



2014 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION: To assist the poor rural communities of Tanzania, Africa, with life’s basic necessities – to become healthier, better educated, and more self- sustaining.

ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE: To become an umbrella organization, which analyzes the basic needs of a community, and then, through this and other cooperating service agencies, lays out and carries out a plan for improvement in that community to improve health, growth, and survival.

OVERALL STRATEGIC GOAL: As the original goal of substantially improving the lot of 5 rural villages in Central Tanzania in 10 years has become a reality, we now set our sights on helping 5 villages every 5 years.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

1. ORGANIZATION GROWTH - The organization continues on its path of growing, as we now pass the \$1 million dollar mark! As of the end of calendar 2014, we are half way into year 10. We are on track to complete helping 5 villages in the first 10 years and 5 villages every 5 years thereafter, as our history reveals below. Also, we are now in year 1 of a third 3- year re-certification by the Charities Review Council - after meeting their new and larger group of 27 very rigorous Accountability Standards. The biggest change we have made, is that we have purchased a lot in Ipagala (suburb of Dodoma), and plan on building a new TLP (T) permanent office there. Rents were becoming unmanageable at rates now equaling those in the USA.

2. OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM – Our partner – Abbott Fund (Abbott Labs from Chicago), has graced us with a \$35,000 grant for 2014 for HIV/AIDS. We are most grateful as we have been able to keep our coverage, now serving 355 HIV victims + 260 orphans of victims. Our service area comprises the villages of Mtumba, Vikonje, and Ihumwa, and the 2 newer ones – Isangha and Chisichili. We are on track to receive another large grant in early 2015 to continue our work for the 2015 year. In 2014, Abbott had us continue the latest addition – involving starting small scale development projects for bee keeping, gardening, and pottery making, which involved startup help for another 115 individuals. (115 also were helped in 2011, 2012, & 2013. In addition, the Para-legal program they had us start several years ago is truly most acceptable. After some legal training sessions by officials, our coordinators and volunteers on this program have helped resolve 177 disputes in 2014 to add to the 223 resolved in recent years, bringing the total to 400 cases resolved!! You can surely imagine the improved peace in the villages!! We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful program, as so many good things are happening because of it!!

3. OUR NGO OFFICE IN DODOMA, TANZANIA – Our loyal staff of 3 great Tanzanians continues to serve our collective needs very well!! This office support is an extremely important part of our mission, as these people carry out all of our activity with the local villages, with extensive planning and coordinating, getting estimates, negotiating contracts, paying bills, keeping 3 bank accounts up to date, and reporting back to us for control of our fund releases, approvals, and direction.

4 . MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, KISIMA CHA NDEGE, MATUMBULU, ISANGHA, ILOLO, AND IWONDO REPORT - We are very happy to report that these 8 villages which we helped with new clean water sources in recent years, are all doing very well. There is a noticeable improvement in the health of all of these people since the new water arrived. Diseases have markedly dropped, and the spirits of all of the villagers seem to have improved significantly. If you are keeping tally, this now adds up to 31,400 poor Tanzanians who are now enjoying clean water, courtesy of TLP and our many wonderful donors.

5. IGANDU VILLAGE (# 9) ASSISTANCE – As we finished Iwondo in September of 2014, this permitted us to start on the next village we are working on – namely Igandu! Thus far, we have completed their well, and have done a very detailed survey of the village. Many things were learned as a result of this survey. First of all, there are 12,500 people currently residing in Igandu!!! This is more than double that of most of our villages done to date. This will make the largest village we have done to this point in time. As you can probably realize, the survey showed us that we will need to build 3 reservoirs in this village, as opposed to one in all the recent villages. There are 3 identifiable sub villages if you will, named Chibwe, Chimwaga, and, of course – Igandu. As the size of this endeavor is so huge by comparison to previous work, it will definitely take us more than one year to deal with this set of needs. As opposed to calling this a village, it may more rightly be called a **city** by American standards. The villagers are all anxious to start working on digging all the miles and miles of trenches it will require to complete this new water system.

6. ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER – This trip included Jim & John & Mary Vanderheyden – all regulars. We visited 5 different villages reviewing previous water work at just completed Iwondo and the new well at Igandu, plus possible future work at Mapinduzi and Bahia Sokoni. All the villagers were so pleased and happy over the water situation, that they danced and sang for us for hours at a time. We also visited a village named Chilolo who are currently using solar energy to run their pump. Costs are reduced, but production is limited to daylight.

7. WEBSITE UPDATES– Our website @ www.tanzanialifeproject.org continues to be updated with exciting new pictures and stories about programs and progress being made. Please visit us there to get the full story of everything that has happened!

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Established in 2005

TOTAL PROJECTS TO DATE – 2005 – 2014 - \$1,184,369

Financial Position – 2014

Management of this organization is accomplished primarily by the volunteer and unpaid efforts of the Chair & Founder James Vanderheyden. This explanation is offered to help to explain the relatively low amount of our Management Expenses.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	<u>8,349</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	8,349

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Debt	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0

PROGRAM SERVICES

Dodoma Area villages	143,500
HIV/AIDS program – 5 villages	35,000*
Local NGO office	<u>11,825</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	<u>190,325</u>

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management	1,862
Fundraising	<u>2,215</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	194,402
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2014 INCOMING REVENUE	188,571
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Change in Net Assets	-5,831
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* This portion is funded by our partner – the Abbott Fund from Abbott labs