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MAKING MIRACLES HAPPEN

Stories about providing hope to the hopeless in Tanzania

Faraja Mtweve is no ordinary nine-year-old. She is a brave young girl who is fighting a silent battle right now. This battle is against her disease, cerebral palsy, and her dire living conditions. Faraja cannot sit upright, stand, or walk on her own, nor is she able to speak. Because of these maladies, she looks like a four-year old child.



Faraja with her Mother

Faraja lives with her mother, who is a loving caregiver to her. Since her father left the family (likely due to Faraja's condition), her caregiving has been very difficult.

Faraja Receiving Care at INUKA



Stricken with poverty unseen in the United States, Faraja's mother could no longer bear the costs of the medical bills and assistive devices for her daughter. It was at this point that a team from INUKA Rehabilitation Hospital ("INUKA") visited and began to assist Faraja with her challenges. She received this care at INUKA thanks to the Hope for Tanzania ("HFT") established Huruma Fund. "Huruma" means "compassion" in Swahili. Through the generosity of HFT's donors, many people just like Faraja now receive the medical treatments that they need.

INUKA does not simply help children. Its mission is to care for the men, women, and children throughout all of Tanzania and particularly in the Southern Highlands region. The medical team lives the Gospel message of Christ to be charitable to everyone who is in need. **Kanuti Mlowe** is also one of INUKA's current patients and, like Faraja, is also a beneficiary of the Huruma Fund. Kanuti is 50 years old and suffers from tuberculosis which has adversely affected his organs.

Tuberculosis was not the only affliction affecting Kanuti when the INUKA team met him at his sister's house. Kanuti explained that his wife left him about six years ago and that is why he now lives with his sister. Luckily, his sister took him in and cares for him daily. Kanuti is presently on tuberculosis medication received from the Lugarawa Hospital, another medical facility located about 90 miles south of INUKA. Thanks to our HFT donors, Kanuti is now receiving life-improving rehabilitation care at INUKA.



Kanuti at INUKA

RECENT NEWS

The progress made thanks to all of you!

Our 2024-2025 campaign concluded on June 30, 2025, with a total of $326,000 raised versus a goal of $270,000. We thank Our Lord and Our Lady and also all of you for the "bountiful harvest." The extra donations have been helpful as INUKA did incur certain budget overruns for fencing and material costs. HFT has provided more funding for the much-needed Huruma Fund and approved the purchase of computers to aid INUKA's transition to a new digital medical records system at the hospital. It is hard to train staff to get away from paper when access to computers is limited.



New Staff Housing to be Occupied in July

HFT's three 2024-2025 projects for staff housing, water system upgrades, and operational improvements are now complete. The pictures on this page show some of the results of the finished projects. Fr. Nestor Mtweve, INUKA's Manager Director, and his team are very excited about the improvements to the farm operations which will help feed the families being housed for rehabilitation services and generate some income for the hospital.



New Water Tank that is Operating!

INUKA's challenge is to build an operating footprint that leads to a sustainable business model. We recently kicked off our 2025-2026 fundraising campaign for the next phase of projects that include private rehabilitation wards, a new orthopedic workshop, and a new hydrotherapy treatment facility. These projects will contribute to INUKA's patient service options and operational sustainability as it includes the addition of 16 patient housing rooms. Some patients are willing to pay more for quality accommodations which will help compensate for those patients who can pay very little. Our fundraising goal for the new campaign is $325,000.



Produce Grown in the New Greenhouse

Additional recent new developments are as follows:

· HFT Board President, Steve Obendorf, will be traveling to INUKA, at his own expense, in July to tour the facilities and attend the INUKA board of directors meeting on July 15, 2025. He will share pictures and information on his trip during HFT's September fundraising events.

· In addition to HFT's special donor event at Cress Creek in Naperville, we will have a Joliet donor event on Thursday, September 11. Please watch for information on this event if you live in the Joliet and surrounding areas.

· HFT currently has two scheduled Parish Ask campaigns at Saints Peter and Paul in Naperville (9/6-7) and Holy Family in Shorewood (9/13-14). It is unclear if we will be able to schedule any other parishes for our 2025-2026 campaign. If you are not planning to attend a special event and are not present at a Parish Ask weekend, please consider supporting HFT with an online donation as noted below.

On behalf of Fr. Nestor and the men, women, and children in Tanzania, thank you so very much; or, as they say in Swahili, "asante sana!"

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INVITATION ENCLOSED

Fr. Nestor will be present at HFT's special donor event at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville, Illinois, on Friday, September 26th. Please see the enclosed invitation and consider joining us to hear Father's plans for 2026.

