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The Grace Mission





The Grace Mission - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



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and multiply churches and
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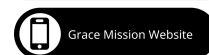
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DAR HEALTH INITIATIVE



Health Education.
Disease Prevention.
Gospel Connection.

Kuzuia Kuliko Kuponya



Dar Health Initiative provides valuable health education to underdeveloped communities. DHI has three main goals- health education, disease prevention and gospel connection; all accomplished through many different avenues. We meet with patients one on one in our community health office, host seminars on our team property and on site at various community places, and also provide home visits. We value listening to people's stories, engaging in their lives, and providing the tools needed for individuals and communities to become healthier. We do this while connecting people to local Bible studies and churches for the advancement of the gospel.

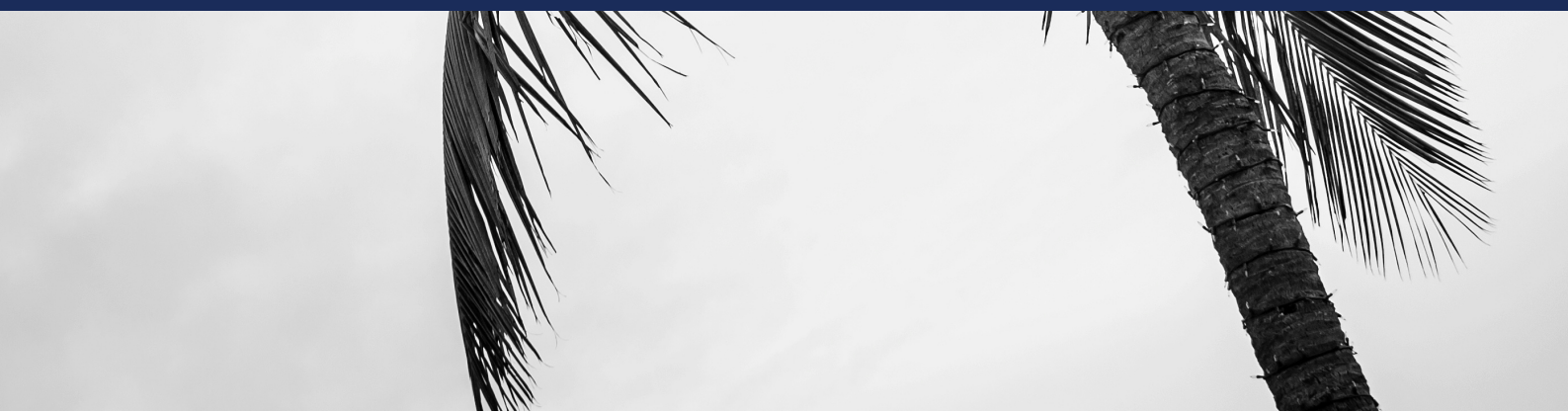
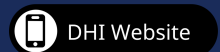


DAR HEALTH INITIATIVE



Dar Health Initiative Team

DHI started with God preparing **Joseph Boon** (Clinical Officer) and **Brittany James** (Nurse) each in their own way. Their passion for health care education in connection with the gospel is a mutual value of theirs. God provided a way for them to minister together through providing health education and investing in the individuals that make up communities. They love their time with patients, teaching community seminars and visiting local ministries to help with health check-ups and health lessons for staff members, students, parents and children.





Story from DHI

A young mother comes to see us in our DHI community health room. She heard that she could come to ask questions about her health. She is welcomed at the gate by the Maasai guard who works at our team's compound, The Grace Mission Center. She walks through the front garden and is reminded of a health seminar which she had attended prior to her visit.

As she sits in the waiting area, under a large mango tree, we see her feet swinging back and forth as she looks around the property. All signs point to fact that she is anxious and has something weighty to discuss. This is something we see often. We welcome her into our office and assure her, with smiles and greetings, that we are glad she is here. It doesn't take long for Joseph to disarm her fears with his kind, warm tone, and for Brittany to ease the tension with her strong American accent speaking their language of Swahili. This woman is hurting. Not just from the physical sores we see all over her body, but because she is desperate to find work.

