



Why is our help needed?

Tanzania is one of the world's poorest countries; the government lacks financial resources and there is very little industry.

Because no church tax is collected, the churches survive solely on donations and their employees receive either no retirement benefits or just a meager pension.

The people are very poor, have only little income, and generally eke out a living as small farmers in the countryside.

The few tools available are quite rudimentary, making the work very difficult and strenuous.

The lack of equipment and long droughts result in low crop yields.

Many villages lack electricity; clean drinking water is scarce, and the infrastructure (streets and trains) is poor.

The health system is inadequate, and many people die of HIV/AIDS or malaria. There are many orphans as a result, and these are often cared for by their grandparents.

Secondary schools charge tuition fees, a vocational education is costly and difficult to obtain, and a university education is very expensive.

What we are doing to help

Our financial support is being used to provide:

School uniforms and supplies, Mosquito nets, mattresses and footballs for orphans and needy children in primary schools;

School uniforms, school supplies and tuition fees for orphans and needy children in secondary schools and also dormitories and school equipment;

Educational seminars for orphans and their guardians;

Small farm animals and small financial support to provide a modest income for the guardians;

For parish workers: tuition fees for their children, a small retirement income, farming assistance, and English instruction;

For church buildings: soot-free cook stoves, rain gutters and water tanks;

Material support has been provided for:

Small solar collectors, English-language books, bicycles, sewing machines and mobile phones for parish workers;

Used shoes and clothing for orphans and needy persons;

For church institutions: computer equipment.

What else is still needed?

Financial support to pay for:

School uniforms and tuition fees for additional orphans, tuition fees to enable youngsters to receive vocational and higher education;

Building a retirement fund for parish workers;

Self-help projects that, for example, help people start a small service business;

Women's farming projects;

Additional guardians for AIDS orphans, for example those providing medical care;

Building more dormitories for the secondary schools and providing computer equipment;

Promoting the use of alternative energies;

Transportation costs (€ 120/m³) for delivering aid shipments;

Travel costs for our Tanzanian partners to visit Germany.

Donations of the following are welcomed:

Bicycles for parish workers and teachers, Pedal sewing machines, manual typewriters, functional mobile phones, computers (XP) and printers.

Ways in which you can help

Become a "village sponsor" by making a regular (or one-time) donation to support the orphan guardians in one of the villages.

Make a donation to help subsidize a specific project, such as education, a women's cooperative, or transportation costs.

Provide funds to help cover general expenses.

Donate needed items
(see: "What we are doing to help").

Lend a hand – your help is greatly welcomed in the One-World group (for example, by helping pack relief supplies in our storage room or loading the container), assisting at our annual English Book Sale, or by pitching in with sales at events such as our Summer Festival or Haar Artist's Mile.

Encourage friends and relatives to become sponsors.

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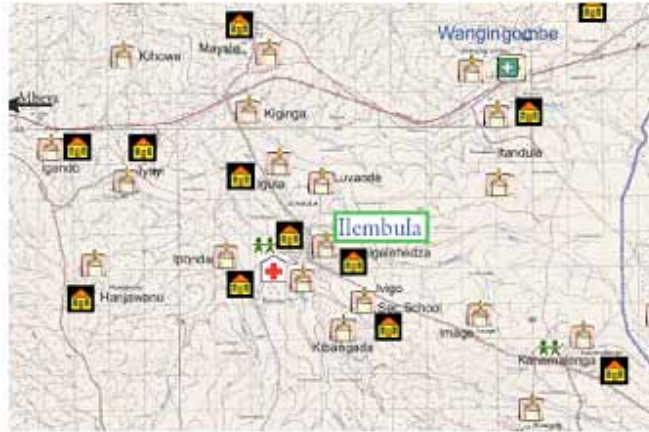
Contributions of over € 200 transferred by wire will receive a donation receipt. For contributions of less than € 200, proof of the wire transfer is sufficient for tax purposes.

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The town of Ilembula is located in southwest Tanzania, roughly 800 km from Dar es Salaam. Situated at an elevation of 1,400 meters above sea level, it has a large hospital. The Jesuskirche Haar and Ilembula's Lutheran parish have a long-term partnership dating back to 1987.



Ilembula has 14 communities, and there are about 22,000 inhabitants in the region. Each of Ilembula's communities has a small or slightly larger church, and often a primary school; the nearest secondary school is 5 km from Ilembula. There are over 500 orphans in the nine primary schools. AIDS and malaria are the main diseases and causes of death, and about 15 percent of the population in this region are infected with AIDS.



Partnership
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