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Devotion

Tanzanian Sewing Center \$25,000

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All: We thank and praise You O Lord for sending Your Son to give us eternal life with You.

Leader: In southeastern Tanzania, many young women in remote areas do not attend school or have jobs, and seek unskilled jobs in larger towns, often ending up involved in prostitution. Some end up with AIDS or unexpected pregnancies, with no means of supporting themselves. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania South-East Lake Victoria Diocese (ELCT-SELVD) has established the Bishop Makala Sewing Center to teach young girls sewing, life skills, and the Gospel. Their goal is to build classrooms with a 50 student capacity, along with a dormitory. Within one year of training, their sewing skills enable the girls to have pocket money, purchase a sewing machine, and buy materials to create sewn items to sell for income.

All: We thank and praise You, O Lord, for helping us teach others skills to improve their physical lives and learn about Your Son, Jesus Christ and His redeeming salvation for their eternal life.

Leader: This center will be a school and a place to live and learn. It will have all the supplies, including sewing machines, cloth, furniture, and instruction. The district churches are very compassionate and caring, showing their support by buying the items the girls make. Our support for this center will help the ELCT-SELVD fulfill their mission of connecting with all their people, even those living in the remote bush areas, bringing them the Gospel, and the hope of eternal life with Jesus.

All: We thank and praise You, O Lord, for the leaders of the ELCT-SELVD as they bring the Gospel to all their people, fulfilling one of their primary purposes “to serve people spiritually, mentally, and physically through Jesus’ Name.”

Leader: Christ, in His Holy Word said, “I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’” Mt. 25:36 & 40. The leaders of the ELCT-SELVD believe they can make a difference in the lives of these girls, showing them of the love of Jesus by teaching them about Him and offering them a future with hope and the knowledge of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

All: We thank and praise You, O Lord, for the teachers helping these young girls learn a way out of their desperate situations to a better life. We especially thank You for these teachers telling them about Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His life, death, and resurrection, promising all who believe eternal life with Him.