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## Coming Full Circle But in a Very Different Place



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Think about Simon Peter's adventure as a disciple of Jesus...a simple fisherman minding his nets...dropping everything to follow...witnessing miracles firsthand...and seeing the gospel and saving grace unfold in real time!

Did you know that Peter's adventure is neatly bookended by two nearly identical and miraculous fishing trips? That first boat-sinking catch convinced Peter that Jesus was The Messiah. As Peter embarked on that second fishing trip, he must have thought that he had come full circle in the aftermath of Calvary – back to being a fisherman on the sea of Galilee. However, Jesus playfully proved His resurrection to Peter with another supernatural boatload of fish. While Peter had come full circle between these two catches as a fisherman, he must have known he was in a very different place – in a world transformed by Jesus.

As I think about what has happened in Karansi these past 20 years, in some ways the village has come full circle and finds itself in a different place through the love of Christ. The ministry started in 2002, right in the middle of what would become a 5-year drought. But then Jesus worked through so many Project Child (and later, Ubora) volunteers, sponsors, and donors to transform the village. I wonder if our brothers and sisters in Karansi now feel that they too are coming full circle in the midst of yet another very severe drought.

Many of you are aware of our new Intern Program. Our current class of interns represent this transformation well, as they would have been young children during that drought of 2002. I imagine that their stomachs were growling back then, just like the children our nursing team served in October. Think about the journey that transformed these young interns-to-be, including the many hours poured into them by godly Tanzanian and American teachers. Think about the struggles in learning new languages and new concepts – all at a school that no one believed in at the time. Imagine how their health improved through a constant stream of healthy meals, provided by gospel-led sponsors on the other side of the world. Think about how headmaster Godfrey's love modeled that of Jesus and showed the children that they are special, giving them the confidence to stand tall as children of God.

As we face yet another drought in 2022 and headed in 2023, while these very promising young men and women might feel that they've come full circle due to drought, they know that they are in a very different place. **Their lives have been transformed by Jesus**.

We trust in God to get through this drought and we look forward to how He will use the Ubora ministry to transform the lives of the many children in the village who are so hungry and thirsty today.

In 20 years, perhaps during another drought, today's children could be parents themselves, with their own children attending Siha Leadership School.

Let's imagine what Karansi might look like 20 years from now... (cont. next page)

- SLS is the best school in the nation with students who serve, love, follow Jesus and help their community and nation.
- Karansi is a center of excellence and hope, attracting families and widows to the many flourishing, Biblically-minded enterprises.
- Siha's healthcare system is transformed, with infant and maternal mortality rates on par with industrialized nations.
- Well-trained pastors have flooded the region, and the love of Jesus has changed thousands of hearts.
- Young parents look back at the drought of 2022, remembering how hungry and thirsty they were, and praise God for the multitude of irrigation systems that helped to make hunger and thirst a thing of the past.

Droughts will come and go in this rugged and beautiful land that many of us now call 'home' creating yet another full circle. Inspired by Peter, we pray in 20 years that we all will be in a very different place spiritually through the love of Christ.

### Ubora family, we are privileged to play a role in this adventure, and we thank you for all you do.

In His Precious & Holy Name,

June

## **REFRESH SLS UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Refresh SLS campaign! So many changes have been made to our beloved SLS campus over the past several months. If you haven't visited in a while, you may not even recognize parts of campus if you stepped foot on it today...

As you walk past the Administrative Building, on your immediate left on top of the old basketball court, there is a building complete with three classrooms and student and teacher bathrooms. Just beyond that, old student bathrooms were torn down and a brand new building with head teacher offices and new, modern student bathrooms now stand. The campus cafeteria has been totally redone, complete with a freshly installed sidewalk. In all of the older classroom buildings, walls have been painted, floors have been refinished, beautiful new windows have been installed, and roofs have been replaced.

Buildings and sidewalks may not be the most exciting things that come to mind when you think of Ubora's ministry in Tanzania. However, we cannot emphasize enough how important it was to get our campus looking modern and "fresh." Welcoming potential future SLS families is a crucial step in our overall effort towards a full double stream campus of both sponsor and fee-paying students. With a beautifully refreshed campus, our SLS teachers and staff are able to be proud of where they work and future families can trust that the school will uphold the "ubora" standard, meaning "excellence" in Swahili.

