

Amani Development Organization



SUPPORTING

**THE CARE OF FORMER STREET CHILDREN OF DODOMA
AND AT RISK LOCAL VILLAGE CHILDREN
THROUGH**

VIMECHIA – Viable Means For Child Aid

The photograph was taken some years ago when we were 'young'. Nyerere Square in Dodoma is now surrounded by 'City Center' development, these children are 'all grown up'. One has a Masters Degree and has just commenced working under contract with a USA supported group, assisting with development on Zanzibar Island. Two more are commencing 2nd year studies towards a Law Degree. Another will be ordained to the Catholic Priesthood this December. Yes, nine years makes a world of difference.

There are now **sixty three** children receiving care through VIMECHIA. Some of these are from the village of Mahoma Makulu, adjacent to the VIMECHIA Home site. These children also participate in programs on a Saturday at the Home site. Many children are still under the care of Guardian Parents at homes in Dodoma. The generous participation of the 'Guardians' is what makes this a 'viable' ministry. The village: homes, school and clinic receive clean water from the VIMECHIA well, a gift from the people of Montana, USA. It is equipped with solar power.

The financial requirements for 2020 are as follows:

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| 1. Basic monthly need X 12 | 30,000,000/=Tz |
| 2. Higher Education/College | 3,500,000/=Tz |
| 3. General Education. Primary,
Secondary, High School | 9,000,000/=Tz |
| 4. Building Maintenance | 4,000,000/=Tz |
| 5. Office & Staff Allowance | 5,000,000/=Tz |
| 6. Farm Care | 3,000,000/=Tz |

TOTAL NEED IS: (by conversion) 54,500,000/=TZ USD\$23,510.00 Aud\$32,730.00

The basic cost per child 1 – 3: USD\$283.00; Aud\$388.00

This represents an increase on last year's budget. A key matter is the need to provide a reasonable monthly 'allowance' for the VIMECHIA Staff. We cannot call it a salary. At 80,000/= per month it is an 'allowance'. However, room and 'board are provided' at the Home. They serve like 'parents'. Weekends are not 'off time'.

The years have moved along. 'Young Ben', who had the vision for this ministry of care, is now in 'middle years'. I guess I am 'granddad'. Yet, the work of care is as important as it ever has been. I ask you to be generous in your offering of prayer for this ministry and, as you are able, generous with financial contributions.

We usually try to give the children a special day in Dodoma, just after Christmas, with gifts of education requirements, 'treats,' and an ICE CREAM. It is a happy day!

May God bless you and your family abundantly as we look towards a New Year.

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Young Ben with a group of the VMECHIA children.

Ben is committed to education and character building. He has a VISION for the next generation.

The drilling of the deep water well and the provision of solar power has blessed the ministry of VIMECHIA and also the water needs of the adjacent village. The Homes,



the School and the Village Clinic now have clean water. The story commenced when this woman welcomed the two boys into her home. Truly, she was poor but she had love and care to offer. The boys are now grown up! VIMECHIA is steadily moving forward with your care and prayers.



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