We listen to her whole story, which does not start at the sores. Instead, her story begins with fears for her children, who she cares for by herself. At the end of our time together we offer natural solutions to help ease the pain of her sores that she can do by herself at home. We pay for medicines to help speed up the healing process (with the consult of a local doctor) and share with her the words of Jesus, *'Come to me all who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest'* (Matthew 11:28-30).

She wipes her tears, but this time they are followed by sighs of relief. She knows that she is loved here, and loved by God who has a greater purpose than to just heal her body. He offers healing to her soul. The woman stands up to leave and we get her information so that we can pay her a house visit another day.

This type of story is repeated often at DHI. We want to help others through their health needs because we know that it is a burden for them to carry the physical pain, uncertainty, and financial strain all alone. It is our joy and privilege at DHI to be an avenue to share the gospel with hurting people.



Goals | Needs | Statistics

In the United States, there is an average of 24.5 doctors for every 10,000 people- while Tanzania has 0.5 doctors for every 10,000 people.

HIV/AIDS is the third leading cause of death.

Only 35% of the population have access to clean drinking water.

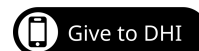
Just 19% of the population have access to safely managed sanitation.

Since DHI's start, we have served over 500 people.

Our goal is to provide a monthly health seminar on our team property and connect those who come to local Bible study groups that our team have started. Topics for community seminars include how to have safe/clean water, HIV & AIDS awareness and prevention, tuberculosis, women's health, wound care, disease transmission and much more. Every seminar ends with a time of sharing the gospel - our true hope in life and in death.

\$250 sponsors a Community Health Seminar (this also provides lunch, training resources and materials for 80 people)

\$100 provides 1 month of health supplies and resources that are used to provide patients and communities with life-saving essentials (Mosquito nets, water filters, medicines, etc).



The Grace Mission Internship



Grace Mission Internship exists to equip men with practical biblical and agricultural training to serve communities and ignite a church planting movement throughout East Africa



About GMI:

The Grace Mission Internship and Farm is a six-month internship program for young Tanzanian men. These young men come from churches all throughout Tanzania. The goal of GMI is to equip these men with practical Biblical and agricultural training, enabling them to better serve in their churches and reach new communities by starting Bible study groups that will lead to church plants. During this program, interns are also trained in small business management, farming, and other life skills.

We desire to equip our interns, not only with knowledge of how to study and share God's Word, but also help equip them to provide for themselves, their families and their communities through practical life, business and agricultural skills.

Internship 5-Year Goals:

- 100 1st Semester Students & 20 2nd Semester Students
- 2 New GMI Branches
- 7 New Leaders for our Branches
- 500 Salvations & Baptisms
- 200 Community Discovery Bible Studies Started
- 10 Big Life Seminars
- 5 New Churches Planted
- 12 Interns entering into BTCP program to become church planters.

How GMI Works- Classroom/Urban farming and Large-scale Rural Farming


Throughout the week, interns split their time in several ways. Our team property has a classroom and urban farm, which is perfect for learning small-scale agricultural skills. The GM farm, located an hour and half away, is a 200 acre farm in the predominately muslim village of Kiwangwa, where the interns learn about large scale farming. Any profit from the large farm helps support the internship program. In 2022, over 1,200 papaya trees were planted. The farm has housing for the interns, a newly built dam, and huge opportunity for expansion and growth. The interns are not only working on the farm, they are also starting community Bible study groups in Kiwangwa.

Having graduated six different groups of interns since 2017, the fruit of the internship has already shown itself in the lives of many young men. Perhaps the easiest way to show the fruit of this ministry is to look no further than the three men who currently lead this program alongside our Grace Mission team. Read below to learn more about Apollo, Patrick, and Petro.

