

FRIENDS & FAMILY

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Thanks to all of you who came out and worked so hard last Friday! We actually hit our goal of 20,000 meals early and ended up packing a total of 24,000. Great job Windermere Realty! Your generosity and hard work is evident in our community and as far as Tanzania. The only problem we had was that we had too many volunteers. What a great problem to have! For all of you who didn't get a chance to participate we apologize for the inconvenience but we look forward to seeing you at our next event on July 10th. [Sign up now!](#)

The meals that we package here in San Diego are making a difference around the world. Since they hit the ground running last week, Team Tanzania June 2010 has already reported back several updates about how critical the need is and how desperate people are for food. Keep reading to learn more from the team about what is going on with the Singida Children's Feeding Center, Light of Africa Orphanage, Girls Dorm in Nkungi, and new places the team has discovered.

From across the globe, one of our team members reflects on just how important these efforts are... close your eyes and imagine...

The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is the shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
Nor the moon by night.
-Psalm 121:5-6

The wind always blows in Singida. A cold blast in the morning, by afternoon it has settled into a light breeze lifting and moving dust and smoke from place to place. Inside the Children's Center you don't feel it. It's a refuge from the elements and from the outside world.

The children inside sing and dance with Sister Hilda. And they eat. They eat what might just be their only meal that day. And they smile and laugh. And the wind swirls around outside the gates, and the sun beats down, but for a few hours they are untouched by it. It's hard to watch them without thinking, "If this Center had not been built, where would they be at one o'clock on a Wednesday afternoon in the poorest region in the second poorest country on earth?"

So the team repairs and paints and varnishes with all the vigor we can muster. We know this small haven in Tanzania must survive for the next generation of children. And we know there is more to do.

And the wind is still blowing outside.



Keep Fighting San Diego! Save the Date.

The meals that we package right here at home are literally saving lives! Please join us for one of our upcoming

events. You can make a difference!

July 10th: FFCC is partnering with Maranatha Church to package 180,000 meals. Don't forget to bring school supplies! [Sign up NOW!](#)

November 6th: FFCC is partnering with St. Bart's Church in Poway to package 200,000 meals.

November 28th: FFCC is partnering with Grace Lutheran Church in Escondido. The number of meals to be determined.

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You make a difference!

Thank you so much for your gifts of time, talent, and financial support!

Quick Links

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If you would like to host a Food Packaging Event for your business, school, or organization, please contact Doug Ferrin at doug@ferrinconstruction.com how FFCC can help you make it happen.

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Team Tanzania June 2010 Updates

The team had quite the adventure getting to Tanzania last week, but all have finally arrived and they are off and running. A couple of folks were feeling under the weather, but by Monday all were well. The roads traveled are beautiful, but extremely difficult, dusty, and bumpy. They started in Arusha and have made their way to Babati, Manyoni, Moshi, Merelani, Singida, Nkungi, and other places along the way. It is amazing how much ground is covered during these trips!



So much to share, but so little space. Here is just a glimpse of what has happened during the trip so far...

Children's Feeding Center (Singida)

The team got to serve the Kids Against Hunger meals to the kids at the Singida Children's Center. From a parking lot in front of Dream Dinners in Poway, CA to hungry children in Singida, Tanzania. There are few more fulfilling experiences one can have than that! When asked if they liked the food, the kids said, "Yes! Jakula nzuri sana!" (Which means the food is very good). This brought the food packaging process full circle - and some members to tears. Sister Hilda, who helps run the Center, says when school is in session and all the kids come, she uses 4 boxes of food each day. That is 864 meals! While in Singida, the team sanded, painted, varnished, repaired, etc. While there, they also learned that since the kids have regularly eaten at the Center, their test scores have gone up exponentially! Asante Mungu! Thank God!

Girls Dorm (Nkungi)

The team bought 96 mosquito nets, 25 wall mirrors, fabric for curtains, and bunk bed mattresses. They hope to be able to get the rooms ready for the girls to move in for the fall term. Please pray the Lord will allow them to do this.

Light of Africa Orphanage (Moshi)

The team spent a day with the 60+ children who have been (literally) snatched from the jaws of certain death by Mama Lynn and her team. It was an "amazing, moving, emotional day" for the team. Mama Lynn shared that she's out of kids against hunger meals and that she's going through meals faster as she is feeding more children in need, including those in Merelani. She's still able to feed her kids through other donations, but the kids need more calories. The need for meals is urgent! At one point, the team was moved to pray over each child. They all held or touched each child and prayed for God to be their Great Physician and heal those that were sick, that He would multiply the love our team could meagerly show them through their hands, faces and voices and that His Spirit would speak to their hearts to tell them that He knows each of them by name and loves them deeply.

New opportunities for FFCC?

The town of Mirelani (aka Mererani) is a new stop for FFCC. This is a mining town south of Arusha where there is an underground tanzanite mine (the only tanzanite mine in the world!). It is a tough town, especially for children. Among the abuses, kids are enslaved and sent to work in the tanzanite mine. There have been lots of financial problems and kids often get forgotten under these conditions. They also saw the Food Kitchen that Mama Lynn started, which fed people with AIDS until she ran out of food and money 3 months ago. She prays for God to provide. There is great need for help in Mirerani.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

FFCC Tanzania Trip #7	June 15-July 2	
Quilting Party (Grace Lutheran Escondido M.P.Room)	June 26	9:00AM-12:00PM
Salvation Army (downtown San Diego)	July 5	
Event #20 Leader Volunteer Training (Maranatha, RB)	July 6	6:30PM
20th Food Packaging Event (Maranatha, RB)	July 10	REGISTER NOW!
FFCC Haiti Trip #3	July 30-August 8	
21st Food Packaging Event (St. Bart's, Poway)	November 6	
22nd Food Packaging Event (Grace Lutheran, Escondido)	November 28	

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