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20 Years Down...

Our work in Tanzania is just getting started

Psalm 150 calls us to “Praise the Lord!” and celebrate his mighty deeds and excellent greatness.

We certainly did that on our trip to Tanzania in July to celebrate 20 years of partnership with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ! I wish that all of you, the entire Ubor family, could have been with us as we danced with the special ladies and babas in pure celebration mode – only made more poignant when they later told powerful testimonies about how Jesus has transformed their lives. This is what our ministry is all about!

God has worked through so many of you, over many years, to create such a moment. During the week, we were able to honor some who have labored long, and invested much, in the ministry. While there were accolades and awards shared, the truth of the matter is that it has taken a village. Each one of your contributions, big or small, have collectively gotten us to this point in time where transformation of the village is being realized. Each of you have helped to build the Kingdom and glorify God – Bwana asifiwe (Praise the Lord!)

Following the celebration, a 12-person team climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro as part of a fundraiser for the ministry. (Thanks to all of you for your efforts, both on and off the mountain!) Among the many highlights of the climb, including awesome team camaraderie, the views of the Milky Way stood out as particularly memorable. What a window into God's creation of the universe! Check out this amazing photo of the starry sky from Kilimanjaro; photo by Nick Cannon.



We can see God's creation in many ways – in beautiful images of the Milky Way, or in the faces of His children as they experience His love. One mechanism that will allow us to share the love of Christ to new communities – all in a sustainable way – is our upcoming “second stream” of students where the enrollment of our Siha Leadership School will double, and include fee paying boarding students who will live on campus in Karansi. We are currently “all hands on deck” to prepare the campus, our staff, and our marketing outreach for the first double stream classes in January 2023. We are in the process of raising funds to “Refresh SLS,” specifically the older parts of the campus. We pray that soon, we can look back to this moment and once again celebrate how God provided and how His love is able to be shared with double the amount of students on a daily basis—starting with this first class!

We praise the Lord for 20 years of faithfulness to our partnership with Tanzania and for the transformation of a community that only can come from Him. While much has been accomplished, there is still much to do. This makes me ponder, what will the next 20 years look like for Ubor and our Tanzanian partners? I envision Karansi being a center of excellence, an example for all Tanzanian communities. A village that is so empowered that it impacts a nation.

Ubor Tanzania
Lifting up a village to transform a nation.

In His Precious and Holy Name,



Dave
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Celebrating with Hon. Omary Kipanga, Tanzania's Deputy Minister of Education.



A great time for old friends to reconnect--Bobby Scott and SLS former headmaster, Godfrey Seuya--two visionary leaders instrumental in the success of our school.



Wonderful gifts from the “special ladies”. Cindy James and Judy Kaye Thames pictured here.

2022 Updates

Baas and Bytes

Last year for Giving Tuesday, the Ubora family helped fund “Baas and Bytes” to provide sheep and goats for the widows and babas and computers for the school. We are pleased to share these funds have been dispersed and the goats and sheep are now providing milk and revenue for our friends in Tanzania! Each recipient will return the revenue from the sale of one sheep or goat to the program so that it can be self-sustaining for the next group of program recipients. Asante sana!



Real Climb of Mount Kilimanjaro CONQUERED!

While most of us spent the 4th of July enjoying hot dogs and fireworks, twelve brave Ubora souls traveled to Tanzania to begin their ascent to the “Roof of Africa,” Mount Kilimanjaro! It was a six day trek up and back down that was not for the faint of heart. They reached the summit at Uhuru Peak – 19,341 ft in elevation! What an incredibly challenging mental and physical accomplishment for these climbers.

Gift of Love

Thank to a generous donation from Jerry and Judy Kaye Thames, the Magadini Library is now stocked with Tanzanian textbooks printed in Swahili that many public school students can now access. Public schools have very few textbooks in their classrooms--if any at all!

Zion is the librarian at the Magadini Library and said, “Students from all different levels—primary and secondary students, and even teachers—can now access books and are flocking in!”



SLS Internship Program

By: Cindy James

Last year, Siha Leadership School was thrilled to announce we had 32 of our alumni graduate from university and college with many more pursuing college level degrees. We also found that over half of our graduates could not find employment upon graduation and had returned to Karansi without jobs or a means to support themselves.

God put it upon our hearts to develop a program that would assist our SLS alumni college graduates to be better equipped to find employment within their field of study. In addition, providing us with an opportunity to bring our commitment to our SLS students full circle - as partners with them from Pre-K all the way through employment upon college graduation.

We were able to launch the program earlier this year and have since coordinated internship opportunities for 14 Interns and hired one graduate full time as the Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC).