Apollo was part of the very first group of interns back in 2017. Apollo showed a deep love for God's Word and desire to share the gospel with others. By equipping interns with a way to provide for themselves in the form of urban farming, Apollo has expanded our ability to meet the physical needs of many churches and communities. Apollo recently wrote the first ever Swahili book on urban farming - *Kilimo Cha Mjini*. He teaches the principles taught in his book at the Grace Mission Center. Apollo has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and is also a graduate of BTCP/L. He now teaches courses in the BTCP/L program. Starting in the fall of 2022, he begins his masters studies in Theology.

Patrick was a part of our second group of interns. His heart for ministry, along with his dedication to working on the farm, were both evident from the beginning. He worked hard to build up the farm in Kiwangwa for two years, while also serving in many ministries, which made him a valuable asset to our team. He is an example of what we seek to replicate in the lives of many other interns. Patrick is a graduate of BTCP/L and now helps teach the New Testament Survey course & Missions, Evangelism and Discipleship course.


Petro is another graduate from the internship program. He is known for his communication skills and love of sharing the gospel and teaching God's Word. His life is marked by taking time to talk with others and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. He is another valuable partner on the GMI team; faithfully praying for the interns, teaching them, and entering in their lives as both teacher and friend. He has a bachelor's degree in Forestry, is a graduate of BTCP/L (now teaches courses in the program) and starting in the fall of 2022, he begins his masters studies in Theology.



We equip marginalized women through the hope of the gospel, artisanal training and tools to launch their own local businesses.

S I F A C O L L E C T I V E

- clothed in strength -



Sifa is the Swahili word for “praise” found in Proverbs 31. Sifa invests in young women so that they can become successful small business owners who, in turn, will invest in their communities. We are faith-based, gospel-centered, and driven by a desire to see the tools of Sifa used in the hands of women, churches, and businesses in Dar es Salaam and throughout East Africa.

Over 100 graduates.

All students receive training in: sewing, design, drawing, cake baking, screen printing, fabric dyeing, self defense, catering, business, English, budgeting, entrepreneurship, gospel-centered discipleship, health advocacy from DHI, and Biblical counseling courses.

Every year Sifa's main training center brings in 25 students. We have 7 staff members, and graduated students who have returned as designers in a paid apprenticeship. Students ages range between 18-23 and come to Sifa because they have not had the opportunity to continue on with traditional schooling. Most of our students stopped their education after 7th grade.

Besides our main Sifa training center, Sifa also provides training and start-up cost to teams of Tanzanian women who have a heart to make Kingdom impact in their communities through our Sifa program. These Sifa Centers are located in local churches, shops, homes or business all throughout Tanzania.

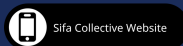
14 Sifa Centers.

- 14 teams of women serving communities all throughout Tanzania.
- Over 42 Tanzanian women providing training
- 8 tailoring/sewing | 2 salons | 1 sweater making | 1 embroidery
1 small scale farming | 1 pig husbandry
- 3 teams of former graduates have started their own Sifa Centers together. **The Sifa cycle of impact is in its 2nd generation!**



Sifa now has 2 store fronts located in Dar es Salaam. The shops generate funds that offset costs of our main Sifa Threads Training Center and Sifa Centers. One shop is located at our main training center in Africana and the other shop is at the beautiful Slipway shopping center in Masaki.

Sifa also has an incredible team of volunteers Stateside who help us organize, set up, and sell our products online and at different pop-up markets. 100% of the proceeds for all Sifa products go directly to Sifa Collective - funding our Sifa Threads Training Center and Sifa Centers.



shop Sifa here



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5 Year Goals & Prayers



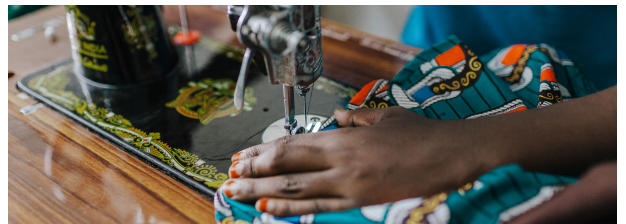
50 Sifa Centers launched in communities all throughout East Africa.



