



# 2017 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.

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

**1. ORGANIZATION GROWTH - The organization continues on its path of growing, as we now pass the \$1.7 million dollar mark for services delivered!** As of the end of calendar 2017, we have completed 12 ½ years. In that time 12 villages now have clean water! We hope to continue providing clean water for one new village every year going forward. Also, we in the middle of 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 in 2015, 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 Our Board of Directors (all volunteers) has also adjusted at the death of our treasurer Russ Anderson, who has been replaced by John Vanderheyden, to keep our count at 8.

**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, IGANDU & MAPINDUZI REPORT** - We are very happy to report that these 12 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 50,101 poor Tanzanians who are now enjoying clean water, courtesy of TLP and you many wonderful donors.

### 4. VILLAGE WORK IN 2017 –

This was a very busy year. Initially we completed the Mapnduzi A Water project (population 3,600). In 2017 we put the final touches on the last 11 of the 14 distribution points.

Next, we did some repair work on our installations in Iwondo, Isangha, and Igandu - villages that were completed a few years ago. All of these involved replacing Chinese engines (which we found do not last very long) with better ones from India.

We also started on our 13<sup>th</sup> installation in the village of Ngutoto, (population 3,654), by drilling them a new well, surveying the village, building a pump house, and laying the pipe to the reservoir. The submersible pump, engine and generator have now been ordered, as the next phase begins. Work will be finished in mid 2018, which will bring our total to 53,755 now with clean water!

**5. ANNUAL TRIP – SEPTEMBER** – This years traveling contingent included John & Mary Vanderheyden, and Paul & Cathy Trescony,. All the village work described above was verified as those villages were visited. Three new villages were also visited – Zepisa, Chololo, and Nghonghona. One of these will be selected to be our 14<sup>th</sup> village. In addition, furthering our women’s empowerment efforts, we again 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 Cathy and also the Tanzanians Agnes Mlula, Mama Mbenanga, and Grace Oneya (translator) with the training. Over 200 feminine hygiene kits were distributed at these sessions. This brings our total to 600 hygiene kits distributed so far! Also, this year we began setting up a seminar for the men!! It went over extremely well with over 300 attending the first one we have ever had. Men came out of this meeting fired up to improve themselves, and their behavior and they also dug 975 meters of trench with no women helping! Incredible!! Peter Mnyangulu taught the session!

**6. WEBSITE UPDATES**– Our website @ [www.tanzanialifeproject.org](http://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 – 2017 - \$1,758,357**

**Financial Position – 2017**

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 8,311

**TOTAL ASSETS** 8,311

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Debt 0

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** 0

**PROGRAM SERVICES**

Dodoma Area villages:

Igandu/Iwondo/Isangha 49,200

Mapinduzi 47,000

Ngutoto 74,400

Vehicle repairs 4,000

Local NGO office 12,700

Total Prog. Svcs. Exp. 187,300

**SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Management 2,402

Fundraising 3,363

5,765

Check to offset deposit error \* 2,552

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 195,617

**2017 INCOMING REVENUE** 189,667

Change in Net Assets -5,590

\*Agency sent check – later revoked it as error