



"EQUIPPING KINGDOM BUILDERS"

In December of 2018 I was introduced to Rev. Fernando Matsimbe by a mutual friend. Rev. Matsimbe is a United Methodist Elder with over 30 years of service to the church. Originally from Mozambique, has been a United Methodist missionary in Tanzania.

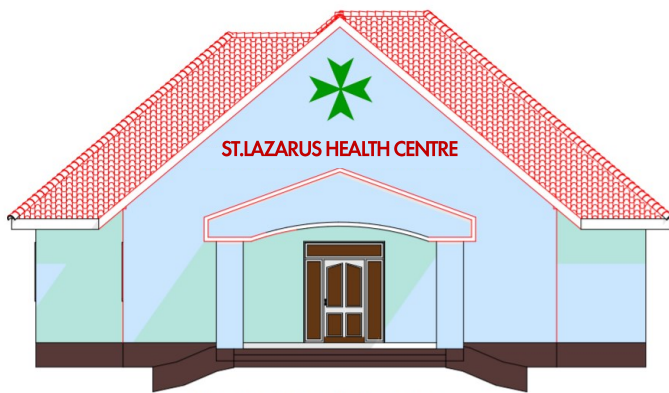
When we first met through social media, he shared with me his dream to build a holistic, self-sustaining mission center near the shores of Lake Victoria. I immediately caught the vision and pledged my support.

By May of 2019, our church (First United Methodist Church of Sebring, FL) had raised the funds to purchase 16 acres of land. Phase 1 of the mission center would be an orphanage. One in ten children in Tanzania is either a single- or double-orphan. My wife Alison, who is passionate about orphan justice, threw her support behind this project and, earlier this year, we completed Alison's House of Hope which is home to over 60 orphaned children. In September of this year, Alison was named "Global Child Advocate" for her work in Tanzania and China (we have three adopted children from China, all with special needs).



Alison's House of Hope also houses an "English Medium School" which not only educates the resident orphan children but also the children of the wider community. These children are able to attend because of the school but we purchased. Local government officials have been very supportive. Recently they expressed their desire to see the children living separate from their school and so we built Alison's House of Hope 2 which was completed last month.

There are plans to construct a School for Evangelism that will train pastors from all over Tanzania and a Women's Empowerment Center. But our next priority is to build a clinic that will provide access to healthcare to the 500 families that live in the community. The nearest hospital is over two hours away by car and, of course, very few people own or have access to an automobile. It has been my dream for some time to see this clinic emblazoned with the Green Cross of our Order.



**FRONT ELEVATION**

The total estimated cost for the build is just \$25,000. I have already secured pledges for \$11,500. After the build is complete, equipment will need to be purchased for a cost yet to be determined. But, more than a build, we see this as an outlet for members of the Order to go and serve. All contributions will be made directly to our mission partner through First United Methodist Church of Sebring (a registered 501(c)3 in the state of Florida. If you are interested in more information, please contact me at [david@firstsebring.org](mailto:david@firstsebring.org).