

# World Christian Outreach

Newsletter

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*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:  
to look after orphans and widows in their distress  
and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.  
James 1:27*

The countries where we work are challenged economically. The average income is \$387 per month in India, \$287 per month in Pakistan and around \$150 per month in Kenya and Tanzania. You can imagine that being an orphan in these countries is a particularly desperate situation. As we work to reach the lost with the hope we have in Christ our Lord, we cannot ignore the needs of these children. This newsletter updates you on our efforts and status of several projects involving orphans.

## **The unwanted children in Tabora, Tanzania receive assistance**

Thanks to your generous participation, the home for “unwanted” children in Tabora, Tanzania received \$13,000 for needed repairs to their facility. The initial gifts improved the classrooms while recent gifts addressed the failing bathrooms (see photos).

You may recall from our June newsletter that this facility is a project of our partnering churches in Tanzania. They “take care of children and teach people with skin problems, albinos, some of them have strange eyes, some of them have different looks, their parents don't like them, and they seem to be isolated.” The original assistance for the facility came from Swedish sponsors but that ended due to financial hardship. We noted this new urgent need in the June newsletter, and you responded. The quality of life for these children is greatly improved, to Christ's glory.



## **Orphans in India move into a new home.**

In India, 22 orphans have been supported by our church partners in India. However, they lived in a very small building. Most activities, such as eating and doing school homework, occurred outside by necessity. Thanks to the WCO donor family, the “Compassion Kids” now have a new home with a dining area, boys’ and girls’ bathrooms and a large bedroom area. The home has a large front yard for the kids to play and will eventually have a second level added to allow for separate sleeping quarters for the boys and girls. This project of the local church is a witness to those around them and a blessing to the children.



Compassion kids at Sunday worship



## Secondary Schools for Orphans in Kenya and Tanzania

During a visit to Kenya, WCO founder Stan Herpick saw the desperation in the eyes of a young orphan selling water on the streets. He decided something had to be done. With this inspiration and the Lord's leading, New Dawn Secondary School for Orphans was founded in Laikipia, Kenya accepting its first class of orphans in 2006. The school is a Christ-centered community staffed entirely by indigenous Christians providing food, shelter, clothing, a first-class education, and hope in Christ. It has graduated over 30 students a year since 2010 with most going on to get a university education. This year they will graduate their 14<sup>th</sup> class.



*John - the day he arrived  
at New Dawn Community.*



*First day of school in a new  
uniform as well as new shoes.*

*His favorite subject is Chemistry,  
and his least favorite is Business  
Studies. He desires to become  
a Mechanical Engineer.*

*His best friend is Charles Waitthaka.*

In 2016, discussions with the village elders in Ishinde Village, Tanzania led to the gift of 50 acres of land for another school for orphans. Funding from unexpected sources slowly followed. A water well was drilled on the arid property which miraculously produced the volumes of water needed for the school. Construction of dorms, classrooms, a meeting hall, a kitchen, and bathrooms to house 150 orphans commenced. Today, the Ishinde Village New Dawn Secondary School for orphans is graduating its second class of 36 students.



The Ishinde Village graduating class of 2023

In 2017, the WCO Board created a new non-profit, "New Dawn Communities, Inc." to focus on building and supporting this and any future schools. They continue to need orphan support to run the school. In fact, the need is great. The average cost is \$125 per month per orphan to house, feed, and educate them. You can visit their website at [www.newdawncommunities.org](http://www.newdawncommunities.org). Your one-time gift or ongoing support will bring physical and spiritual hope to a desperate orphan in a desperate country.

## **Sustainability and Economic Growth**

It is the desire of the WCO Board to develop funding sources for these schools beyond the gifts of generous donors. Agriculture is an obvious place to start. The first priority is generating food for the kids and then funds for the school.

In Tanzania, the school purchased 58 acres of prime agricultural land at a discounted price of \$15,000. This is in addition to the 50 acres where the school is located. They are farming 6 acres of the new parcel but need a tractor to farm the rest. A tractor would have many other uses in addition to plowing the fields. The tractor would cost about \$40,000.

We would like to see the economic enterprise grow and perhaps expand into other areas. The enterprise would fund the school but would also provide job opportunities and economic growth. We recognize that systems of accountability must be in place for this concept to succeed. Our Tanzania leaders are well aware of this and are working on how to organize the enterprise to accomplish this goal.



It is a joy to sense the leading of God's spirit and to see the result of His work. The success we have seen was not likely. We told the Ishinde Village elders at the beginning that the only way the school would be built was by the will of God. We did not have the funds then and did not know where they would come from. Today we look forward with confidence and hope, but still in complete dependence on God's provision. We greatly appreciate the WCO family and friends who have been with us on this fantastic journey. If you are new to WCO, welcome aboard!

Merry Christmas and may God richly bless you in the coming new year!

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