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**PROJECT PROPOSAL
SHADE SCHOOL
EXPANSION 2021**

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Greetings!

Thank you so much for partnering with Shade to serve vulnerable children in Tanzania!

Earlier this year, a Shade board member heard the Lord speak to her from Isaiah 54:2. This verse states:

Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.

The Lord was speaking *expansion* over Shade. This was to be a time of growth and increase, in multiple aspects of the ministry.

One particularly exciting way in which we are expanding is through building the next phase of Shade School. Although we were planning to build slowly, adding a new classroom each year as we added a grade level, the government is now requiring that we have most of the facilities built before we will be granted our primary school registration.

So, a building project is in order!

We invite you to continue reading this proposal to learn all about these new buildings and, more importantly, the impact this new development will have on lives.

If you have any questions after reading, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can also learn more about Shade by visiting www.shadetz.org.

Asante, *thank you*, for your consideration and ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,



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1. SUMMARY

Shade serves vulnerable children and children with albinism in Tanzania with a holistic approach, focusing on three areas: education, advocacy, and faith. The vision of Shade is to create a place of care and hope so that *all* children, regardless of their skin pigmentation or disability, are empowered and equipped to live full and meaningful lives.

Shade purchased 10.5 acres of land where we are building this vision. We call it the Shade Campus, and it will include a school, clinic, chapel, resource center, houses for vulnerable children, and recreational facilities.

In 2019, the first of Shade School's buildings was erected and two classes of preschoolers were welcomed in January of 2020. The next phase of construction, the School Expansion 2021 project, is detailed below. It includes six classrooms, bathrooms, and solar power.

The impact of these structures is great. Not only will they allow for the school to continue adding grade levels and obtain its primary school registration, but they will also allow the vision and purpose of Shade to move forward so that we can continue to love our community and people with albinism just as the Lord has called us.

The total cost for the School Expansion project is \$65,000.

2. PROBLEM & SOLUTION

Albinism

Albinism is a genetically inherited condition resulting in reduced pigment in the skin, eyes, and hair. Approximately one in every 1,400 children born in Tanzania is born with albinism. This is the highest rate in all of Africa and a significantly higher rate than in Europe and North America, where approximately one in 20,000 people has albinism.

The Problem

If you are born with albinism in Africa, there is a great likelihood that you will face violence and discrimination. Dangerous witchcraft beliefs lead to people with albinism being brutally attacked and killed for their body parts, which are then used in rituals thought to bring luck and wealth. Women and children are the most vulnerable to attack. Since killings began to increase in 2006, many children were moved to government-run protectorate centers throughout the country.

People with albinism are also outcasts in society. In many cases, mothers are advised to kill their babies with albinism. Often parents consider these children to be useless and do not enroll them in school. Those who do attend school face the challenge of low-vision and teachers who are usually ill-equipped to accommodate them. They are often bullied.

There are also health risks for people living with albinism in Tanzania. With little or no skin pigmentation, they are left vulnerable to the intense African sun and face high rates of skin cancer.

Our Solution

We believe in the deep LOVE that Jesus Christ has for people with albinism. We feel called and convicted to protect, equip, and empower people with albinism through *education, advocacy, and faith.*

Our Vision

Our Vision is the Shade Campus, a community which is centered on family in the body of Christ, where holistic ministry allows for health of the spirit, soul, and body. All operations will function with the goal of presenting all to Christ fully mature (Col 1:28).

Our Mission

The mission of Shade is to transform lives by bringing the tangible love and living hope of Christ to people with albinism in Tanzania.

3. PROJECT

Name

Shade School Expansion 2021

Description

In the spring of 2019, ground was broken on phase one of Shade School. We erected a multipurpose building which now houses two classrooms, a kitchen, offices, bathrooms, and a meeting area. This building allowed us to officially launch Shade School in January of 2020, where we welcomed students to participate in one of two preschool classes.

The long-term plan of Shade was to continue to build slowly as the school grew and grade levels were added (one per year as students moved up). Recently, the government informed us that it would be impossible to obtain our primary school registration without having much of the building complete. These minimum requirements include six classrooms, ten toilets, and a kitchen.

Therefore, we have modified our plans to build more than expected in 2021, and in doing so will be able to welcome an additional class of preschoolers and obtain the registration for introducing a Standard One class, which is equivalent to first grade, the following year.

The components of the Shade School Expansion 2021 project include:

1. Six classrooms: two classroom blocks each containing three classrooms
2. Ten toilets: Two blocks of five student toilets, one for girls and one for boys
3. Solar power: Solar powered electricity for the buildings

These structures will be built from traditional building materials, including concrete blocks and corrugated metal roofing. Water tanks connected to our solar-powered well will provide water and septic systems will be installed. Solar batteries linked to our current solar panel system will be installed to provide electricity. See pages nine and ten for more detailed building plans.

Budget

The total budget for the Shade School Expansion 2021 is \$65,000, broken down as: Classrooms \$39,040, Toilets \$22,000, Solar \$3,960.

Timeframe

The project will begin in February of 2021, with a projected completion month of June 2021.

4. IMPACT

Students

Shade School is currently able to accommodate thirty-one students in two preschool classes. With the addition of new infrastructure, Shade School will be able to accommodate up to 135 students in six classes.

We strongly believe that education is empowerment. Vulnerable children and children with albinism do not often have access to quality schools and are therefore limited as age out of the system and are launched into the community. The more students we can accept at Shade School, the greater depth of impact we can make in the community, as individual students are empowered and equipped to pursue their God-given purposes.

