

## **ON THE MOVE IN TANZANIA**

### ***Tutakukosa (We Will Miss You) Singida***

With your donations, Michael's House has supported the destitute elderly in the Singida Region of Tanzania since 2014. We have regularly provided maize flour, beans, rice, sunflower oil, and medical care. Last year, many received mattresses and pillows for the first time in their lives. Now the Makiungu hospital and our elderly program have been turned over to the local community and our care partners have moved on to new challenges.



*Near Right:*

There were many tears and smiles during the transfer ceremony.

*Far Right:*

One of the many elderly we served over the years in Singida.



### ***Salamu (Greetings) Nangwa***

With the closing of our program in Singida, we began a new program for impoverished elderly centered in the town of Nangwa which also serves the nearby villages of Matangarimo, Masusu, Hidet, Qualosendo, Gawlolo, and Mogitu. Our goal is to help as many elderly as possible to sustain themselves while ensuring that all have food and basic medical care. Nangwa is approximately 240 miles from the major city of Arusha. Lack of adequate rainfall makes farming challenging. Look for updates on this new program in future newsletters, on our web page and on Facebook.



*Left:*

Mt. Hanang overlooks the Nangwa countryside.

## Michael's House Provides COVID Protection Supplies

Early in the pandemic, many global health experts envisioned an alarming scenario: COVID-19 vaccines are created, but they go almost exclusively to rich countries that can afford to buy them. People in poorer countries are left to get sick and die.

To prevent this, the experts set up an international initiative called COVAX, designed to make sure every country in the world gets access to vaccines regardless of its ability to pay. In the fall of 2020, COVAX set a goal: Buy 2 billion doses and make them available to nations in need before the end of 2021.

Through May of this year, COVAX has delivered just over 68 million doses—only 3.4 percent of its goal. There are other challenges: some countries only have a few ventilators; there is not refrigerant capability for vaccines which need to be kept cold; and testing capability is limited to measure COVID spread. Vaccinations have only just begun in some countries to include Tanzania among others, and most healthcare workers have not received a single vaccine shot.

Given that vaccines are unlikely to reach the poor elderly soon, earlier this year, Michael's House began providing funding for COVID protection supplies. To date, we have provided masks, disinfectants, and soap to Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Togo, Ethiopia, Honduras, and Tanzania.

*RIGHT:*

Tanzania with a population of over 61 million only received the first consignment of one million plus doses of COVID-19 vaccines on July 26, 2021 from the United States as part of the COVAX program.



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admired clever people.  
Now that I am old, I  
admire kind people."

--Abraham Joshua  
Heschel

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