Sifa|Neema Shop at Slipway can fully fund the main Sifa Training Center.



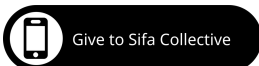
125 more students graduate and launch their own local businesses - becoming lights for the gospel in their communities.



Hire staff for marketing, media and design and create an international curriculum in order to partner with missionaries & church planters globally



Donate to launch a Sifa Center in a new community in Tanzania OR give to sponsor a student through her program. Scan the QR code for more information on donating to Sifa!



A story from Sifa

At the beginning of January 2022, we welcomed 25 new students to their first day at the Sifa Threads Training Center. Mixed emotions filled the room. The air was filled with excitement and also with intimidation and fears. As usual, we started the morning with worship and singing, a time of Bible study and prayer, and then moved to introductions. After the introductions, the students were asked what brought them to Sifa.

One young lady stood up. With tears in her eyes, she began to share the story of her life. She was from a small village and had been told her entire life, especially by her father, that she would never amount to anything because she was a girl. Her father told her "You'll probably fail school and get pregnant young anyways." This was what she had come to believe about herself, because it had been the words spoken to her over and over again since she was a young girl. She continued to tell us that this is exactly what happened...she failed out of school and became pregnant.

While that was what happened to her then, today was different. Her first day at Sifa was the beginning of her story changing. She stood proudly in front of her fellow students and said with great passion, "When I heard about Sifa and the opportunity to learn these skills, I knew this was a gift from God. Today is the day that things change. I will show my dad that I'm not a failure. I will show him that I can and will do something different with my life!"

This story of hope and redemption plays on repeat at Sifa. We pray it continues. Our hope and prayer is that every woman who walks through our doors will experience this change. More than anything, we pray that each woman will come to know and understand the hope, salvation, and eternal life that Christ alone provides.

Quick Stats:

Out of every 1,000 births in Tanzania, 132 of those births are to adolescents (women age 15-19). (World Health Statistics)

50% of these young women who give birth as adolescents have no education and 40% hold only an elementary level education.

One in three women in Tanzania marry before their 18th birthday. "Poverty is a driver and a consequence of teenage pregnancy."

Selling their bodies to older men can be one of the few available sources of income that allows adolescent girls to meet their basic needs. This makes it a common choice for many girls, even though it increases the risk of unintended pregnancy." (UNFPA Tanzania)

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BTCP/L

Biblical Training Center for Pastors & Leaders

BTCP/L Dar es Salaam exists to provide accessible and comprehensive theological training to church leaders; teaching them to be rooted in the authority of Scripture and empowering them to grow in Christ as they plant churches and make disciples.





More About BTCP/L

The BTCP/L curriculum has 10 courses that the students complete over 18 months. The courses are:

- Bible Study Methods (40 classroom hours)
- Old Testament Survey (60 classroom hours)
- New Testament Survey (60 classroom hours)
- Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry (60 classroom hours)
- Bible Doctrines (60 classroom hours)
- Personal Spiritual Life (40 classroom hours)
- Church Ministry/Administration/Education (40 classroom hours)
- Teaching Principles and Methods (40 classroom hours)
- Church History (60 classroom hours)
- Missions/Evangelism/Discipleship (60 classroom hours)

Typically our students come to our campus and stay for two weeks of intensive learning. They return to their homes and churches, to implement the things they have learned for two months, and then return for the next class. They are a cohort and provide encouragement and support to one another throughout their studies and long after they graduate.

The first cohort of pastors graduate from BTCP/L, Dar es Salaam in November 2022. In January 2022, our first church was planted by one of our BTCP/L Dar es Salaam pastors.



