

I want to sponsor a child !

All donations are tax deductible and go directly to the Carpenter's Kids Program.

___ I can make a commitment for _____ years.
The program will run for 5 years.

___ I would like to make a full payment of
\$_____ at this time.

___ I will make a payment of _____ at this
time and would like to get a reminder when the
next sponsorship is due.

___ I cannot sponsor a child at this time but would
like to make a donation of \$_____ to the
program.

Make checks payable to St. John's with
Carpenter's Kids on the memo line.

Send to
St. John's Episcopal Church
PO Box 1221
Kingston, NY 12402

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

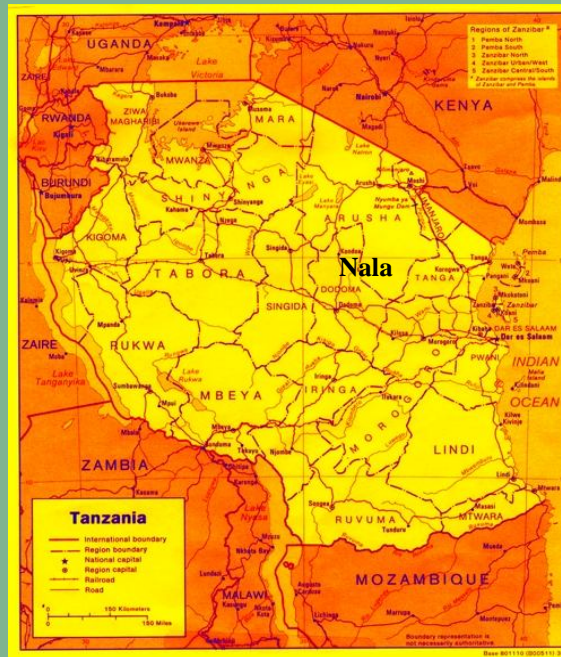
Phone _____

E-mail _____

Thank you for your generous gift! Your
support will make a difference to an
entire village!

Asanteni sana rafiki zetu!
Many thanks to our friends!

Every week the Carpenter's Kids staff see
evidence of new life, new hope and new
opportunity in the villages.



The Carpenter's
Kids Program

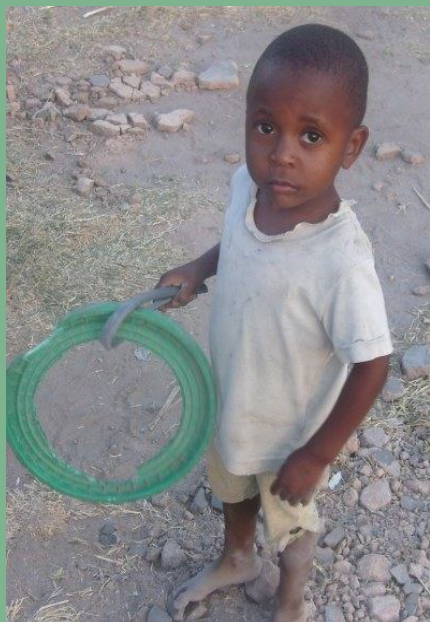


MPATIFNI YATIMA HAKI YAKE

Defend the Orphan
Isaiah 1:17

A partnership between
St. John's Episcopal Church in
Kingston, New York
and the
Diocese of Central Tanganyika

Background Information



Nala is a relatively large village among the 200 villages that comprise the Diocese of Central Tanganyika and 8 miles northwest of Dodoma.

Close to 40% of the population is under 18; 1 in 6 of these children has been orphaned by AIDS. The average lifespan is 45 years.

Most of the people survive on one meal a day, which is primarily rice or grains. The homes are made of mud bricks, and usually straw roofs.

The majority of people work in agriculture. The main crops are millet, peanuts, and sunflowers. The average income is \$160 per year.

Although they have few material possessions, these villagers are filled with the joy of their culture, respect for family and community and their hopes and dreams for the future.

What will your \$65 do for a child?

Every year, each child will receive a school uniform, shoes and socks, school supplies, and soap. A hot nutritious meal will be provided on school days.

The goal of the Carpenter's Kids Program is to provide primary, and secondary or vocational education to 10,000 HIV/AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children. It is our hope that through attending school these children will feel they are valuable members of their communities and will become future leaders. Presently the Carpenter's Kids Program is sponsoring 6400 orphans.

Since 2006, 8 youth and 5 adults from St. John's have made pilgrimages to Tanzania to meet our Carpenter's Kids in the village of Nala. Through our commitment and dedication St. John's has been sponsoring 70 HIV/AIDS orphans for the past 5 years and would like to like to continue to do so.



Our 2006 group of pilgrims

How We Became Involved

Tanzania has been severely affected by the AIDS epidemic, leaving over 2 million children orphans (having lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS). There are 4000 people living in the village of Nala, and of the 1500 children, 250 are AIDS orphans.

In 2007, St. John's partnered with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika to build a library in Nala, which was completed and dedicated in July 2009. This is a remarkable accomplishment as it is the only library in a village in all of Tanzania.

This spring of 2011 we will begin a campaign to collect and purchase books for the library. More information about this will be available soon.



The Nala Library

Our connection to the people in the village of Nala has been life-changing.