Anglican Diocese of the Rift Valley Newsletter

Greeting from Tanzania

Our stories this time are coming from these areas

1. Singida

2. Kilimatinde

3. Ikungi

4. Manyoni

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The Mother's Union in Manyoni has nearly finished construction on a house, which will be rented out or income generation to support

The work of the Mother's Union across the Diocese

There are already 2 people renting before work is completed







Solar Panels have now been installed on all classrooms in St. John's Seminary. This is already helping pupils to continue studying during the evening, during the regular power cuts.

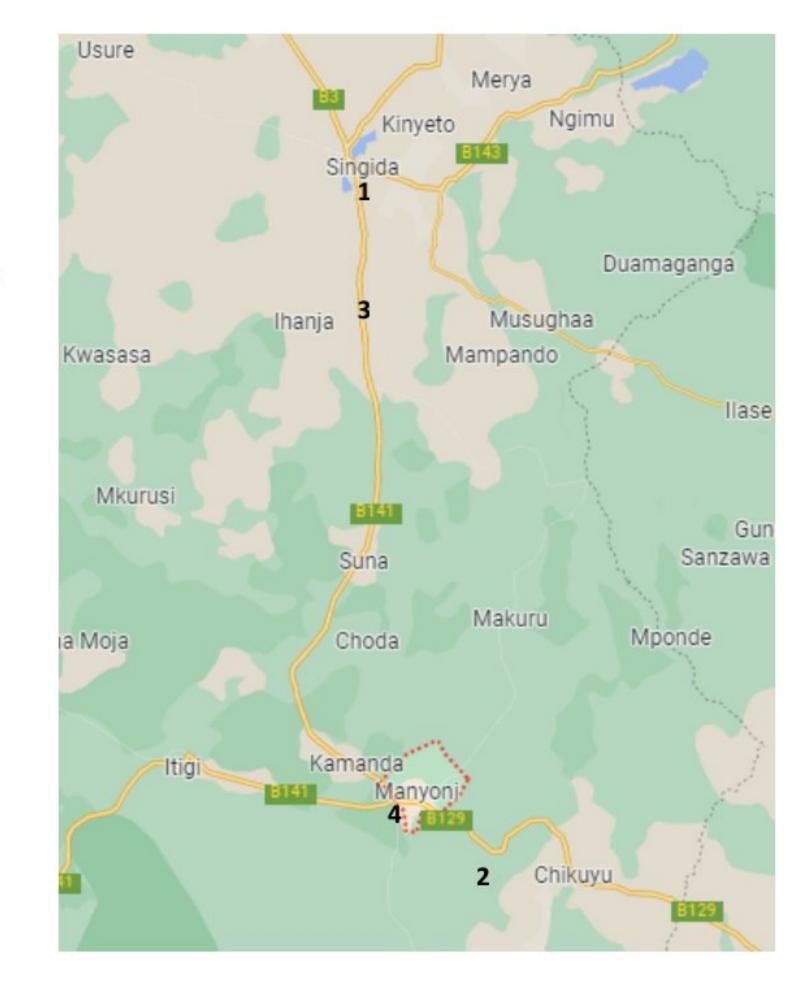
We are hoping to extend this to dormitories, teacher's houses and our computer room

There are similar projects happening at KIHAS, Chitalalo, Mbugani and Udimaa villages

Our thanks to Gail Patton, The Kilimatinde Trust and Tearfund, for their support in making this happen.

We are still trying to raise funds for these projects. It costs Tshs 762,500/= for a solar kit, which covers Panel, battery, 4 lights and installation. (We need 32 more kits to finish St. John's)

If you would like to help support this project please contact us.



Work is continuing and is nearly finished on the Dining Hall for St. John's Pre and Primary School

All that is remaining is windows, doors and furnishings

We are expecting work to be finished and the building to be in use by March





IN OTHER NEWS

- We are very grateful to have received money for Scholarships amounting to Tshs 14,621,680/= This is to help around 162 children from poor families to go to School in their local areas
- We have succeeded in buying land for Tshs 9,000,000/= next to our existing land in Singida which will allow our plans to expand the Church to continue
- We are still trying to buy another area for Tshs 15,000,000/= but are currently lacking the funds
- Renovation work has begun on the Operating Theatre at Kilimatinde Hospital we are expecting to finish in March
- Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our various project
 - Trinity Wall Street Church for contributions to the Dining Hall
 - Kilimatinde Trust for the Operating Theatre and St. John's Pupils
 - Our friends in Germany for the Scholarships
- We have suffered a few Earthquakes (4.9) which have caused damage to the Cathedral, we are considering options for repairing or rebuilding
- Food Prices of some common items have more than doubled, this is causing anger among local people, as some are now eating only once in a day. Added to this problem there have been storms with winds strong enough to uproot and destroy crops, there is now no chance of getting a crop this year.





Ikungi has constructed 3 shops for rent and a big meeting hall, which can be split into 2 as an income generating project to help 150 children in the region, with various education projects



Lydia Charles is the new Secretary to the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Rift Valley, she will be working from the Diocese Headquarters in Manyoni