“I am happy and thankful for this position because I am able to interact directly with the new graduates. In my position, I assist the graduates to gain real work experience and receive the training that will equip them to find jobs in the difficult job market in Tanzania.”

- Calvin Daniel, GPC

It is so apparent that this program is God's will and his creation due to the extent that it is growing and thriving! We have Interns working for SHEFO, the Siha District, and a private organization in



Morogoro. Interns hold positions in the medical field, engineering, accounting, merchandising, logistics, HR, and more.

“I work in the outpatient and inpatient departments providing treatment, vaccinations, and conduct minor procedures in the Minor Theatre and Maternity departments. I would like to thank Uboru, SHEFO, and my mentor Cindy for the opportunity to be in the Internship program. I am gaining the job experience, skills, training, and networking connections I need to reach my goals and vision.”

- Glory Andrew Nnoko, Clinical Medicine Graduate, Siha District Hospital Intern

We appreciate all your prayers and encourage anyone that feels moved to join in! Help us serve God and these amazing young people in Tanzania! Asante Sana!



Dancing, Dignitaries & Stories of Hope and Transformation



Cindy James and Judy Kaye Thames, holding on tight to each other, and filled with joy to be “home” for the celebration.

The fields of Siha Leadership School were transformed into a festive event space with tents, AV equipment and even a red carpet to welcome government dignitaries, guests from the U.S. and local villagers who have been impacted by the work of Uborá/SHEFO over the past 20 years.

In typical Tanzanian fashion, the music was loud and the spirit joyous as sounds of hope, faith and transformation rang out during the three-day celebration in Karansi, Tanzania.

A number of high-level dignitaries from the Parliament of Tanzania attended the Friday celebration, including Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology Hon. Omary Kipanga, Deputy Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Godwin Mollél and District Commissioner for the Siha District Hon. Tom Apson.

Johns Creek Mayor, John Bradberry, sent an official letter of congratulations to mark the occasion.

Other guest speakers throughout the official three-day celebration included Pastor Wariaeli Maphie, interns from our first intern class (all graduates of Siha Leadership School), widows, and guests from the U.S. including Uborá President Dave Burgess, Uborá founders Jerry and Judy Kaye Thames along with 14 members of their family, Board member Cindy James and daughter, Alex, Tim Neet, one of our founders and director of Project Child, Bobby Scott, Uborá board member, and many others. Students from Siha Leadership School participated in many of the sessions through entertainment and service.



So good to be with our friends in the Lord’s house and back at Pastor Wariaeli’s church.



Baraka Lutherson and Pastor Wariaeli.



20-Year Celebration Recap



A spontaneous celebration while visiting friends at Karansi Elementary School, a government public school.



Visiting classrooms at Siha Leadership School and seeing these smiling faces is always a highlight of any visit to Karansi!

"It was truly a privilege to be there and hear the testimonies from the people of the village who've experienced transformation and the impact of our ministry," said Dave. "Twenty years is an accomplishment worthy of a celebration, but we really are just getting started."

The entire celebration was beautifully organized by our NGO in Tanzania, SHEFO, led by Baraka Lutherson, committee lead, Witness Meshak, leadership from Pastor Wariaeli and assistance from interns, teachers and all the SHEFO staff.

"The potential here of the Tanzanian people is so great," said Dave. "How cool is it that God picked us to come alongside our friends, who are now family, to help transform a nation?"

Uboru Tanzania Documentary...Coming your way in 2023

Nick Cannon, a filmmaker and his brother, Zack, were with us in Tanzania. Nick was there to shoot a documentary about our work in Tanzania--and climb Mt. Kilimanjaro--after feeling God tug on his heart at Passion Conference to use his gifts to make a documentary. Through his Dad's connection with Jerry Thames, he learned of Uboru and our work in Tanzania. We are ever so grateful that Nick (and God) chose us! Here are some scenes during filming. We promise to keep you posted as we get closer to release date.





Ester, one of our social workers at SLS

Upcoming...

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ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 30

12:30-2:00 PM

Perimeter Church, Ministry Center

Donors, sponsors and friends of Ubora are invited to celebrate all that God has done for 20 years in Tanzania at the Atlanta celebration!

- Delicious Lunch
- Fun and Games
- Quick Ubora Update
- Updates from Tanzania

Visit the Ubora Expo, with opportunities to serve--2023 Ubora Mission Trips info, available children for sponsorship, impact programs and more information. To register (required): info@uboratz.org

Yes, we are climbing Mount Kilimanjaro again in 2023!

Our tour operator will be Zara Tours, the best in the business!

The tentative Ubora Kilimanjaro climb date will be the first week in July, 2023.

