



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION: To assist the poor rural communities of Tanzania, Africa, with life’s basic necessities – to become healthier (via providing clean water), 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, develops 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 five rural villages in Central Tanzania in ten years has become a reality, we now set our sights on helping one new village every year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

1. ORGANIZATION GROWTH - The organization continues on its path of growing, as we now pass the \$1.5 million dollar mark for services delivered! As of the end of calendar 2016, we have completed 11 ½ years. In that time 11 villages now have clean water! We hope to continue providing clean water for one new village every year going forward. Also, we have now fulfilled the requirements for another three-year re-certification by the Charities Review Council - after meeting their new and larger group of 27 very rigorous Accountability Standards. As reported last year, we built a new office in Ipagala, Tanzania (right next to Dodoma) which has cut our rental costs, allowing us to be even better stewards of your donations. Our Board of Directors (all volunteers) has also expanded as we added two more directors – namely Cindy Johnson, and Bob Brickweg.

2. OUR OFFICE IN DODOMA (Ipagala), TANZANIA - Our loyal staff of three 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, including extensive planning and coordinating, getting estimates, negotiating contracts, paying bills, keeping two bank accounts up to date, and reporting back to us for control of our fund releases, approvals, and direction. In addition, the staff keeps up with the maintenance of our new office building.

3. MTUMBA, CHISICHILI, CHIKOLA, KISIMA CHA NDEGE, MATUMBULU, ISANGHA, ILOLO, IWONDO, CHIBWE, CHIMWAGA, AND IGANDU REPORT - We are very happy to report that these 11 villages where we installed new clean water systems in recent years, are all doing very well. There is a noticeable improvement in the health of all of these people since the new clean 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 46,501 poor Tanzanians who are now enjoying clean water, courtesy of TLP and our many wonderful donors.

4. VILLAGE WORK IN 2016 –

This was a very busy year. Initially we completed the Igandu Water project (population 15,440) – which is a group of three neighboring villages – Chibwe, Chimwaga, and Igandu. This group has a common well, but individual water systems including reservoirs, distribution lines, and distribution points. In 2016 we put the final touches on the last of the 18 distribution points.

Next, we did some repair work on our installation in Isangha - a village that was completed a few years ago. We cleaned out the borehole, replaced the submersible pump, and added some additional distribution points.

We also started on our 12th installation in the village of Mapinduzi, (population 3,600), by drilling them a new well, surveying the village, building a pump house, and laying the pipe to the reservoir, and also down into the first major area. The submersible pump, engine and generator have now been ordered, as the next phase begins. Work will be finished in mid 2017, which will bring our total to 50,101 people served with clean water!

5. ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER - Our largest traveling contingent to date included, Jim, John, & Mary Vanderheyden, Paul & Cathy Trescony, Cindy Johnson, Henry Croll, Joseph Moss, and Peter Morawczynski. All the village work described above was verified as those three villages were visited. Two new villages were also visited – Hombolo/Matakulu, and Ngutoto. One of these will be selected to be our 13th village. In addition, furthering our women’s empowerment efforts, we partnered with Days for Girls to “*help create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions, ensuring girls and women can attend school and other economic activities without missing any days!*” Mary led this effort – being assisted by Cindy and Cathy and also the Tanzanians Agnes Mlula, Mama Mbenanga, and Grace Oneya (translator) with the training. Over 400 feminine hygiene kits were distributed at these sessions.

6. 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 – 2016 - \$1,554,429

Financial Position – 2016

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

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	14,261
TOTAL ASSETS	14,261

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Debt	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0

PROGRAM SERVICES

Dodoma Area villages;	
Igandu	56,168
Isangha	32,232
Mapinduzi	83,899
<u>Local NGO office</u>	<u>10,883</u>
Total Prog. Svcs. Exp.	183,182

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

Management	1,627
Fundraising	<u>2,560</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	187,369
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2016 INCOMING REVENUE	182,978
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Change in Net Assets	- 4,391
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