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## Dr. Susan Wilson Coming to Naples

Dr. Susan Wilson, the founder and CEO of Tumaini Fund, will visit Naples on February 28, 2014 for a 10-day visit.

### Dr. Wilson will speak at all of the weekend services at:

- St. Monica Episcopal Church:  
March 1-2, 2014
- Trinity-By-The-Cove Episcopal Church:  
March 8-9, 2014

The Board would like to encourage prior donors to host gatherings in their homes during the week of March 3-7 to assist Dr. Wilson in increasing awareness about the organization's impact and the current needs in Tanzania. **To host such an event, please contact Rick Swope, president of Tumaini Fund USA at 239-262-0170.**

## Give HOPE for the Holidays

The holidays are upon us, and Tumaini Fund USA provides a unique opportunity to honor someone who would rather give than receive as well as the opportunity for you to change the life of one in need during this time of thanks and blessings. Enclosed with this newsletter is one of our donation envelopes, which includes a selection of donation amounts ranging in size from \$10 to \$5,000, which will enable us to continue to bring HOPE to thousands of orphans in Tanzania.

### No Contribution Is Too Small To Make A Positive Impact:

- \$10 – Mosquito Net for Protection Against Disease
- \$40 – Solar Lamp for Homes
- \$100 – Bicycle for Transportation to Water and School
- \$100 – Secondary School Tuition for One Year
- \$625 – New Home for a Family
- \$5,000 – Drill a Shallow Fresh Water Well
- Make a Dress through the Sewing for Hope program

To make your contribution, please send your check to Tumaini Fund USA using the donation envelope enclosed or visit our website at [www.TumainiFundusa.org](http://www.TumainiFundusa.org).

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# Major IMPACT Requires Major FUNDING Support

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## THE Tumaini FUND USA

The Tumaini Fund Vision-To develop a healthy, sustainable community in the northwest region of Tanzania

One of Dr. Susan Wilson's frequently spoken sayings is that, when Tumaini monetary needs arise, "God will provide!" In our April 2013 newsletter, we mentioned that the Tumaini Fund was seeking \$25,000 to build a larger office in the Kayanga region. We are pleased to report that the money has been provided and that this office is now being built!

Since 2009, Tumaini has built a number of vocational training centers to teach income-generating skills to young men and women who were not able to enter secondary school. We have two of these schools in Murgwanza (one teaching tailoring and the other carpentry) and a third in Lweru (which offers instruction in tailoring). **At the present time, we have 50 students enrolled in these schools.** We will soon open offices for use by our social workers and parish workers in two other towns, Kayanga and Chato, and we would like to build a vocational center in each location to increase our ability to equip those who cannot continue their education beyond primary school with these valuable income-generating skills. **These vocational centers will cost \$22,500 each to build.**

In our last newsletter we announced that the Naples Council of World Affairs had approved a grant to Tumaini to build two new primary school classrooms in Kabalekela, an impoverished village located some 12-13 miles from any existing school. **To accommodate all of the primary school children living in this area, we need another two classrooms which will cost \$10,000 to build.**

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Tumaini Fund Vocational Training Schools and Students







Unfit housing for families in Kagera.



Tumaini Fund builds new, safer homes for villagers.

## Providing Homes For Families

Tumaini Fund now has 180 parish workers in Kagera. Teams of two workers visit each family supported by Tumaini Fund at least once, each month. When they find families living in run-down accommodations, they bring this information to Tumaini Fund's social workers who work with the families to assist them to improve their living conditions. Sometimes, this involves giving advice on how to repair a dwelling; in other cases,

it involves Tumaini Fund helping families acquire deeds of ownership to a piece of land and building a new home for them.