For Inquiries, email: info@uboratz.org

Real Climb of KILIMANJARO

By: Zara Tours Benefitting: Ubora Tanzania

Mission Trips

Is God calling you on a mission trip to Tanzania? 2023 Ubora Mission Trip dates will be released soon. For early inquiries, email: emilyweaver@uboratz.org

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Child Sponsorships

Child sponsorship will change your life! A new class of children will soon be announced--new sponsors are eagerly awaiting their kids. To add your name to the wait-list: timneet@uboratz.org

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Tanzania Through Fresh Eyes

By: Emily Weaver

I got off the plane alone at 9:00 PM in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania after a 24-hour travel day, made my way through the airport, and got in a van with a friendly man named Alfa. It was dark. Really dark. I don't know why I was surprised, but there are absolutely no street lights in Tanzania. Alfa and I soon arrived to the hotel and I thanked him for his welcoming spirit into his country and felt sure that God had called me to the right place.

I'd been to Africa once before, but only for about half a day in Morocco during my study abroad trip in college. Now, here I was, back in Africa almost exactly eight years later to start a new job with Ubora. In the three weeks before my trip, I interviewed and accepted my new job, put in my resignation for my position as an environmental engineer, and found out I was going to Tanzania.

One of the first lessons I learned in Tanzania is to enjoy the journey and not rush your destination. On the way to Karansi, we stopped near the bank of a wide river we were passing and as we were getting out of the car, a tiny pickup truck with 20 women in it approached us from the opposite direction. They were singing, praising the Lord, and it turns out, going to a baptism! We followed the women down to the river and witnessed a Tanzanian baptism on the shores of the Kikavu River. Bwana asifiwe!

For the next week, I listened and learned, observing all of the impactful projects in the works in the Siha District. Here is what I saw: The SLS campus is truly a place of lush and abundant hope in the center of the small but growing village. You can feel the joy all around campus and it is absolutely contagious.

One of my favorite moments in Tanzania was chapel on Wednesday morning at SLS. The Tanzanian people worship with such emotion and are so expressive in their love for Christ.

The most impactful experience of my trip was visiting a widow's home, made of sticks and mud. She had to walk miles to fill her buckets of water, but still she was joyful and welcoming despite her circumstances. I could feel her strength and resilience.

In the week I spent in Tanzania, one thing stands out above everything else: the heart of its people. I am so excited to be a part of the Ubora team and can't wait to see what lessons God continues to show me through the beautiful lens of the people of Tanzania.



REFRESH SLS

EDUCATION - UPDATES AND REPAIRS TO FACILITIES

goal: \$75K



Can you help with the campus transformation?

Updates or repairs are rarely embraced with excitement. Such is not the case with our beloved Siha Leadership School! Through "Refresh SLS," we are in the midst of undertaking extensive repairs to the campus in order to get ready for the next chapter of our school.

Sustainability...It's an important word that drives our organization and frankly keeps us awake on some nights!

For some time now we've been praying, envisioning and now executing on a plan to keep SLS sustainable for the long-term. This involves opening a "second stream" of fee paying students, in addition to our sponsored children. With God's blessing, and the support of our partner community, these students will be joining the SLS family at the start of the 2023 school year.

Before we can open the gates to these new families, there are a number of critical updates that must be done to the campus, including painting, repairs and updates of all buildings, landscaping, replacing windows and floors, and many others.

We are calling this project "Refresh SLS" and are hoping you can help! To complete all necessary repairs to the buildings and campus, we need to raise \$75,000 by October 31st.

I wanted to make you aware of the need and ask that you prayerfully consider a donation for this purpose. To donate, scan the QR code on the next page. To give by check: UboratZ; 4575 Webb Bridge Rd., #5487, Alpharetta, GA 30023.

For our Tanzanian brothers and sisters, we are affectionately known as the American "partner". Your generosity and ongoing commitment to our work in Tanzania is truly changing generations through our education and other impact programs.

Thank you for partnering with us to complete the updates to our campus so that the stage is set for the next great chapters of transformation for both us and our partners in Tanzania.



What a transformation already! A new building, fresh paint, new floors and so much more. Thank you, Ubora family, for your gifts to “Refresh SLS”!



Check out the donated desks from Perimeter Christian School, painted and refreshed by Ubora volunteers, now inspiring learning in Tanzania!



Thank you to our donors and sponsors, for without your support, these stories of hope and community transformation would not be possible. Your donations go far in helping our brothers and sisters in Tanzania in so many ways and are deeply appreciated!

Please donate today should your means allow.

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A VIRTUAL CLIMB/WALK/RUN
EVENT FOR TANZANIA



Zara Tours is leading us on a REAL climb of Kilimanjaro in July 2023! Email: info@uboratz.org for more info or visit the events page of our website.

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