


**Partner Projects of the  
Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step By Step  
Companion Synod Relationship of the Western  
Iowa Synod and the Southern Diocese:**



*“...If we have the world’s goods and see our brothers and sisters in need, yet close our hearts against them, how does God’s love abide in us?” (Paraphrase of 1 John 3:17).*

- 1. Well-Drilling:** Since June 2004, the generous and loving members of the Western Iowa Synod (WIS) have purchased a drilling rig, secured volunteers to oversee the project, and drilled several clean-water wells in the Southern Diocese (SD). Access to clean, bacteria-free water literally saves lives for our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ! It also frees up precious time spent collecting/transporting water from unclean, distant sources for use in other economic and family activities. We have drilled several wells, including securing water at the Igumbilo Girls’ Secondary School mentioned below! Many more wells are needed throughout the Southern Diocese. The cost to drill one well is approximately \$2,500-\$3,000, depending on the needed depth. **We are blessed to be Christ’s life-giving water!**
- 2. Well Project Volunteer Coordinators:** The WIS is blessed with the volunteers of Ron & Phyllis Sterler, Jeff Bowen & Dar Evans who serve in the well project. In so doing, travel to Tanzania on a regular basis is required. They fundraise to cover their travel expenses to/from/within Tanzania. They hope to travel to Tanzania one-two times per year at an approximate cost of \$2,500/person/trip. Contact them for a project presentation: 712-832-3250; pjsrds@mchsi.com. **We are blessed to have these servants in Christ!**
- 3. Igumbilo Girls’ Secondary School:** Since Sept. 2004, the generous and loving members of the WIS have also purchased an abandoned Japanese rice plantation for \$25,000 which the Southern Diocese has since renovated into a secondary boarding school for girls. Whereas primary education is free and compulsory, secondary education requires the passing of national entrance exams and the payment of tuition. The tuition at this school is \$420/student/year. The targeted

populations are orphaned girls due to HIV/AIDS or other diseases and/or those of nearby cattle-herding tribal groups that do not tend to educate their girls; rather, they tend to be married at young ages to bear children and tend the livestock. This SD school attends to both the spiritual and educational needs of its students. The SD strives to instill Christian values and uplifts the empowerment of women through education and position, viewing women as vital components to the economic development of Tanzania. A powerful motto in Tanzania states that “to educate a woman, is to educate a family, is to build a nation!” **We are blessed to be Christ’s light in this effort!**

- 4. Medical Supply:** Tanzania lacks the ability to supply adequate health care to the people of the SD area, both in terms of medical personnel and medical supplies. In 2006 the Western Iowa Synod, in conjunction with Global Health Ministries (GHM) of Minneapolis, sent a large sea container of requested supplies for two medical institutions of the SD. Much of the medical supplies came from congregations and individuals collected at that year’s synod assembly. Visitors from the Western Iowa Synod were present for the delivery of the items to these Tanzanian medical institutions. Two of the visitors additionally performed a thorough medical assessment of these institutions for use in planning future medical endeavors. HIV/AIDS treatment equipment and power-surge protection have recently been acquired. **We are blessed to offer health and healing in Christ’s name!**
- 5. Center for Agricultural Development (CAD):** This is our newest partner project, with much to occur in 2008. Tanzania and Iowa, both being primarily agricultural in nature and economy, seek to improve Tanzania’s capacity in sustainable agricultural development. Together, we will provide extension-type service and education that enhances such development. **We are blessed to share the agricultural fruits of our lives in Christ’s name!**

**Thanks and blessings to all who respond to God’s abiding love by contributing to these causes which indeed bless us in return!**

**Anyone wishing to contribute should send their check, made payable to the Western Iowa Synod, to PO Box 577, Storm Lake, IA 50588 with their designation(s) in the memo.**

**Asante Sana (Thank You Very Much) &  
Mungu Awubariki (God Bless You All)!**