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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Tanzania UMC. Please accept here our gratitudes for your prayers and financial support during the last year 2016. May this new year be a successful year for you. Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.



Tanzania Umc Women Seminar 28-30 Sept 2016

Tanzania UMC Women participated in a seminar on Women Empowerment and Maternal Health Workshop held from 28 to 30 sept.2016 in Dar Es Salaam. This was Organized by Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine who is the Tanzanian UM Women Coordinator, Christine Kapend the DRC Central Conference Women Chairperson and Grace Musuka the United Methodist Women(UMW) Regional Missionary based in Zimbabwe. Grace shared and explained on different works assumed by regional missionaries in Central Africa, she also talked about the newsletter publication and leadership skills. Whereas Christine talked about women's leadership and initiatives in DRC. Kabaka presented a report on different women activities in Tanzania. Then Dr Grace Mose from Kenya made a PowerPoint presentation on Maternal Health and explained the importance of formal and informal education. Also Missionary Ngoy Mulanga presented a report on Health services in Morogoro. However, women chair leaders from different districts attended the seminar and shared their experiences. At the end of the program the team paid a visit to the new site and led a prayer for the under construction Guest House project in Dar Es Salaam.



Umc Leadership Training in Mwanza, 21-26 Nov, 2016

A leadership Training of Lay Leaders, Pastors and District Superintendents (DS) was held in Mwanza, Tanzania from 21 to 26 Nov, 2016. Each district was represented by its DS, a lay leader, a pastor, a woman community chairperson and a district secretary. Missionaries: Umba Kalangwa, Christina, Mutwale Ntambo and Eric Soard shared on UMC Organization and Administration putting much emphasis on the meaning of local church, charge conference and district, on finance, stewardship, development, projects and vision of the Church to mention a few. The program was well organized of which every day we started with a devotion and spiritual teachings. These intensive teachings were intentionally organized or selected for church leaders' engagement, church growth and development in Tanzania.



Visiting Churches in Mara District and Mwanza

Mara and Mwanza regions are located around the lake victoria zone where the majority of the population are christians. UMC reached this area few years ago though missionaries, but it still struggling in terms of building churches and facilities for its installation. Currently, Mara and Mwanza are ones of the Tanzania UMC districts. Each district is in need of church buildings or temples and lands properties owned by the church. In Mara district we need to build churches in the following areas: Buhembwe, Mtana, Tarime Mjini, Gabimori and Mika; whereas lands are needed in Musoma and Sirare. These needs are extended to Mwanza as well, where churches buildings are needed in Lumala and Nyegezi and lands need to be purchased in Pasiyasi and Igoma churches. During our visits in these two districts we met with their church leaders after the seminar. The two districts will have their own superintendents in 2017 appointed at the Annual conference, Curently the DS of Kibondo districts has been working in interim in Mwanza and the Geita superintendent works as the DC in interim in Mara.



Guest House works in Dar Es Salaam

As you know and as we have always said, Tanzania UMC is still young and still struggling for its installation in this country where there are plenty of denominations and different religions existing for longtime. We need to continue to plant new churches and evangelize through the word and actions so that the society can understand us. Reason why we need material, financial and spiritual supports for different projects and to assist vulnerable peoples.

Thank you.

Yours in Jesus Name,

Despite different challenges faced since the starting of the Guest House building project, including increase in prices of construction materials in Dar Es Salaam, we really thank God and all our donors for their support throughout the all construction procedures. After the roof fixing, doors and windows grills works, we hope to polish up in mid-January with the plaster work because we started this since December 2016. After this step we shall work on Septic Tanks before tiles, ceilings, furniture's and other construction steps to complete with the Guest House building project step One.



A Week of Revial: 2016 Christmass Seasons

The great church mission given by Jesus-Christ is still in exercise and cities in Africa and all over the world are growing and need evangelization.. We are required to plant new churches in country sides, towns and big cities too. Reason why we have to train the laity and pastors, equip them and deploy them into the harvest fields to make new disciples of Jesus. As the UMC leader in Tanzania I make our pastors and lay leaders understanding that they have to work as UMC disciples every where, it might be in villages or urban centers for God's purpose.

Usually, In Dar Es Salaam city we consider Christmas and Easter seasons as opportunities to evangelize while teaching God's word for Christian Discipleship. Still this happened here in Dar Es Salaam city last December 2016, where we had the all week of teachings, preaching and prayers in Changombe UMC from 11 to 18, December 2016. In Mwanagati UMC this was held from 19 to 25, December 2016. On Christmas day celebration, people were already prepared to think about Jesus incarnation.