



## SUMMER 2017 E-NEWS

Beginning with this issue, you will receive short and more frequent updates about our programs and projects in rural Southwest Tanzania. The next e-News will detail the exciting progress this year in building Hope Village.



### SAVE THE DATE

**Songea Soiree: GROW THE CIRCLE, Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**Fun evening with Dinner and Auction, 5-8 pm, Redmond Senior Center.**

**Keynote speaker: Nashon Kikalao, Songea, Tanzania (Project Manager, Hope Village).**

Help support our Soiree! Do you have a special retreat **condo or cabin** to share? Would you host a **special dinner for 6**? Could you create an enticing **gift basket**? Donations help raise funds to support education and Hope Village construction in 2018. Contact: Linda [lindah@songeaskids.org](mailto:lindah@songeaskids.org) or 425-961-0623.

### CIRCLE OF SUCCESS

The last e-News highlighted students who successfully graduated and entered the workforce. With their launch, our circle of care is introducing you to three new children sent to us by the Child Welfare office. Two have already been sponsored (see below). Meet Isaya, who still needs a sponsor. Learn how you can support **one-time basic needs for all three**:

**ISAYA**, born March 19, 2008, is one of four children. He attends Luther Primary School and is in Standard One (first grade). He lives with his siblings and parents, who work as farmers when able. Their home is old bricks with dirt floors. Both parents are HIV positive and take medications to help prolong their lives. Isaya is not HIV positive. With the parents' health issues, they are limited in their ability to work, so the family often goes without food or basic necessities. Isaya needs a sponsor so he can stay in school and have his basic needs met, breaking the cycle of poverty for his family. **Are you his sponsor at only \$60/month?** If the answer is yes, contact Child Sponsor Coordinator Julie Nanda, [julien@songeaskids.org](mailto:julien@songeaskids.org).



**ADAM AND KAREEM**, brothers with three sisters, born September 27, 2010, and June 8, 2012, respectively. They attend Luther Primary School in Standard One and nursery school. Their father abandoned them in their infancy. Their mother died in 2017 from a fire in their home while saving the children. She asked a family friend to care for the boys, but that family needs help doing this. Fortunately, Karen (already sponsoring two children), agreed to sponsor both brothers for basic needs and education. Here is her story: "I am a geriatric nurse practitioner and former college professor. I have supported Rehema for the past seven years, and recently supported Nelson through vocational school to become a carpenter. I'm impressed with their hard work and genuine thankfulness (Rehema's first letter to me consisted of Thank you I love you I love you, written over and over). I support these kids because I grew up in a large family on a farm and quickly learned that school would be the key



that opened the door to my future. But most of all, I support them because the message of the Gospel is central to my life. Making sure that these kids have food in their stomachs and a future to look forward to is simply the right thing to do." **A huge thank you to all monthly child sponsors and those who donate to the Education Fund. You truly save and change lives of these vulnerable children.**

### ONE-TIME NEEDS

The three children profiled above came to us like all 140 OVC (orphans and vulnerable children) we have supported, with only the clothes on their back. Songea's Kids works to provide each one-time basics for school (shoes, shirt, shorts/skirt, sweater, copy books, pens, pencils, mathematical set) and for home (shoes, clothes, a bed and mattress, mosquito net. etc.) The cost for three kids is \$960. Songea's Kids seeks donations for half the amount--**\$480**. Our NGO partner Jirani Mwema, provides the other half. To be part of the "village" raising these children, send a donation of any amount to the Greatest Need Fund on the donate page at [www.songeaskids.org](http://www.songeaskids.org) or send a check to Songea's Kids at the address below. We are a well-established all-volunteer non-profit in Sammamish, Washington. Donations are tax-deductible and directly help the children.