



Project Rehema Ministries

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Dear Friends of Project Rehema,

Thank you so much for your support! Mission Trip 2019 was another amazing trip with many things accomplished. This is the first time my husband, Jim Solsma, has ever made the trip to Tanzania after watching me go for 22 years. It was awesome having him along to see first-hand what our project does.

We were able to see the completed house for Mama Theopista that the crew from Morningside College started last year. They are all moved in and doing well. The view of the mountains from their house is stunning.

Once again, mamas and children in dire need were brought our way. While the need all around us is so overwhelming, we firmly believe that if God brings someone to us, there must be a reason for it and that He will always provide. In June, our Project Rehema Board agreed to welcome three new families and the orphans and vulnerable children they are caring for into our Rehema family. These families have been greatly affected by HIV/AIDS. One of the children actually starved to death a few months ago. Can you even imagine the pain of this mama watching this girl, who was her deceased sister's five-year-old daughter; starve to death knowing there was nothing she could do about it? This mama and her children were also starving before we received them. The stories of all of these families are unfathomable. I feel so blessed to have such a compassionate Board of Directors that voted to immediately intervene and help these families. However, the task of raising funds is ahead of us.

We were blessed again to receive another grant from the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration to build another house. We will be breaking ground soon. This one will be for Mama Veronica and it will be our 11th new house since 2014. That brings our total to 17 Project Rehema families caring for a total of 110 mamas and children. God is so good!

Our local 4H group again collected supplies that we were able to deliver on this trip. The supplies included things we would have in our own medicine cabinets at home like ibuprofen, Neosporin, Band-Aids, etc. These are treasured items there. This group also collected flip-flops for our families and lotion for the mamas.

East Middle School also got involved and raised money for LifeStraws, which are personal water filtration systems you can wear around your neck. They make water safe to drink by filtering out 99% of the bacteria. This project is still underway.

On this trip, we were able to contribute funds toward the many medical issues that some of our families face and pay for medical insurance cards. Additionally, we updated the batteries and bulbs for all of our solar panels as well as many other individual requests.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have been able to provide small business opportunities for our families. This not only provides extra income but gives them a sense of pride and dignity as well since they are able to contribute.

Education is a luxury in Tanzania. Many children are not able to go to school because they either have to help at home or they simply don't have the money. I am proud to report that Project Rehema has not only provided school fees for our children but also two sets of uniforms and school supplies for each of them during this past year.

We truly give praise and thanksgiving to God for all we are able to accomplish because it is purely by the grace of God that we are able to do it. We are also incredibly grateful for our donors who give so graciously. Please continue to pray for our project and the overwhelming need that surrounds us at all times.

God bless,

Kelli Solsma
President, Project Rehema Ministries



Jim Solsma with twins, Baraka and Zawadi.



Mama Theopista's new house. There is still some work to do in the front yard but they are moved in and doing well.



Emmanuel at Mama Veronica's.



Dixson at Mama Veronica's.



Emmanuel at Mama Elizabeth's.



Mama Theresia with the children.



Emmanuella at Pastor Dora's.



Adam and Elly at our new office in Arusha.



Maria is doing great in school and is at the top of her class! Congratulations Maria!



Sharon at Mama Elizabeth's.



Daniel with Mama Theresia.



Jim Solsma is sharing cookies with new Rehema family member, Rashell.



Mama Frieda with Jim and Kelli Solsma.



Jim Solsma holding new Rehema family member, Ally.



Jim and Kelli Solsma with the family of Mama Angelina in front of her new house.



Jim Solsma with new Rehema family member, Daudi.



Zawadi and her million dollar smile!



Jim Solsma is helping Baraka choose a new pair of flip flops.



Baraka was having fun posing for pictures.

Mark Your Calendar! 10th Annual "Sing For Africa" Concert

When: Monday, November 11, 2019
Where: Bishop Heelan High School
Fine Arts Auditorium
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Cost: Adults-\$15.00, Students-\$10.00, Children under 5 Free

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"Sing for Africa" is a fun night showcasing local talent.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For as little as \$30 per month, you can sponsor an orphan/vulnerable child in Tanzania. You can also make a one-time donation. Please make checks payable to Project Rehema Ministries. Donations can be sent to:

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