



Village of Hope and Grace

Bringing hope and love to orphans in Tanzania

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Sadly we had to cancel our visit to Tanzania this year due to family illness, but our partner organisation, Hope and Grace in Action Tanzania, have been providing lots of reports on the work. Here is some of the news from Tanzania.



One of the highlights of the last year for us has been the graduation of three of our tailoring students. After much hard work they all completed their course and were presented with their very own sewing machines and other sewing necessities. L→R, Joyce, Ashinda and Isidori all live in different villages and VHG has rented a shop for 6 months for each of them in their village to allow them to establish their business. What is really exciting is that these young people can now live independent lives. They will always be part of the VHG family, but will be able to make their own living using the skills they have learned. Thank you for

your help in transforming these young people's lives.

Several years ago, one of the young people we support told us of his dream to build a medical laboratory and clinic in the villages. Kitulizo argued that the lack of local medical diagnostic services was contributing to hundreds of deaths in the area, including many of the parents of the orphans we support. After graduating as a medical

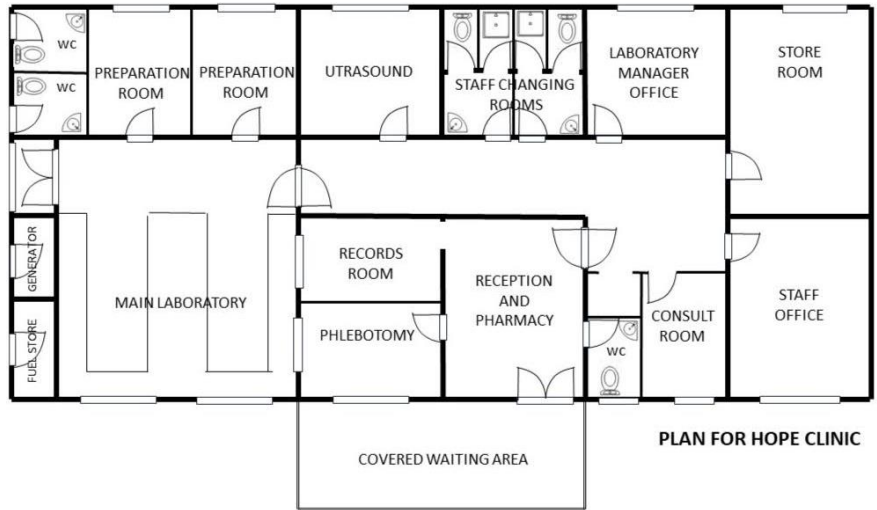


laboratory technician, Kitulizo has been using his skills in a city hospital, but continued to remind us of his dream.



After much research and prayer, we have decided to make Kitulizo's dream a reality! This year we have purchased a plot of land, and put in the foundation slab for the laboratory. 'Hope Clinic' will serve 60,000+ people in the area. As well as medical diagnosis, the clinic will also dispense

medicines to treat the patients. These services will be available at an affordable low cost (and free for the orphans). The project will save many lives and remove much suffering. It will help the local community to be healthier. Children and young people will not miss so much school through illness. It will also help reduce the number of future orphans in the region and provide employment opportunities for some of our young people. This is the biggest



project VHG has undertaken. Thank you for those who have already pledged their support. If you would like to find out more about Hope Clinic and donate, please go to our website.



Meet Rastuta, Rachel, Selina, and Eliza, all children supported by VHG. They have just completed three months intensive pre-Form 1 training at Queen Esta Secondary School for Girls in Mpwapwa. They have been learning English and improving other skills to help them get a good start when they begin Secondary School in January. The transition from primary to secondary school is always difficult as primary is taught in Swahili, whereas secondary is taught in English. We hope that this training will help the girls achieve their goals at school. Thank you for making this possible.

SAD NEWS - In what was supposed to be a very joyous occasion, tragedy struck in September this year. Exaud, a young man we had supported for many years, who has now established himself in business as an electrician, was getting married to Paskalina in Kidenge village. After the wedding ceremony, one of the church walls collapsed killing Paskalina's mother and maiming Exaud's new father-in-law. Please pray for this family in their sadness.

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"I would like to send you greetings and thanks for your support. I have achieved a lot of things and now I am living my dream. I am very grateful for your presence in my life."

(Dominic graduated with a degree in Public Health and is now employed by the Tanzania Ministry of Public Health)

