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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

By the grace of our Lord, accept our salutation from the United Methodist Church in Tanzania. All in all, we shall be short of appreciation without sincerely registering our heartfelt gratitude for funds remitted and for your spiritual and material support.



***UMC Chagombe Preschool***

The Chagombe preschool located in Dar es Salaam, intends to welcome destitute and vulnerable children. The Preschool was named by the local community as *Good Samaritan Preschool* since it provides care and teachings to Orphans and destitute children, free of charge. Still children at the preschool continue to receive their education, as well as a daily meal served to all children at school. Kabaka who is the Director of the preschool pays monthly salaries to 2 teachers and 2 workers; she also provides funds for meals to children. Among preschool children there are 15 day care kids who usually remain at school from early morning to 5 pm. For this school year, the statistics is 35 children in total of which 16 girls and 19 boys.



***Tanzania UMC Women to Help and Feed Poor and Orphans***

Women participate in promoting development while playing a mediate role between the authority and the population with the purpose of defending human rights issues in different sectors and in churches. Concerning our local churches, women are doing wonderful work. For instance, the United Methodist women in Dar es Salaam decided to grow beans, maize and peanuts this year at the site where we are currently undertaking different projects. The aim of this initiative is to provide additional food that will help feed destitute children, poor people and even pastors.

Still with the few harvest women managed to accumulate, they tried hard to supply food to vulnerable people for a while. These farming activities will be done every year during rainy season. Pursuing the same aim, women without any fatigue started another project of *chicken raising* at the same site. They bought 50 chicken last July as first try. Women are planning to increase the actual number of chicken up to 300.



***The Under Construction Guest House Visited by Annual Conference Delegates.***

The UMC in Tanzania is engaged in building a hospitable guest house in Dar es Salaam. We want to begin a *welcoming ministry* that looks for ways that promote good hospitality and comfortable lodging for our visitors, like volunteer missionaries, church staffs and members, even other visitors and people.

The lodging system will facilitate the sharing of our lifestyle, ministry experiences, and even international hospitality both within and beyond the walls of our church. We stated last year with construction of the first building of the Guest House which was built but not yet completely finished. Last month in July, we finished with roof coverings and for now we are going to start with fixing grilles for windows and doors. The next steps will be plumber, electricity, plaster, ceiling, tiles, doors and widows, water and electricity supply, furniture, to mention just few. This first building of the guest house must be finished before building the kitchen and the dining room. This project is well appreciated by many people and Tanzanian UMC church members; reason why Bishop Ntambo and the Annual conference delegation as well paid visit to the site on July 5, 2016 before the starting of the Annual Conference.



**2016 Tanzania Annual Conference**

Chagombe first UMC in Dar es Salaam was the host of July 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 Tanzania Annual Conference which was the last annual conference to be led by Bishop Ntambo Nkulu Ntanda. Bishop Ntambo is one of the Bishops who retired this year. Yet, a new bishop of North Katanga and Tanzania episcopal area has not been elected; for this reason bishop Ntambo had the opportunity to lead the annual conference. Already, names of candidates to be elected as bishops were proposed in the annual conferences. 4 bishops will be elected in March 2017 for the Congo Central Conference of which 3 will be elected as new bishops and one to be reelected for the second term.

During the Tanzania annual conference, one lady Ilda John Ngowi was ordained as a Deacon, also Rev. Alfred Njau who was the head of delegates to the 2016 General Conference presented a report on the trip and talked about different recommendations from the General Conference.



**Kitanga UMC Church Construction**

Kitanga is the Kasulu district biggest church, whom the majority of members are small farmers. Church members in Kitanga are more involved in the building of their church as it's still under construction. For instance, they make bricks, fired them to build church walls. But the construction process has delayed for quite a while due to lack of finance, to purchase cements ( almost 120 bags of cements remain); there is also a need to pay additional iron sheets (almost 200 iron sheets) and woods, to complete with the construction of the entire church. Kitanga is also known as a center and a circuit which succeeded to plant 6 more churches in different villages around. This church has different programs that take care of some refugees from Burundi.

Despite that building projects face financial shortages in Tanzania UM, in June 16, 2016 there was a dedication and consecration of a new church building in Morogoro. The Preacher during the dedication service was one of the donors from Oklahoma-USA. I, Rev. Mutwale officially declared on behalf of the bishop that the house was set apart for God's purposes and consecrated for the worship of God and the working of his purposes in the world

*Conclusively, the UMC in Tanzania is still being seriously faced with uncountable challenges in various forms ranging from very acute financial standing and material assistance for its sustainable development. We indeed need your financial, material and spiritual support. Possession of all church deficiencies in time will enable us to develop the Church and to produce immaculate and professional disciples to transform Tanzania, Africa and the entire world.*

*Thank you. Peace and Grace of God be with you all.  
Yours in Jesus Name,*

**Rev. MUTWALE NTAMBO WA MUSHIDI**

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