Also, individual lives of children with albinism will be impacted when they are able to receive the accommodations required for their low vision, as well as a safe environment to live and study, which is free from both external attack and internal segregation and bullying.

Advocacy

Children with albinism are often segregated from the general population. Many live in government centers and attend government schools. We believe that a key to changing the attitudes and beliefs of the community towards people with albinism is through raising up the next generation to know the truth. Shade School open to *all* children, not only so that children with albinism will be able to learn at a quality school, but also so that children without albinism will grow up with classmates that may not look like them, but knowing that they are equals.

Students and their families will also see a person with albinism, John Migila, leading Shade as the Country Director. By seeing someone with albinism overseeing the school, their attitudes and perceptions of what people with albinism are capable of will be challenged.



IMPACT CONTINUED

Advancing the Gospel

The Shade School curriculum includes Bible teaching. We infuse our lessons with the Gospel, prayer, and examples of true love and caring by our staff. Spiritual formation starts from our youngest students, and we aim to help raise them up in the truth.

Shade's Spiritual Outreach Program also aims to expand the kingdom in our community. Our priority is the families of our students; by enrolling a greater number, our network of families will increase, and the Gospel will continue to spread.

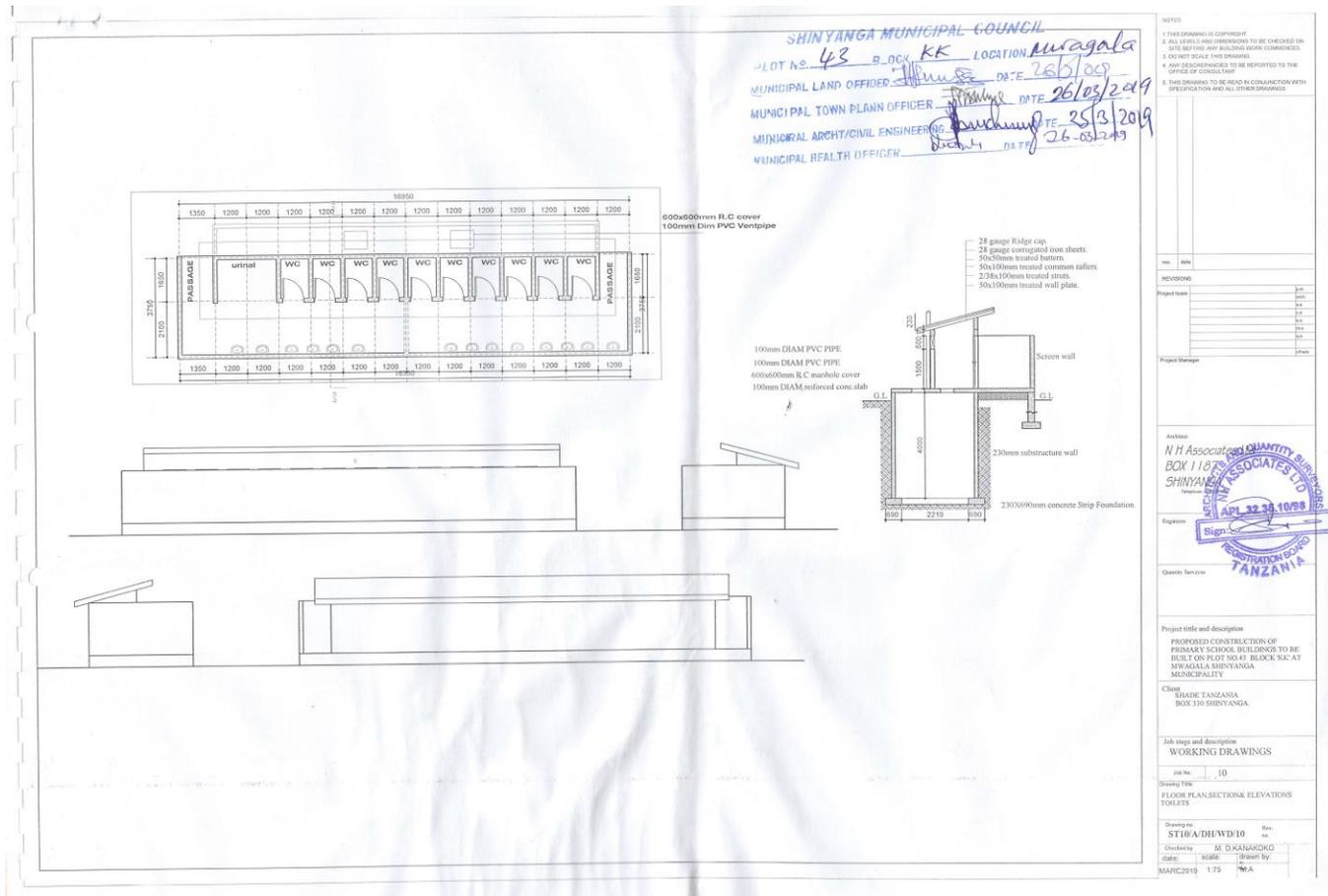
Advancing the Vision

What was merely a plan for the Shade Campus in 2013 is becoming more and more of a reality. The Shade School Expansion 2021 project will further God's vision for loving vulnerable children holistically in Shinyanga, Tanzania.



DRAWINGS CONTINUED

Toilet Block



* Please note that these drawings were created based on a standard toilet unit for Tanzanian schools consisting of ten toilets in one structure. We will be building two units with five toilets each, so that boys and girls will have separate areas.

6. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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