

Orphan Program Leadership

The orphan program is run entirely by women from the Moravian Church of Western Tanzania. Mama Anna Sikazwe, and 4 associates assist 380 children in the 5 Moravian parishes in the city of Tabora. Mama Zipora Kimwaga, a retired primary school teacher, and 24 Moravian women provide care in the Sikonge district, a much larger area that includes 34 villages and over 2500 orphans. Both sections of the program provide the children with food, clothing, school supplies and uniforms, medical care, sheets or sleeping mats, and personal items such as soap and skin oil.



women responsible for their care. A map of the villages in the Sikonge district will help you locate your village.

Individuals and small groups: Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated; twenty dollars will support an orphan for a year! You will receive a photograph of a child in the program.

Moravians in Tanzania

Over half of all the Moravians in the world live in one of the 4 provinces in Tanzania. They are the fastest growing segment of our church; their evangelical efforts have resulted in new Moravian congregations in Congo, Zambia, and Malawi.

The Moravian Church of Western Tanzania has responded to the AIDS epidemic with a comprehensive 3 component program. The Prevention and the Treatment arms are now being funded by United States government grants which over the last two years have been turned over to the Sikonge Moravian Hospital. Responsibility for administration of these programs, both medically and financially, has been assumed by the Moravian Church of Western Tanzania in partnership with the Tanzanian government. Unlike these two components, the Orphan Program is supported entirely by donations.

All donations are tax deductible. All checks should be made payable to **BWM** with **"Adopt a Village"** on the memo line and sent to:

**Board of World Mission
1021 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA, 18018**

Further information can be secured by contacting either the Board of World Mission (610-868-1732 x 22) or Bill Hoffman at Central Moravian Church (610-866-5661.)

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MORAVIAN CHURCH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH'S MISSION
COMMITTEE*

Invites you to...

ADOPT A VILLAGE



Giving Hope to the Orphans of Tanzania

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as
pure and faultless is this: to look after
orphans and widows in their distress..."*

James 1:27

Facts to Consider

Over half of all the world's Moravians live in Tanzania.

There are as many orphans in Africa as there are children under the age of 5 in the United States.

\$1000 will keep 50 orphans at economic par with their peers for 1 year.



Mechanics of Program Funding

The Board of World Mission launched the Adopt a Village Program in January 2006 to assist with the funding for a large number of orphans in the Western Province. All money donated to the program is sent directly to the Board of World Mission Office where it is kept in a separate orphan account.

As funds are needed in Tanzania, the orphan ladies pass their requests to Dr. Benedict Ruhanya, a doctor at the Sikonge Moravian Hospital, and the only man associated with the program. He then e-mails the requests through Dr. Bill Hoffman to the Board of World Mission office. The money is subsequently wired directly to the orphan account in Tanzania, where Dr. Ruhanya withdraws the funds and gives them to Mamas Sikazwe and Kimwaga as needed. Central Moravian Church Mission Committee oversees the finances and coordinates the accounting of funds for the program. 100% of every dollar donated goes to Tanzania where it is spent by Tanzanians for Tanzanians.

The Board of World Mission asks you to consider joining Moravians throughout North America in supporting the orphans of our partner province, the Moravian Church of Western Tanzania. The MCWT orphan program began in 2002. While many children have been orphaned by AIDS, the program enrolls any child under the age of 16 that has lost one or both parents, regardless of cause or religious affiliation. A contribution of \$1000 meets the needs of 50 children for a year. The program offers both physical and emotional support while allowing the children to remain with family members in their own village.

*The orphans of Tanzania say "asante sana,"
thank you very much.*



Mama Kimwaga

Effective Orphan Care

Africans have traditionally cared for orphans in the extended family typically headed by an uncle. Although some larger cities now have orphanages, these are a poor and very expensive substitute for the loving environment provided by family members. Unfortunately, as the AIDS epidemic has continued to take its toll on the young adults, the extended family has become overextended; it is now typically headed by an elderly grandparent who is ill equipped for this unanticipated responsibility. They need our help.