

GRASS ROOTS MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

Angel House Orphanage & Secondary School

September 2011



A look ahead...

Angel House Christmas Wish List

- A new mattress for every child. Mattresses cost \$30 each. We'll be trying to raise \$1500 for this need.
- A new dress outfit for each child. A shirt and pants/skirt outfit will cost approximately \$15 per child, for a total of \$750 for the house.
- A new pair of school shoes for each child. A new pair of school shoes in Tanzania costs a little over \$15, for a total of \$750 for the house.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to :

Grass Roots Ministries
220 South Main Street
New Carlisle, OH 45344

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK



PAULO



WAMBURA

Paulo and Wambura are our two new additions to the Angel House family. Paulo (6) and his brother Wambura (4) had been living with their grandfather. After the death of their parents, the grandfather applied to our orphanage to be considered for support. Our acceptance process is long to ensure that we bring in only those that are truly orphaned. Only one week after we brought Paulo to live at Angel House the grandfather died. Wambura came the very next week.

Both boys are attending St. Michael's in the Kindergarten class. They are energetic and positive boys. Thanks to all our our child sponsors for always stepping out and with compassion, and making the choice to sponsor a child. It is because of your big hearts that we can bring more children into the family.

Fun fact: The local tribe in the Tarime area is called the Kuria tribe. They have unique cultural traditions and are a proud but extremely hospitable people. All but a handful of Angel House & Angel Secondary students and staff are from the Kuria tribe.



WORD AND DEED

written by Liz Soard



Tipp City UMC from Ohio

Summer brings vacation, relaxation, and for Grassroots... TEAMS! This summer, Eric and I were blessed to host two teams at the volunteer house.

Tipp City UMC brought a team of six that built a hostel, bought propane stoves, taught the kids how to play hand bells, and stepped into the classroom. They adventured into people's homes to learn the culture.

The second team, sent by Northside UMC of Jackson, TN is one of the larger teams we have hosted with 12 members and 2 drivers/translators. The medical team administered care to over 240 patients. The construction team built a hostel and assembled a water filtration system. The VBS was a hit with over 400 children learning teamwork, the love of Christ, and even how to color! There was also some accounting training and English classes at the school. They shared the Word of God and the Table of the Lord with the church followed by the sharing of a common meal. Over 250 people were fed physically and spiritually that Sunday.



Northside UMC from Tennessee

Volunteer teams are a real reflection of God's love. They give hope to a group of people through both Word and Deed. Thank you all for your time and love given this summer.

Need to know any additional information about Grass Roots or get in touch with us?

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Construction Corner

written by Eric Soard

It is exciting to see buildings being started. The foundation for the next block of four classrooms at the school is almost done, and then we will be able to start on the walls. The potential that is apparent as materials start piling up and then slowly turn into the shape of a building is very inspiring. Seeing people from town and the village with steady employment is also an important part of what we do in helping the community around Tarime.

Nothing, though, compares with seeing a project finished and ready to assist others. Buildings are impressive, but our real work is what happens inside. The hostels for female students at the school are finished and ready for girls to move in. It is exciting to know that students who have been studying with us for almost a year now will be moving out of homes with no adult supervision or out of hard situations where they are doing work well beyond their years and into a place of safety and education, a place that values this time in their lives as a time to be students and not adults. They will have a chance to study and focus on the growth that will brighten their futures. This is an honorable use of the buildings that many people have worked together to see completed. Thanks to the volunteer teams, Tanzanian workers, and everyone else who made this possible. And to God we give the glory.

Home!

Written by Holly Heyroth

The most earnest prayers to come from my heart lately were those concerning the visa that Lawrence and I applied for over 10 months ago. In July it was granted to us, and I have never been so happy to come home. I knew that Lawrence would need to spend time with the Heyroth family before he could fully understand who I am and where I come from. He has now spent significant amounts of time both on the ranch in Texas and with my church family and friends in my hometown of Derby, Kansas where we'll be married on October 1. We are thrilled to be home and to have met with the board and spend time in Ohio in August processing the expansion God brought about in the last year in Tanzania at Angel House & Secondary, and exploring how to best support the work there from this side of the ocean.

A few weeks after the school opened, I spent some time contemplating the development of the project and in prayer, wondering how we would ever keep up now that we have so many more students to serve. The answer came about gradually in my heart in the way only God can do, and I came to know that if Lawrence was granted a visa, it was a God-given opportunity for us to work for Grass Roots as stateside missionaries. We have returned to be married, but also to spend the next two years traveling the United States to share about the project with as many people as we can possibly come into contact with. In addition, I look forward to the idea of expanding our board of directors to include members from multiple states to continue the great work that has been done so well by the good people of Ohio thus far.

2011-2012 is going to be an incredible time in our lives as we experience being newlyweds, traveling the country together, and working towards an expanded Grass Roots family and support system here in America. We ask for your prayers as we continue on this journey, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



ATTENTION GRASS ROOTS FAMILY! WE NEED YOUR CONTACTS!

[family – friends – acquaintances – associates – churches - community organizations – corporations]



“We grow by our dreams.” – Woodrow T. Wilson

Fact #1: The Grass Roots family is AMAZING.

Fact #2: Amazing people generally have amazing friends.

Fact #3: Many hands make light work.

If everyone in the Grass Roots family were able to provide us with a couple of contact names of people in their lives, we would easily expand the support system of the orphanage and school. Holly & Lawrence are dividing the United States into quadrants to work towards visiting all of the current Grass Roots family and meeting potential new sponsors and supporters. We are not afraid to talk to ANYONE about the work that is being accomplished in changing the lives of orphaned children and students in poverty in Tanzania.

Will you help us?

1. First and foremost, Holly & Lawrence would like to come see you! They are happy to camp, and they would be even happier to stay the night in your home if you'd rather, and spend the evening talking about Angel House Orphanage & Secondary School, showing you pictures on a projector and answering any questions you might have about your specific child or the details of the current project and the future vision.
2. Second, but equally important, we would ask you to dream big with us. Dream about relatives and friends who might be interested in getting involved with the orphanage and the school; consider inviting those people over to your house for our living room coffeehouse-style picture presentation, or ask them if they would be willing to talk to their church or local community organization about allowing us to come speak. We are willing to speak across denominations and anywhere in the community, to anyone who might be interested to hear about a social justice opportunity.
3. If you come up with a name or two (or FIVE!), please contact Holly by email at holly.heyroth@gmail.com. We are sectioning off the United States and working on visiting a quarter at a time and are currently planning on spending the mid-October through Thanksgiving timeframe visiting the northeastern United States. However, we would love to have names and contact information for anyone you think of, no matter where they live, as we plan our travel beyond that.
4. As always...God bless you for all you have already done for these angels. May you be blessed, as you've been a blessing.