



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HEALTH CARE IN TANZANIA

Tanzania, one of the world's poorest countries, continues to experience a critical shortage of health care personnel making the need to educate Tanzanians at all levels of medical practice paramount. So great is the nursing shortage that only 35 percent of existing positions are currently filled.

- To address this critical shortage, Operation Bootstrap Africa is partnering with Dr. Mark Jacobson, an ELCA medical missionary, and his staff to launch a new nursing college in Arusha, Tanzania. This new nursing college, to be associated with the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC), will grant a diploma after three years of study.

Scheduled to open in February 2013, the new college needs to make minor improvements in donated space that will be its home for two years. After two years, the college must find permanent space. An initial class of 25 students will be recruited. Providing scholarships to assist with the high cost of training will be essential. Donated nursing books and teaching materials are currently being secured and shipped to Tanzania.



Naomi Peter, ALMC nurse, MaaSAE Girls' School graduate



Future nursing classroom



Future nursing student dormitory



Kitchen to be replaced

### **You can make a difference! Here are the new nursing college's immediate needs:**

- \$25,000 in startup costs to upgrade the kitchen and make other minor improvements to the facility
- \$25,000 per year for 25 scholarships to help defray student tuition and room/board costs

### **How can you help?**

**Provide a one-time gift to be used towards the startup costs**

**Provide an annual \$1,000 gift to the OBA Nursing Scholarship Fund**

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Dr. Mark Jacobson has a 30-year history as a dedicated health care professional in Tanzania. He served at Selian Lutheran Hospital for many years and worked to establish the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC), where he is now Medical Director. In addition, he pioneered a hospice program for AIDS/HIV patients (a model used in other parts of Africa), began an Assistant Medical Officer training program that graduated its first class this year, and developed Plaster House, a post-surgery care center for children.