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Using the gift of good, clean abundant water to share the gospel of Jesus Christ

It seems that our water projects are being focused in Africa for these last few years. The Lord clearly has a heart to bring the Water of Life to that wonderfully diverse continent.

Pictured above with us are Lemsanya and Kristen Matveia Tisho. The Tisho's serve as missionaries with TMS Global in Tanzania, East Africa. They run an orphanage in the community of Berega — about 180 miles west of the capital city of Dar es Salaam.

Kristen Matveia answered God's call to serve Him working with children in Tanzania in 2008. While learning Swahili, she met Lemsanya Tisho who was her language instructor. They eventually married and now have two beautiful children—Ethan and Olivia.



Lemsanya became the Director of the Berega Children's Orphanage near Morogoro in 2017 and Kristen is one of the teachers.



The Berega Orphanage is home to a LOT of people. In addition to their two children, the Tishos are fostering two additional children. There are usually 15 or more orphans plus adult caretakers and staff. So in all there are up to 50 people living at the facility.

And this does not count the farm animals! Lemsanya's goal is to make the orphanage as self sufficient as possible so there are cows and goats. There are between 10 and 15 cows, including calves, and around 30 goats.

They have several raised bed gardens but their goal is to have at least an acre planted to provide food for all of the people and animals at the facility.

A few months ago, Kristen reached out to us about the possibility of assisting them with a water well. We were all very fortunate that Robert and Susan Anderson, our friends and colleagues were planning a visit to Berega to assist Lemsanya and Kristen with their agricultural endeavors.



While they were there they put their heads together with Lemsanya and planned out the water project. A developed well will be a great benefit to the orphanage. The planned water project will consist of:

- 100 meter deep (329 ft.) water well
- Hybrid well pump powered by solar panels or the electric grid
- Solar panels to power the well pump
- Elevated water storage tank

The hope is to not only provide water for the Berega Orphanage, but to also provide water for the families that live in the vicinity.

The project is expected to cost about \$18,500.

We plan to travel to Tanzania this spring. We will send updates after we attend the dedication of the project to Jesus Christ!

So—we are seeking donors to help us fund this well. Berega Orphanage needs your help!! See the bottom of this newsletter for instructions on how to donate to this project.

You can see a wonderful video that Kristen put together telling about the orphanage and their need for water by going to vimeo.com and typing “Kristen Matveia” in the search bar, or go to vimeo.com/868023975



We can't end this newsletter without letting you see our grandsons. This is the photo from summer of 2023. Davis (out in

front) did end up tumbling into the water and thought it was the best time he had all day!

Praying together is a vital part of all ministries. Here are a few of our prayer requests:

† For provision of clean, abundant water for Berega Orphanage.

† For continued guidance as we serve 2 Methodist churches as Pastor and Pastor's Wife.

† For all missionaries serving world wide to have Peace with their work for the Lord.

TMS Global continues to strive to make sure that donations to Missionaries' accounts are as secure as possible. To this end, TMS Global has changed their mailing address. Donations mailed to the below listed post office box are directly accessed by Wells Fargo bank. This further insures your donations are respectfully handled.

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