicapped. This is a beginning.

Yes our mission is to train up leaders to advance the Kingdom of God. But if the people are dying in the mean time we have lost the battle. And so we come back to charity. Charity is practical. Sometimes it is easy, more often inconvenient, but always necessary. Charity is singular and it is achievable. In this case it is food and water.

We nearly have enough to drill the well. Our hope is that we can return to Tanzania and drill it in November when we hand out the midterm certificates to the students.

Advancing the Kingdom in Tanzania,