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**JANUARY CONTAINER—BRICK MAKING AND FARMING SOON!**

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On January 6th an oceangoing container was loaded in Redmond, sealed, and left for shipment to Songea and the Children of SWACCO. This container was loaded with items acquired over the last year.

**Good For The Sole**

Shoes, both new and used of various sizes and types for the children, either currently living in the complex or outside in “foster homes”. These were either donated or purchased anonymously by multiple donors, specifically for the SWACCO children.

**All Work And No Play**

Sporting goods, soccer balls, jump ropes, kick balls and other play equipment for the use of the children living in the complex.

**Building A Foundation**

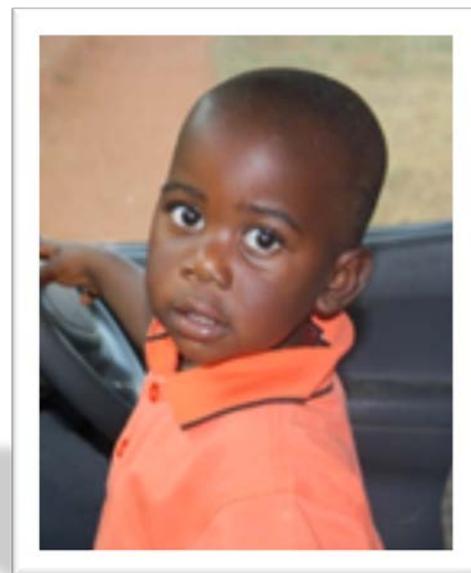
The compressed earth brick machine, donated anonymously last year, which will be accompanied by an American volunteer to oversee the installation and work. The goal is to provide bricks for building the rest of the orphanage’s infrastructure, and to also sell bricks, creating a business for the local community.

**The Right Tools**

The “nearly brand new” farm tractor, complete with power take off attachments that will be used to assist in the local brickmaking process as well as to be used on the newly acquired 100 acre farmland for crop production and for the potential resale of cash crops, like corn and coffee, for the children living in the orphanage. Funds from the October auction were used to purchase the tractor. Cleared trees can be used for firewood and the land can be planted with maize and beans to offset food costs throughout the year.

This container left Seattle on January 6th and is expected on site in Songea mid-March. Devin Glimsdale, a Mwangaza Foundation board member and co-founder will be in Songea for an extended period to organize and head up these Self-Sufficiency Initiatives.

While it is a major help to send supplies like these to Songea, please keep in mind that volunteers are very much appreciated when they can accompany or supplement the resources that have been collected and shipped. Contact us to find out how you can volunteer.



**These children need our help!**

**Find a way to give them your support either through a one-time contribution or even better, a little bit each month.**

**[www.mwangazafoundation.org](http://www.mwangazafoundation.org) to find out how**

## Dental Mission

Last September, the Dental Mission trip, returned to Songea and had the opportunity to see and care for every one of the 59 Children of SWACCO. Meeting basic dental needs, teaching the value of dental hygiene, and providing them with a large amount of donated supplies goes a long way in maintaining the overall health of Tanzanian children. The mission is expected to return again this year, in early summer, and is looking for interested volunteers. This year's visit coincides with the arrival of the container and the brick and farming equipment, so the skills needed extend

beyond medical and dental into working the land as well. If you have a desire to provide hands-on assistance, any and all skills and efforts will be extremely well received. Playing with the children is by itself a great way to give of your time and is greatly needed and appreciated. Please visit the Mwangaza Foundation website to find out more information and how to volunteer.



## In The News

Last fall, after the October fundraiser, the Foundation received some local coverage – explaining the background of the Foundation and the activities to date. This article defined not only how the foundation began but where the efforts to date

have taken them and what remains to be done.

*"We need people with commitment, resources and talent and that are excited"*

View the article on the **Redmond Reporter** site [here](#) or on the Foundation site or Facebook. Share this with your friends.

## Fabulous Fundraiser

The October Fundraiser allowed over 140 people to determine how they could best help the Children of Songea by supporting their basic needs. Everyone had the opportunity to see just how great the needs were and how far their contribution could go to fill those needs. One of the primary goals of the fundraiser was to raise awareness of the needs; the other was to restate the necessity for on-going support. Individual contributions provide a strong base but the children, just as all of us, have recurring demands for food, and education. This year's achievement of \$54,000 provides a good basis for

growth and demonstrates the willingness of all involved to participate in the work of the foundation. The problem is not going away, the needs are still there and there are more people out there that may not have had the opportunity to see and help in the effort. Please take the time to share your knowledge of the Foundation's work,



and the story of the Children of SWACCO. Follow the activity and progress on both the website and on Facebook, and share this information with your friends.