



## *Friends of Huruma*

*Supporting a safe and nurturing home  
and education for the children of the Huruma Centre  
in the Iringa Diocese, Tanzania*

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Dear Pastors Christ and Erickson and People of Prince of Peace,

Thank you for your generosity on behalf of the Huruma Centre in Iringa, Tanzania! I recently received a report of gifts given to Friends of Huruma through the Saint Paul Area Synod through the end of 2017 and it shows that you made a gift. On behalf of the children at the Huruma Centre, let me offer heaps of gratitude for your kindness. Here's some good news about what's been happening because of your giving:

**Health Care:** In early January a team from Shoulder to Shoulder (the medical affiliate of Bega Kwa Bega), along with staff from nearby Ilula Lutheran Hospital, visited the Huruma Centre and conducted medical exams for all the children and staff. This is the first time exams have taken place. The findings were encouraging; staff and children are generally in good health. There will be regular follow up. Friends of Huruma coordinated this effort and provided funding for exam expenses. I send special thanks to STS for their dedication and expert service.

**School Scholarships:** Six Huruma Centre children enrolled in diocese secondary schools with scholarships provided through Friends of Huruma. I'm grateful to donors who stepped up recently to help make this happen. Another group of students to enroll toward the end of 2018. Scholarships present a growing funding need. Two current scholarship students, Isaya and Ester, are pictured in the heading of this letter.

**Regular Operational Support:** Because of your gifts, Friends of Huruma is sending financial support for operational needs each month to the Huruma Centre. Previous support had been inconsistent. These gifts are used for the basics: food, clothing, basic health needs, and staffing. Nutritious food and nurture by staff are big reasons for a good health care report.

**A New Kitchen:** Huruma Centre Director, Pastor Joyce Ngandango, expects the ground breaking for a new kitchen this spring. Generous giving has made this possible. The current kitchen has served the Huruma Centre well, but its aging condition has made the cooking facilities unsanitary, and lack of adequate ventilation is causing health concerns for kitchen staff. This is the first capital project undertaken by Friends of Huruma.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of caring for the children of the Huruma Centre. Your generosity gives the gift of healing, belonging, and a future to the children. As always, let me know if you have questions.

*Thanks for your generosity!*

With Gratitude in Christ,

Pastor Chris Smith

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