

THE Tumaini FUND

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Tumaini Fund will be 10 years old in January 2013, with its early beginnings in the British Channel Island of Guernsey. As I reflect on this, I am overwhelmed by gratitude, first to the Lord Jesus Christ, whose idea I believe Tumaini is and who has guided and provided for the work throughout. Second, I am grateful to all the dear folk who have heard the call to action to help save the lives of orphan children so far from their own homes, and to support those children into education and a brighter future. The old-time Prophet, Jeremiah, spoke God's blessing on humankind: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The people who have responded to the desperate needs of the orphans of Kagera have been partners in this loving plan for these children and their efforts have changed so many children's lives.

I have been touched by the warmth and generosity of the people I have met over the three years of working with Tumaini USA: American enthusiasm and can-do mentality is well-known and I so appreciate the way The Tumaini board and the supporters and donors have applied this to the work of Tumaini. Precious time has been dedicated and financial support generously given - and the tears in the eyes of people hearing the plight of the orphans has been a personal encouragement to me.

Where do we stand after 10 years?

We are now supporting 20,000 orphans and hope to register and support another 5,000 by the end of 2012. These children will all have two sets of clothes, access to elementary school with the provision of school uniforms, books, pens and pencils, be able to sleep safe from malaria under a mosquito net, and have the support of our Parish workers available to them 24/7. Further, we have established a fund to send 30 secondary school graduates to teacher-training college annually through a renewable Student Loan program. In addition, we have built houses for homeless families and have drilled 14 shallow wells and bore-holes, providing villages with reliable clean, safe water.

In 2005 I visited a family of four children – at 12 years old, Judith, the oldest girl had been caring for her siblings for four years since their Mother had died. When I visited, they were sick and starving. Tumaini's support started that day. When the local Pastor returned the following day with more help and more food, little Joyness, Judith's younger sister, shyly whispered to him, "I asked Jesus for help and He has sent it." For me, that sums up everything. Thank you for being part of this miracle, and God bless you.

Most thankfully,



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