Again, we thank you all for a successful campaign to Refresh SLS.





#### DROUGHT

Partner with us to make sure sufficient food is available for at-risk populations.







### GRADUATION

The 2022 Siha Leadership School graduation was a grand celebration. Read Wendy's education update.

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#### PROJECT CHILD EXPANDS

Learn about a new opportunity for child sponsorship, Project Friendship. **Pg. 6** 





# historic drought in East Africa



## URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOOD

An historic drought in east Africa is causing extreme food and water shortages throughout all of Tanzania. Ubora Tanzania and our partner on the ground, SHEFO, have been serving the village of Karansi in the valley of Mount Kilimanjaro with humanitarian relief and holistic community support for over 20 years.

The situation is now extremely urgent in the area with food, water, and even electricity shortages (Tanzania's hydroelectric power is generated from water.) The impact is now severe and felt by people, businesses, farm animals and even wild animals who are increasingly desperate for water.

During our recent visit, we saw children patting their stomachs and unable to concentrate because of hunger. We also learned of increased fainting in schools.

Though the rains have recently begun to fall and lead to the promise of crops sometime in 2023, there is very little food available now. These gifts will help fill the gap and ensure emergency food is available now and for the foreseeable future for the most vulnerable in the village, including the widows and children.

**Asante sana...thank you very much!** Scan code to give or mail check to: UboraTZ, 4575 Webb Bridge Rd., #5487, Alpharetta, GA 30023--please note drought relief in the memo of your check.

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## **2022 Education Update**

### **By Wendy Williams**

**S** LS is all about the kids... and this year is no different! The kids have been exploring and learning... and loving it... all year long.

The year began with a trailer-load of books arriving to set up a new library in a neighboring village, supply books for an outreach reading program in the local public schools, and to fill out our own Library and classrooms... from Preschool to 7th Grade! Some of our SLS graduates who were home on break came to help us and they were AWESOME! They worked hard, and some fun was had along the way!

In every grade and every subject at Siha Leadership School, the children are learning, and learning through doing! They're using manipulatives, real things (notice the REAL heart that teacher Baraka is using) and hands-on experiences. Students are even taking home what they've learned. One student has been rooting cuttings and now has lots of beautiful plants at home. Another student has started a compost pile at home.

They love reading – to themselves, to their class, and especially when teachers read-aloud to them! From

The Very Hungry Caterpillar to Dr. Dolittle to Stuart Little, they love stories and love to illustrate what they've read.

The children have devotions every morning in their class and Chapel weekly. There is a new Bible class this year in Standards 4-7! They've been studying Scripture and the Catechisms and having fun with Bible drills. You wouldn't believe the cheering! Several students have taken to heart what they're learning in Bible, and have started devotions at home with their families.

"Fun Friday" is a much-loved part of the week for 3rd – 7th graders. Games for Critical Thinking, Sports, Entertainment, Debate and Nature Study... it's a full and rewarding week.

And one day, after years of investing in their hearts and minds, they graduate... and what a day it is! A day of celebration – singing and dancing ... including the teachers and parents! We pray God's great blessings on the Class of 2022 and their future ahead!

Speaking of teachers, SLS is all about the teachers too! All year long, they've been meeting by Zoom each week with their mentors - working through their scope and sequences, learning and teaching and applying new things, and investing in the hearts and minds of the students. We just had two weeks of listening and sharing in small groups about strengths, weaknesses and challenges the teachers see. We are celebrating the strengths and have many new insights into some of the challenges we (and they) face. We have already begun applying new and exciting ideas... and they LOVE games too!

We hope you've enjoyed this glimpse into life at SLS.

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## **2022** Business and Ag Update

### **By Lee Williams and George Peake**

hen you think of business in Karansi you might think of the many small shops (over 150!) that operate there. But the truth is that the most common economic activity in the area is farming – and most shopkeepers are also farmers. So, helping to improve farming practices and crop yields can have a huge impact on the economic transformation of Karansi.

Recently, Pastor Wariaeli and Joseph Kimaro (SHEFO Project Coordinator) accompanied Donald Urassa to a week-long training session with Foundations for Farming in Zimbabwe. Donald has agreed to be SHEFO's "Champion" to implement these farming principles and teach them to other farmers in the area. He has dedicated one acre of his farmland to develop and implement this demonstration plot. Meanwhile, George Peake, a south Georgia farmer who leads our agriculture activities, attended the same training in Alabama in October and is eagerly adapting these principles on his own farm.

