

August Mission of the Month

Dear Lakeside Beloveds,

Striving to extend the blessing of God's abundance of clean and plentiful water for drinking and recreation in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, our church's mission for the month of August will be focusing on providing clean/safe water for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania, Africa where such blessings simply do not exist.

Lakeside's associate members, Bo and Juli Skillman, are modern day missionaries called to serve in Tanzania, traveling to and hosting mission trips for 5 to 6 weeks out of the year. Bo Skillman serves as chairperson of the board for Saint Paul Partners (SPP), a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides safe/clean water sources in the region of Iringa, Tanzania. SPP accomplishes their mission through a strategic and God-led partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Their partnership of nearly 25 years, continues to change lives and transform hearts with the gospel of Jesus Christ one water project at a time. Many of these water projects consist of a hand pump well, strategically placed within a community, supplying enough clean/safe water for up to 350 villagers for only \$5,200.00!

Last fall, when we were in discernment about if God was calling us to this mission, an anonymous donor and member of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church took a bold step and began our mission for us. They donated the full \$5,200.00 for a well supplying clean/safe water to Iwengi, an outer village of Ukumbi, Tanzania, changing the lives of up to 350 villagers and their families for generations to come!

Exciting News: Matching donation challenge from that same anonymous donor. Dollar for dollar they will match \$5,200.00 for an entire second well!

For only \$5,200.00 of our collective generosity, we can double our impact and the gospel of Jesus Christ will be shared through clean/safe water for an additional **700** villagers now and for generations to come!

Our Goal? \$5,200.00.

Our mission(August)? To Love Christ through Loving Community, supplying clean/safe water for an additional 700 village members in Iwengi, Tanzania. Combined with the already placed well, over 1000 people will be blessed by the generosity of Lakeside Lutheran Church.

During the month of August, we will learn more about the village where one Lakeside well is already changing lives and about our African brothers and sisters in Christ. We may be entering into the Mission of the Month of August never having heard of Ukumbi, Tanzania, but through the decades of missionary work in Tanzania from Bo and Juli Skillman, the anonymous donor who has begun our church's work of the gospel through the generosity of one well already, by September we will be familiar with, connected to, and ready to thank God for stirring within us a generosity of Loving Christ through Loving Community in Tanzania.

Therefore, let us as Lakeside Community Lutheran Church, come alongside Bo and Juli Skillman—modern day missionaries and the generous matching funds donor, and share in the work of the gospel being the hands and feet of Jesus one well, okay...two wells at a time!

Mungu awa bariki!
(God bless you)