Life-On-Life Equipping for Ministry

- Provides the “irreducible minimum”
- Trains students to properly handle the Word of God
- Equips students with knowledge and practical skills
- Church-based, comprehensive education
- Cross-denominational setting
- Enables and encourages students to equip and train others
- Exhorts students to personal obedience and growth toward maturity in Christ
- Focuses on biblical principles, truths and concepts, not mere accumulation of knowledge
- Promotes an ongoing process of assimilation of knowledge
- No traditional measuring devices such as exams and term papers
- Student motivation comes from a personal desire to be Biblically equipped, not from grade point averages, or fear of failure on exams

AFFORDABLE & APPROACHABLE

Courses are very affordable and are based on the local setting. Classes are conducted in a relational setting.

Students will usually be able to prepare for class, spending about 1 hour of home study per hour of classroom participation.

THEOLOGICALLY SOUND & EXTREMELY PRACTICAL

Students will systematically study every book of the Bible and develop practical ministry skills, in order to be equipped to serve in their churches and live a joyful, multiplying life of discipleship.

NO EXAMS & NO ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES

Regardless of your academic background, you can be biblically equipped to serve the Lord. For that reason, we do not use traditional measuring devices like exams or term papers.

ACCEPTED FOR ADVANCED STANDING BY DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Completion of the BTCL program qualifies graduates to apply for advanced standing at Dallas Theological Seminary, potentially saving time and money toward a Master's Degree.

Join Us:

We have started to plan for our next group of students who will begin January 2023. We love to give our students a variety of perspectives and backgrounds from our teachers. We are looking for Pastors and Elders, who have the ability to teach, and who would be willing to come to TZ to teach one of the courses.

5 Year Goals

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Mission:

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60 Graduates.

30 New Church Plants.

10 New Teachers.

1 New BTCP/L Branch in Tanzania.

20 Seminars in local churches.





Community Counseling Center & Wellness Abroad

WHO WILL BE SERVED		THE NEED	IMPACT	HOW WILL WE KNOW WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS GOAL? HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL?
ONLINE/TELEHEALTH COUNSELING	Missionaries and people living abroad	Missionaries and overseas workers often feel isolated. Trained mental health workers with overseas experience and a biblical worldview are needed.	Helping missionaries thrive. Healthy individuals. Healthy families. Thriving teams. Growing churches. Preventing Burnout.	Helping missionaries & those living abroad to recover from trauma, burnout & compassion fatigue. See more thriving & healthy individuals, families & ministries. Keeping missionaries on the field and thriving.
DAR ES SALAAM COUNSELING CENTER	Individuals, couples, families, marriages, trauma care and group therapy sessions in both Kiswahili and English	There is a lack of mental health facilities and counselors in Tanzania. There are .52 mental health workers for every 100,000 people. The US has 125.2 per 100,000 people.	Gospel impact. Suicide prevention. Trauma care. Abuse prevention. Removing stigmas through mental health education. Providing gospel-centered mental health care in Dar es Salaam to Kiswahili and English speakers.	Healing Transformed Lives Gospel Impact Quality Care Hope that gives hope (clients become advocates)
COMMUNITY SOUL CARE THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH	Partnerships with local churches. Community impact and evangelism through counseling. Biblical Counseling resources provided in Kiswahili.	The local church often feels ill equipped to care for the hurting. We often outsource what should be regular discipleship and soul care in the church, and alternatively miss important signs of when outsourcing to professionals is needed. Teaching biblical counseling workshops for local churches and organizations, and training lay-counselors to provide soul care in their communities helps the body of Christ feel equipped to care for the hurting.	Collaborating with local churches to see communities transformed by the hope of the gospel and the healing power of Jesus, His Word and His people who he has called to serve them.	Local churches having their own lay-counselors and are providing soul care to their communities.

Providing soul care and counseling for those living abroad, as well as community counseling services in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

For more information on counseling services for missionaries and expats, or to join our Compassion Fatigue/Burnout Prevention Groups offered online, contact steph@wellnessabroad.org or visit wellnessabroad.org





More About Our City.