Foundations for Farming training focuses on following the leadership and character of Christ: His humility, servant heart, and faithfulness.

Foundations for Farming training is an opportunity to serve others in the name of Christ, and demonstrate the Love of God, as we instruct others with farming principles that help them provide for themselves and others.





Foundations for Farming has found that the typical small-scale farmer will get a yield of 8 tons per Hectare (compared to 0.4 tons per Hectare) for the average small farmer using traditional farming methods. The potential for transformation is great! We look forward to seeing how God blesses!

If you are excited about helping to transform agriculture in Karansi (and beyond).

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## **PROJECT CHILD**

## 2022 Annual Report

### **By Tim Neet**

**2**022 was a banner year for the students and families of Project Child, including those residing in Tanzania, the United States, South Africa, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and Poland.

We provided an amazing educational experience for 302 pre and primary school students, plus a full boarding secondary school experience (Form 1 through Form 4) for an additional 125 students. In addition, we also provided post graduate discipleship opportunities via Youth With A Mission. Currently, 29 of our students graduated from SLS Standard 7 Primary School and 32 graduated from Basic Secondary School. We have 27 students in Advanced Secondary School, 26 students in college/university and 18 students who graduated from college/university this year!

For the first time, all of our students were supported by sponsors virtually all year. These sponsors provided all of the funding needed for the promised education of their student, but they also provided both prayer cover and personal encouragement for each student through the exchange of emails, letters, gifts, Zoom calls and personal home visits impressing upon their student over the years that they are children of God, loved by their Creator and their sponsor, and full of potential as God is designing them in His image. These communications play a key role in encouraging our students to pursue their education while becoming committed followers of Jesus.

Sponsors also provide school uniforms and a Christmas gift of clothes for each student. This year, that was 425 sets of uniforms and clothes. Sponsors also provided for medical care, dental care and extra food stocks for families suffering from the continued drought in the community. Some sponsors help with college expenses while others provide comfort when there is a death in the family. Sponsorship offers the opportunity to go well beyond base benefit of paying school fees.

## **NEW:** Project Friendship

Ubora and SHEFO are working together to double the size of our primary school bringing our improved teaching techniques to benefit more students in a sustainable way. This expansion will primarily focus on students who have high educational potential and the financial means to pay the cost of tuition. To keep these students from missing out on the additional benefits of sponsorship, Ubora is implementing a new initiative called Project Friendship.



This initiative will offer "Friends" the opportunity to speak into the lives of our new tuition paying students by providing the full range of sponsorship relations. Considering that tuition payments cover about two-thirds of the overall per student Ubora costs, the remaining costs will be covered by "Friends" so that the full benefit of sponsorship can be provided.

For \$25 per month "Friends" will select one of our new tuition-paying students, staying with this student through 7th grade graduation. Encouragement will be provided through Zoom calls, letters, gifts and even home visits just like our original child sponsorship program. It is our desire that the experience of sponsored and tuition paying students should be identical at SLS, so that no students receive or experience less than the other.

Additional information about Project Friendship will be provided with its roll out in early 2023.

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### **By Carter Rhea**

his year's VBS theme was REST and comes from Matthew 11:27-28:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Two teams made up of SLS teachers and graduates ran VBS in August 2022.

In five days, the teams visited seven churches and shared the Gospel with 1,169 children. This was TWICE the number of children we expected to attend--Bwana Asifiwe (praise the Lord!) The VBS days consisted of praise and worship, reading of the Word, and outside games and activities with the children. We were also able to serve a nourishing lunch that was enjoyed by all and helped to foster a sense of community with each local church.

At each of the seven churches, the SLS team was able to build relationships with the pastor teams and communities and continued to share the gospel. The church leaders enjoyed all the activities we did with the children and have requested our teams to bring even more craft supplies and teaching materials next time to share with the children.

We are getting requests from other churches in the area for VBS 2023, so we need your support! Let us know if you or anyone you know would be interested in serving or going next year.

