

Healthcare and Medical Supplies for Students and Community in Tanzania

Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania Mwadui Lutheran School and Community — \$68,182

Opening

Hymn: "Your Hand, O Lord in Days of Old" (LSB # 846)

Reader: Train up a child in the way he should go;

even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Leader: Mwadui Lutheran School in Tanzania began eleven years ago with the vision of being a training place for students aspiring to be pastors, teachers, or professionals grounding the students' education in the Word

of God.

Reader: If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed (1 Timothy 4:6).

Leader: The school has become a valuable Christian outreach ministry to the community and region known for its pagan spirit and ancestor worship. Mwadui Lutheran School has trained many evangelists and pastors while sending professionals, even medical students, to the universities with a Biblical worldview and a Christian heart.

Reader: And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:35).

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Leader: Using Jesus as the example of compassion, the leadership of the school started building a dispensary or clinic to serve the students at the school and the community. Malaria and other illnesses are still rampant in this region that is poor and lacks adequate healthcare. The nearest clinic is 15 miles away and transportation is difficult.

Reader: Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 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.' (Matthew 25: 37-40).

Leader: The dispensary building has been completed and a doctor is assigned but there is still a need for supplies and medicine. The clinic will serve the students of Mwadui Lutheran School and will also serve as a mercy ministry to the community and the region that so desperately needs healthcare. Opportunities to witness to our Lord through the care and mercy of the clinic will help spread the Gospel and be a great evangelism tool. Mite offerings will supply equipment and medicine for the clinic.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for the medical care that we have in our communities. We ask You to be with communities around the world which are isolated and cannot receive the medical care they need. We ask You to bless our mite offerings for the clinic at the Mwadui Lutheran School that Your Word can spread in the community through healthcare. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