Population Growth

While Dar es Salaam's population does not seem that large compared to some of the world's other cities, it is one of the fastest-growing in Africa. **It is the third fastest-growing city in Africa and the ninth fastest-growing in the world.** The city's metro population is expected to grow to over 5 million over the next three years. The population is expected to grow so much, that Dar es Salaam is expected to be the second largest city by population in the world by 2100, with a predicted population of 76 million. (worldpopulationreview.com)

Religion

Though statistics vary, Tanzania is said to be 30% Christian, 35% Muslim and 30% Traditional Beliefs (worldatlas.com). Islam, however, is the main religion in coastal cities like Dar es Salaam.

Demographics

The median age in Tanzania is 18.0 years. Life expectancy at birth is 66.4 years. (worldometers.info). Currently, **36.2 %** of the population of Tanzania is **urban**, and that number is growing. There are **over 120 tribes** in Tanzania. The Grace Mission expanded their agricultural training to include urban farming to meet the needs of the growing population in urban settings.

Poverty

Nearly 40% of the whole population lives in extreme poverty, and nearly 60% lives below the World Bank designated poverty line of \$1.25 a day.

Language

Over 120 languages are spoken in Tanzania, most of them from the Bantu family. The Kiswahili language (Swahili) is the official language of Tanzania and Kenya.

JOIN THE MISSION:

Volunteer & Internship Opportunities

"We exist to Serve communities, equip leaders, and multiply churches to expand the gospel's reach"

We are a team of Tanzanian men and women and ABWE missionaries sent from Grace Baptist Church, Mason Ohio. Since 2012, God has been using our team in Tanzania to serve together to share the gospel, plant churches, and make disciples.

What does a successful internship look like?

Are you passionate, eager to learn and willing to rise to a challenge?

College internship opportunities are all about connection and community for the Grace Mission Team. Our Grace Mission interns find creative ways to utilize their God-given talents and passion for ministry while discovering a new culture, learning a new language, working with a diverse and thriving team, and developing lifelong friendships.

What is your passion? Think outside the box. Photography, graphic design, children's ministry, administrative/organizational skills, entrepreneurship, healthcare, teaching life skills, sports, giving music lessons, design and creative skills, agriculture, Bible teaching and evangelism, etc. are all welcomed and valued. Get creative!

Examples of past skills used by volunteers to help the team include: creating a self-defense course for young women and then training Tanzanian women to lead the course, education, pottery making, outreach to disabled children/crafts and fine motor skill activities, wood working skills, healthcare lessons, videography, website design, marketing and social media, teaching an enrichment classes, organizational skills, and design!

You are unique - think outside of the box!

Successful internships, for our team, occur when interns leave feeling more in awe of God and His love for the nations. We desire each intern to develop a great passion for the gospel and more clarity for their role in missions and in a multicultural team.

What is a general schedule of the Grace Mission Internship program?

The general schedule for intern(s) is to learn and serve in each ministry (Sifa Threads, Grace Mission Internship, Dar Health Initiative, Bible Training Center for Pastors and more).

We value creativity and ideas from interns who will bring their ideas and specific skill sets in order to learn from and also enhance these ministries.

Interns will get to experience local customs, foods, transport, language learning, safari, and many other exciting things. Most importantly, our team prays that each intern will fall more in love with God and develop deep and meaningful relationships with their Tanzanian brothers and sister -which will last for eternity. Visit thegracemission.org/volunteer to apply.

Interested in visiting our team on a short-term learning trip? Contact sbrustman@abwe.cc or jamesfamily@abwe.cc

Interested in short-term or long-term mission's opportunities in Tanzania or other parts of the world? Visit abwe.org for more information!



Give:

The rent and basic operation costs for the Grace Mission Center is \$1,300 per month. Please consider contributing so that we can continue running the GM Center. Give for one month or year (or five!) so that this amazing connection of gospel-centered, community building, disciple-making, church-planting ministry center can keep going! If you would like to give please scan the QR code that will take you to our team's giving page at ABWE.

If there is a specific ministry or need within the Grace Mission that you would like to give towards, just specify in the donation details.

*Thank you,
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NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

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