#### Save the Dates: 2023 VBS mission trips: June 15-26 and June 22-July 3

A VBS trip is a great first trip to experience Tanzania or to experience different Tanzanian communities outside of Karansi. These trips are a constant favorite for families and kids to share the gospel, visit sponsor children, and experience first-hand the wonderful Tanzanian people and culture.

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## Widows & Babas Program

#### Imani - Widows and Women of Faith Impact Program

### **By Cindy James**

We are directed in Isaiah 1:17 to "plead the case of the widow". Our ministry, on both sides of the ocean, has honored this call for over 20 years!

During 2022, we saw the ladies of the widow group, in prayer and unity, encouraged to begin to plead their own case and even "give back" in thankfulness. By the grace of God, 2022 appeared to be a turning point in many ways in the lives of many of these women. We are so excited to see what God has in store for the year ahead! Bwana Asifiwe (praise the Lord!)

### 2022 Highlights:

- Completion of full widow profiles for 127
  widows including GPS locations for each one
- GPS locations and home status report completed for 27 previously built widow homes.
- Addition of a widow social worker and dedicated widow group intern to the already established SHEFO Widow Committee.
- Introduction of a new housing project for the most needy widows and their dependents titled Shelters of Hope and Refuge (SHARE). Completion of the "pilot" home for this project by year end.
- Success of the Sheep Keeping project second phase with the distribution of 40 more sheep to 20 additional widows totaling 40 widows now in the program. All 80 sheep were fully vaccinated.
- New micro businesses in coffee and soap making with early development of others. 31 widows participated in business training and 20 completed business plan training.
- 20 widow visits completed by our teams with the majority of visits focusing on those in the greatest of need.
- 118 widows received health Insurance.

### 2023 New Initiatives:

- Expansion of the SHARE project to impact the lives of the most needy widows with a target of 20-25 women and their dependents the first year. The project is designed to be holistic in nature engaging the widow, community, our partners, the church PEFA, and Ubora.
- Continued support of already established spiritual leadership initiatives.
- Facilitation of a new shepherdess program.
- Proposal of a Pilot Widow Sponsorship Initiative.
- Coordination of widow farmers with Foundations for Farming principles and training.
- Trust group formation.

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## **TEAM SPOTLIGHT**

## Shelter of Hope and Excellence Foundation

Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?

#### -Martin Luther King Jr.

### Meet Our Amazing Social Work Team: Witness (Witty) Meshack and Ester Chirwa

The work of Ubora is carried out by our NGO in Karansi, Tanzania, Shelter of Hope and Excellence Foundation (SHEFO). Led by managing director Baraka Lutherson, each and every staff member, along with the interns, are the hands of feet of Jesus—loving, giving and serving the people of the village and the surrounding area with heart and excellence.

In this team spotlight, we'd like to share more about our dynamic social work team of Witness (Witty) Meshack and Ester Francis Chirwa who serve as the primary liaisons between SHEFO, the village and the partners of Ubora.

Ester and Witty share an office in the Admin Building on campus that is the Karansi equivalent of Grand Central Station. Laughter rings out loudly and often from this space, the door constantly opening and closing as students, staff and visitors stream in, eager for answers that Witty and Ester competently provide. The days are always busy--the needs of the community are so great.

And some days are difficult.

Like most social workers in America, Ester and Witty are driven by a deep desire to serve and help others. The work ethic they each have and the commitment they exhibit day in and day out to the 300+ children of Siha Leadership School, plus 127+ SLS graduates, their families and many in the village, is servant leadership at its very best.

"Ester and Witness play such an important role here in Karansi with children, parents and the community and also with our sponsors," said Baraka. "They serve with such excellence and commitment. We are all thankful to have them on our team!"

Here's more about the roles and responsibilities of our two talented social workers...











### Witness

Witty's primary focus is on the students at SLS.

- Social worker for all students at Siha Leadership School; current enrollment of 300 children
- In Tanzania, responsible for sponsor and donor relations (communication, photos of sponsored children, letter writing, sponsor updates)
- Ensure good health and welfare of sponsored children
- Collect and process gifts to children make sure students receive the gifts
- Coordinate home visit for guests visiting Karansi
- Whenever there's a challenge for the student at school or home, Witness gets involved to help understand and develop solutions
- Identify and recruit new students (sponsorship program) each year
- Coordinate health screenings for students at SLS and in government public schools; issue insurance cards when necessary
- Provide soap and lotion to students every other month
- Provide oversight of Christmas gifts to children at SLS
- Event planning for graduation, visiting teams from US and more
- Video editor

We are excited to share that Witty's story will be featured in the upcoming Ubora documentary, to be released in 2023!

