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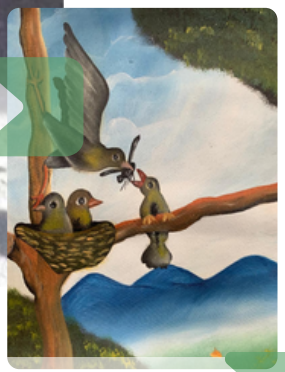
Lulu suffers from hemiplegia, which is a condition that paralyzes or seriously weakens half of the body usually due to a brain or spinal cord injury. Lulu is one of the thousands who has sought and received medical care from the INUKA Rehabilitation Hospital ("INUKA"), including treatment and the use of devices. Though she still suffers from difficulty in everyday tasks, her life has been substantially improved through the work of the INUKA team as supported by Hope for Tanzania ("HFT"). Her picture reflects her joy with the assistance of the devices that the hospital has provided her. She is making great strides back toward normal living.



Lulu with medical devices from INUKA



Said on Crutches



One of Said's Paintings

In an accident at age 18, Said suffered a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from the neck down. He lost his ability to support himself financially and after five years of struggle, his mother brought him to INUKA for treatment. With treatment at INUKA, Said (now 23) quickly regained the partial use of his limbs and hands, as noted in the picture. He excitedly told the staff that he could paint and the team provided him with the supplies to launch his new career as a painter. His paintings have since raised thousands of dollars at HFT fundraising events benefitting our Huruma Fund to help families unable to pay for services at INUKA. "Huruma" means "compassion" in Swahili, and Said is now helping his neighbors receive the hope that he was given!

RECENT NEWS

The progress made thanks to all of you!





Our 2023/2024 projects (Operating Room/Surgical Ward; Chapel; and Mission Apartments) are now complete. Earlier in 2024, HFT and INUKA were fortunate to partner with HSHS Mission Outreach (Springfield, Ill.) and acquire a container of needed medical equipment and supplies that arrived to great excitement at INUKA in August. HSHS was founded in 2002 by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. They collect used medical equipment from nearby hospitals and ship it to those in need around the world. This shipment, along with purchases of medical equipment and supplies available locally, allowed INUKA to successfully complete its first onsite surgeries in late October. In the photo, you can see the surgery team working in the new Operating Room that was funded by HFT!



In June, we asked the INUKA team if it were possible to get an aerial photo of the INUKA campus given that much construction has taken place over the last three years. They were able to find someone locally who had a drone, thus giving us a "bird's-eye view" for the first time. Many of the structures in the top half of the photo were built with your generous donations. You have certainly helped build an oasis of hope at INUKA.

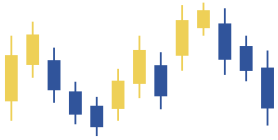
In July, we kicked off our 2024 / 2025 fundraising campaign for the next phase of projects. Those projects include: a) staff housing - 2 units each with 3 apartments; b) water system improvements; and c) sustainability and operational improvements. The last project noted includes building up a farm operation to help feed the children and generate some income. Our fundraising goal for the current campaign is $270,000 and the HFT team has been actively raising funds since July at five Catholic parishes and two special fundraising events. Fr. Nestor Mtweve traveled to the U.S. in September to attend the annual Catholic Medical Association conference and participate in our fundraising efforts. At our September Cress Creek Naperville event, we were blessed with a turnout of 85 supporters who heard Fr. Brad Baker and Fr. Nestor share stories of healing at INUKA and the vision for the future. Later in September, Mike and Nicole Murray generously hosted over 30 people in their Joliet home to hear the HFT and INUKA story. We are grateful for their generosity and for the wonderful supporters who attended each event. Overall, we have raised nearly $108,000 from the attendees of these two events and our total campaign now stands at $264,000! Funds have already been sent to the Diocese of Njombe and work is beginning on each of the noted projects. Our Lord and Our Lady have blessed us once again through the generosity of all of you. 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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