

History of Hosanna Lutheran Church's African Initiative Kagera Scholarship Fund



The Kagera Scholarship Fund was officially founded in 2008 to ensure that orphans and underprivileged students, living in extreme poverty, are able to attend high school (Tanzania's equivalent for secondary school and form 5 and 6). KSF was started by Heidi Christ Smith when she lived in Ngara, Tanzania and worked for the United Nations. Heidi is the daughter of Ron and Heda Christ who are long time members of Hosanna Lutheran Church.

Geographic Area

The Kagera region of Tanzania is one of the poorest and most inaccessible areas in Tanzania. Tanzania has never been at war. Due to its relative proximity to Rwanda and Burundi, it has been hosting refugees from these neighboring countries since 1950.

The Students

Prospective recipients are recommended by their teachers based on academic potential and financial need. The students write an essay, sharing their present situation and tell of their aspirations and goals. We provide equal opportunity to girls.

300 US dollars provides tuition and room and board, uniforms, solar lamps and tutoring for one student for one year while attending secondary school and form 5 and 6. A student then has the opportunity to continue with vocational school, college or university.

The Program

The scholarships give our students an opportunity for a better life.

At present, the Fund serves 54 students: 15 students in Mugoma Secondary School, 15 students in Kirushya Secondary School and 24 students in Forms 5 and 6, College, University and Vocational schools.

To date we have assisted over 400 students through this program. Through our outreach, we have educated students who are now teachers, engineers, medical personnel, doctors, automobile mechanics, computer technicians and others. Many of these young people step in and give back to their communities.

The Kagera Scholarship Team

Hosanna Lutheran Church, faithful friends of Hosanna Lutheran and the loyal individual supporters of the program partner, through their generous funding and diligent oversight with staff members in Ngara, Tanzania to make it all happen!

The Way Forward

Your continued support is needed and very much appreciated. Your donation can be made to Hosanna Lutheran Church-Attention Kagera Scholarship Fund.

The students are very proud to be in the KSF program. They thank you in Christ.