### Ester

Our current educational offering at SLS does not include secondary school and above. In her role, Ester primarily serves the graduates of SLS.

- Social worker for 127 students who have graduated from SLS; support students in secondary school and post-secondary school including high school, university and college from Form 1 through University
- Responsible for the health and welfare of students
- Provide insurance cards when needed
- Provide sanitary packs to students
- Visit students each quarter
- Serve as liaison between students, parents and schools
- Collect all grades, share with SLS and Ubora
- Help support spiritual formation of students with David Taylor and Moses
- Coordinate scholarships and grant applications
- Ester is in charge of coordinating all medical team activities for public school students; this includes following up on all referrals that students who attended the screening clinics received.





Journey to Tanzania on an Ubora mission trip and watch what God will do in your life! Experience the sights, sounds and people of Karansi and take part in the life transforming work that God is doing there.

Isaiah 6:8 says "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' and I said, "Here am I. Send me!" We invite you to pray with the heart of Isaiah and trust that the Lord has a plan to use you in mighty ways on a trip to Tanzania.

On a mission trip to Tanzania with Ubora, we promise to provide a safe, well-planned journey that gives you the chance to directly impact our brothers and sisters in Karansi. You will be the hands and feet of Jesus to them; they will change your heart forever.

For more information or to register for a 2023 trip, please visit: www.uboratz.org/mission-trips

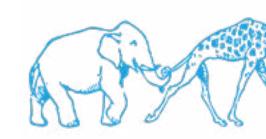
For questions regarding trips, email: emilyweaver@uboratz.org

### Ubora 2023 Trips to Karansi, Tanzania

February 10-21: Business/Widows May 18-29: Business June 15-26: VBS June 22-July 3: VBS/Sports June 28-July 11: Climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro July 6-24: Teacher October 19-31: Business/Widows November 9-21: Agriculture

## Let's Go to Tanzania!







## REAL CLIMB OF KILMANJARO



In 2023, we are climbing again! If hiking all day and sleeping in tents above the clouds for a week sounds like something you're interested in, please consider joining us as we summit the roof of Africa!

#### We can't promise it will be easy, but we promise it will be worth it!

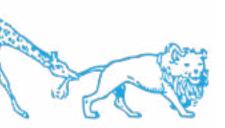
If you ask the Ubora climbers from summer 2022, "What was the hardest part?" Most of them will say it was that the final ascent. The night before the final ascent, the climbers woke up at 10 PM (after what was really just a short nap), and began their summit, reaching the peak just as the sun was rising. It was exhausting but watching the sunrise from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro made it all worth it.

Once the climbers made it back down (and enjoyed a shower for the first time in nearly a week), it was time to celebrate! Here is the celebratory photo of the climbers and porters from this summer. Just look at those faces!

If you think you have what it takes to reach the summit, sign up by applying for the trip on Ubora's website at **www.uboratz.org/mission-trips** 

Or email: emilyweaver@uboratz.org





# UBORA DOCUMENTARY

### To be released in 2023

An Ubora documentary, now in production by the talented filmmaker Nick Cannon, will also be released in spring 2023!

Details are still being finalized regarding the release and premiere of the film. A private, ticketed event is planned for March 25th with a premiere and showing of the film first to Ubora donors and family.

Stay tuned to the Ubora newsletter and our social media for additional details regarding the release of the documentary.

For sponsorship or ticket inquiries for this event, email: **renaolsen@uboratz.org** 



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:** Lee Williams

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The Williams family has been involved with Ubora for many years! Wendy was the first in the family to travel to Tanzania and fell in love with the people and dove right into the education portion of our ministry. When her husband, Lee, would come along on teacher trips, he loved to play with the children, but knew he could make more impact in the lives of the Tanzanian people in another way. This led to the development of the Business Impact Program. Lee's background in the business world, along with his amazing organizational abilities, great mentoring mindset, and heart to serve made him ideally suited to lead Ubora's Business Impact Program.