In the past 10 years, Tumaini Fund has built or helped people to build more than 400 houses. The houses usually have three rooms – one family area, one room for girls and one for boys. Some – built for large families – have more rooms. The homes have sand/cement/

boulder foundations, corrugated tin roofs, mud-brick walls and wooden doors front and back. The kitchen area is placed outside the structure (as is the custom in Africa), and the privy is located at some distance from the house. These structures are expected to last for 50 years. **Each house, at current prices, costs approximately \$625 to build. These houses give a family a stable place for their children to grow up with dignity.**

## Financing College Education

*Education is the key to success*

Some of the 8,000 students whose tuition and fees at the secondary school level are currently being paid by the Tumaini Fund aspire to attend college. Tumaini now offers student loan programs for those seeking to become Elementary School teachers and dispensers (pharmacists). Both of these programs were funded with grants which will permit them to operate in perpetuity.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, an educational trust awarded Tumaini Fund a grant of \$46,500 to establish a program to permit up to 30 students each year to borrow money to enroll in two-year courses of study at Government Colleges in Tanzania to earn teaching certificates. The



program began in January, 2012. This program will help relieve the current shortage of teachers. Most elementary schools in Kagera now have a minimum of 70 students per teacher.

A similar program to lend money to up to 15 students per year who wish to pursue a two-year program to earn dispenser certificates was funded through a grant of \$31,000 by a British pharmacy company with links worldwide. The first group of students in

this program began their studies in January, 2013.

Each applicant for a loan from one of these programs signs a contract obligating them to repay the loan, plus a low rate of interest, over the first four years after they are employed.

Dr. Susan Wilson hopes that corporate or individual donors will come forward to offer grants which will enable Tumaini to establish other student loan programs to accommodate

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“ I believe in my students, and I can personally say that the work Tumaini Fund is doing is impacting the lives of thousands of children in Tanzania in a profound way. Tumaini Fund is giving children hope for their future, the ability to follow their dreams and the means to be successful. ”

~ELIZABETH MARTIN,  
Volunteer Teacher  
in Kagera

those who wish to pursue careers as doctors, nurses, agriculturalists, social workers, clinical workers and accountants. Inquiries relating to the establishment of such programs should be addressed to Rick Swope, President of the Tumaini Fund USA.

## A Royal Honor

Dr. Susan Wilson, founder and CEO of Tumaini Fund, was recently honored by Queen Elizabeth as an Ordinary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE), in recognition of her services to AIDS orphans in Tanzania.



In June, Dr. Wilson was recognized as part of the Queen's birthday reception at Government House in Guernsey, U.K., and she appeared at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, Oct. 17 to receive the honor from Prince William.

The MBE was created in 1917 by King George V. This award is one of the highest honors a civilian in Great Britain can obtain short of being knighted. Valuable service is the only criterion for the award.

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The Kagera region of Tanzania covers a land mass equivalent to the size of the state of Rhode Island or to the size of Collier County, Florida. The terrain is mountainous and there are few paved roads, and seasonal rains often wash out the mud roads which connect villages. **Tumaini operates a small fleet of trucks used to transport the supplies it brings to Kagera to support needy families and to deliver patients to medical centers.** The fleet includes three Toyota Land Cruisers which are constantly undergoing repairs.



**These vehicles have logged more than 200,000 miles each and replacements for two of them are desperately needed.** New Toyota Land Cruisers would cost around \$45,000 each. However, it is estimated that **used Land Cruisers in good shape can be purchased in the major cities of East Africa for approximately \$10,000 each.**



We know that God will continue to provide for our needs, but he is a busy Lord and we're sure he would appreciate donors stepping forward with funds to enable us to build the above structures and to update our aged fleet of trucks.

*Supporters of Tumaini, we ask that you please reach out to your businesses and community contacts*

*to bring the major expenditure needs of the Tumaini Fund USA to the foreground and help us continue to make an impact! Anyone interested in funding any of the above projects to assist us in moving forward with these expenditures is asked to contact one of our Board Members or email [info@tumainifundusa.org](mailto:info@tumainifundusa.org). You may also visit our website at [tumainifundusa.org](http://tumainifundusa.org) and click on **DONATE**.*

“ The work of the Tumaini Fund is so important to the people of Kagera and our giving to the Fund is vital to enable it to develop sustainable programs that help the people out of extreme poverty and to give them the chance of living long and healthy lives. ”

~Valerie Cameron,  
Employee of the  
States of Guernsey  
and Tumaini  
Fund Volunteer