



Debister and Ester with Pastor Joyce

Friends of Huruma

*Supporting a safe and nurturing home
and education for the children of the Huruma Centre
in the Iringa Diocese, Tanzania*

Celebrating a Year of Loving and Nurturing Children



A Joyful Gift of Maize

**Operating
Income**



A Goat from a Generous Family



Iringa Diocese District Pastors

In July, at a meeting with District Pastors, all seven committed to providing support to the Huruma Centre from the parishes of the Iringa Diocese. At Mpalapande and other villages, children gave gifts of maize from their family farms. Families also generously donated livestock. So far this year, churches and families of the Diocese have given more than forty 100-kilo bags of grain. These are important steps in local support for the Huruma Centre, which complements support from Friends of Huruma.

Secondary School Scholarships

Beginning in January, Friends of Huruma provided scholarships for seven children to attend Diocese secondary schools. Centre Director, Pastor Joyce Ngandango, and I visited them in July. At the heading of this report is a picture of Joyce with Debister and Ester. Below are five more students. This January, nine more children will enroll, bringing the total to 16. By 2021, up to 28 Huruma children will need scholarship support.



Isaya



Alice and Merine



Haruni



Rapei

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The Iringa Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania

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Essential Health Care

In the past year, a fruitful partnership with the medical affiliate of Bega Kwa Bega, Shoulder to Shoulder, led to physical examinations for children and staff at the Huruma Centre. Your gifts support this program in addition to providing medicines and material for essential health care every day for children and staff. Several children now have long-needed eyeglasses so that they can succeed in school.



Mission partners in Berlin have made fresh commitments to support the Huruma Centre.

Collaboration with Mission Partners

Pictured here are Pastor Carsten Bolz and Pastor Oliver Neick of the Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf Church Circle in Berlin. Mary (my spouse) and I walk between them. Discussions begun in Berlin in May have led to a new agreement among the Church Circle, the Iringa Diocese, Berlin Missionswerk, and Friends of Huruma. Church leaders in Berlin will continue to provide operational support for the Centre but are also adding generous support to provide secondary school scholarships.

Capital Projects

One year ago, leaders at the Diocese and the Huruma Centre partnered with Friends of Huruma to construct a new kitchen facility. Thanks to generous support, the new facility was completed in August. New equipment has been installed and Huruma kitchen staff have been trained. The new kitchen will up to 160 meals per day for the children and staff of the Huruma Centre.



The new kitchen (right). Plans are underway to renovate the previous facility (left) into a dining hall.

Thank you for a wonderful year for Friends of Huruma!

The vision of the Friends of Huruma is to create a broad community of support and encouragement for the children and staff of the Huruma Centre. Your prayers and gifts are essential as Pastor Joyce Ngandango and other leaders in Iringa continue to develop the sustainability and vitality of the Huruma Centre. The past year has brought good progress in addressing the goals identified last year (highlighted in the five areas above). God has prospered this work as the community of support continues to grow.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of caring for the children of the Huruma Centre in the past year. If you would like to make a gift to support the Huruma Centre, please contact me for more informations.

With Gratitude in Christ,
Pastor Chris Smith



With Centre Chaplain Harrison