Lee is the kind of guy that everyone wants on their team. He has a leadership style that is effective for people on both sides of the Atlantic. Lee is patient and detailed with the interns and business owners in Tanzania and is inspiring and informative to Americans in business who want to get involved in the ministry.

Lee is a natural connector. For example, he has helped facilitate internships for our SLS graduates through his Tanzanian and American connections. It was Lee who recruited his fellow in-law, George Peake (a successful commercial farmer from south Georgia), to visit Karansi and lend his expertise to local farmers in Tanzania. The two have been instrumental in the recent launch of Foundations for Farming. Lee has also been crucial in leading the SLS second stream marketing effort. An expert at team building, it was Lee's idea to start a team bonfire with mission trip team members and all SHEFO and SLS staff. It has turned into such a special team-bonding experience.

It's hard to put into a few words the many contributions of this Godly and wonderful couple. We are thankful for you both, Lee and Wendy!

## **FARMING & HEALING** By April Barranco

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Tanzania is beautiful in so many ways. The people are full of joy and like to celebrate big. The country itself has so much to offer with mountains, beaches, and multiple national parks full of amazing animals. I am grateful for the time I was able to spend there.

We arrived after the sun went down on Friday night. I was not prepared for how dark it would be, but we were well taken care of. The customs agents did not seem to like all of the marshmallows I was asked to bring with me, but once they realized it was just sugar, they let me through. We were blessed to have a camp-fire and simores with the teachers and staff at the school one evening. On Saturday, some of us went to the church where I was asked to share my testimony to the widow group. They were very lively as I told my story. Imagine a tent full of women expressing their joy and excitement during various points of my story with ululation (loud tongue noises). Kathy Stewart shared some scripture and encouraging words to the widow group. After speaking to the widows, we were able to treat them to some food and distribute a warm blanket to each widow. As a result of some generous gifts, we were able to give those extra blankets.

I spent most of Saturday afternoon visiting sponsor children on behalf of my friends, Lucy and Mike Gray. The families of these children were very welcoming and grateful for our visit. The little girl was most excited about her new toy monkey and the little boy was beaming when he received a shiny red hot wheel. On Sunday, we worshipped and it was a treat to hear a sermon from our very own Dave Burgess.

Since I have a background in agriculture, business, and have been a widow, I was able to divide my time across several teams when needed. For me, the next week was full of visits to widow homes, business training sessions, and some mentoring. I even got to visit one of the most successful avocado farmers in the region. The drought in and around Karansi is severe, for it had not rained in sixteen months. Because of the lack of rain, most people cannot grow food. The people who have access to irrigation seem very generous with their crops to those who are hungry. The demand for food is high because of the drought. This naturally drives the price of food up. They are in a difficult cycle until it rains enough to produce a good crop.



Though the widows have many needs, they are full of joy and were very welcoming when we came to visit. Most of the ladies we visited need mattresses and beds.

It is common for the widows to still have children or grandchildren living with them. When a boy reaches twelve or thirteen years old, it is no longer culturally appropriate for him to sleep in the same room with his female family members. This leads many families to send these young boys to other homes to find a place to sleep. Some of the widows simply need an extra room for their male children or grandchildren to sleep.

There are other great needs among the widow group, and the widow team is working hard to prioritize who needs what. The week closed with a graduation ceremony at the school which was very lively and full of smiling faces and dancing.

The Lord has done a great work in Karansi and there is still much work that needs to be done. My heart aches for the widows and their need for a better quality of life. My heart was also reminded of how much time and energy I spend to create a comfortable quality of life for my immediate family. This is not a bad thing, but I could definitely spend a little more time sitting with the Lord and listening to his direction to also serve others outside of my family unit.

If you feel led to be involved, the Ubora team would be happy to put you in touch with one of the many groups who are constantly working to make things happen 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 fundraising and awareness event for Ubora and our nonprofit partners at Georgia's Stone Mountain Park.

An international city, Atlanta has a large and vibrant African diaspora plus many nonprofits serving in Africa. Ubora is bringing the people and organizations together for a day-long celebration of hope and service, called Atlanta-Africa Connect.

This day-long event will be a celebration of the Atlanta-Africa connection and the work of the many nonprofit organizations serving in Africa.

Sponsorship opportunities available! Contact: **Daveburgess@uboratz.org** For event information, contact: **renaolsen@uboratz.org**