

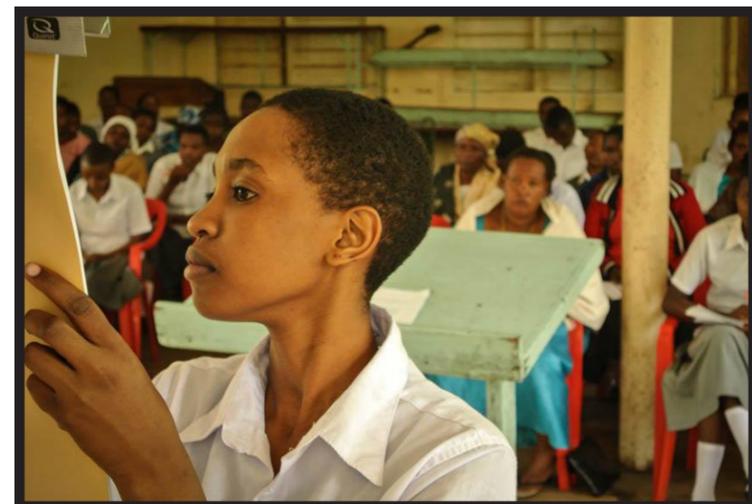


Spring 2014 Newsletter

What makes a good teacher?

By Salome Lally

"Good teaching isn't about technique. I've asked many students around the country to describe their good teachers to me. Some of them describe people who lecture all the time, some of them describe people who do little other than facilitate group process, and others describe everything in between. But all of them describe people who have some sort of connective capacity, who connect themselves to their students, their students to each other, and everyone to the subject being studied."



Anna, a student at Leki Secondary School in Tanzania's Meru Diocese, facilitates a lesson on gender violence with girls, mothers, and grandmothers. **Mwangaza's Binti-Mama program trains small teams to teach life-changing topics** in their own communities, spreading the message to thousands in the process.

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Mwangaza Education for Partnership

Spreading the Word!

What can stories from Tanzanian classrooms and churches reveal? Program coordinators John Kavishe and Salome Lally will be presenting at sites in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and New York in October. They bring their passion, personalities, and stories to share for just over two weeks in the United States. As they spread the word about Mwangaza's work, they also shed light on issues of faith, education, and gender. Meet Salome and John here; then save the dates and come meet them in the fall!



Salome Lally

When I first went to school, my dream was to become a doctor. And, as I was good in science subjects, this seemed possible. But then, my father and my mother both died at an early age which changed my education possibilities.

Before I joined Mwangaza, I taught science subjects. I love teaching and now I continue to do this with Mwangaza's programs. I especially

like working with women and teaching in our Binti-Mama program. Working at Mwangaza is like living with a family because we are always helping one another, which allows us to grow personally and professionally. I am married and have two children, Arnold and Annette, both of whom hope to become doctors. I thank God for them because they are studying very hard, they listen to my advice, and I hope and pray that they can realize their dream.



Spreading the word, continued



John Kavishe

I would like to write a book. It would be a one-stop manual to provide information for administrators and teachers to show them what is required to maintain a safe, healthy, productive school environment. I hope that my two sons can go to a

school like the one I will write about. Before I joined Mwangaza, I taught science subjects in my home area of Lushoto. I love teaching. And now I continue to mentor teachers in our secondary school program as well as participants in our Binti-Mama and Community Health programs. It is an amazing experience to work at Mwangaza because I meet people from all over Tanzania and America and all of them teach me so much about different cultures.

October Visit Schedule

We are very grateful for the churches and contacts for the willingness to host our visitors during the visit. We hope many of you will be able to join us at one of these locations. You will receive information in late summer with more event details and times.

Thursday, October 2-5 – Joliet, IL

Contact Peter Holmer at 4367221hol@comcast.net

Sunday, October 5 – Joliet, IL

St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

Sunday, October 5 - 6 – DeKalb, IL

First Lutheran Church, Sunday evening event. Contact Mike and Sharon Wadle at mswadle@earthlink.net or 815-756-6518.

Tuesday, October 7 – Chicago, IL

Visit to the ELCA Churchwide Office

Tuesday, October 7-8 – Milwaukee, WI

Jackson Park Lutheran Church. Contact Fred Thomas-Breitfeld at pastorfred81@gmail.com or 414-545-2828.

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Thursday, October 9 – Madison, WI

Advent Lutheran Church breakfast. Contact Susan Gruber at sgruber42@gmail.com or 608-836-3848.

Friday, October 10-11 – St. Paul, MN

Saturday events; past volunteer gathering in am, event in pm. Location TBD. Contact LaRue Unглаube at laruejim@comcast.net.

Sunday, October 12 – Rochester, MN

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Sunday Adult Forum and other events. Contact Kathy Bolin at bolin@semsynod.org or 507-280-9457, ext 108.

Monday, October 13 – Northfield, MN

St. John Lutheran Church. Contact Jane Rinehart at jane.s.rinehart@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 14 – Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN

Location TBD. Contact LaRue Unглаube at laruejim@comcast.net.

Wednesday, October 15 – Philadelphia, PA

Contact David Neale and Lois Leffler at neale_home@yahoo.com or 267-672-8987.

Thursday, October 16 – Philadelphia, PA

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 17-19 – New York, NY

Contact Lois Rimbo at rrimbo@gmail.com or 646-957-6887.

Sunday, October 19 – New York, NY

Advent Lutheran Church, Manhattan

Are you a Thrivent member?

Thrivent members can have their "Choice Dollars" given to Lutheran organizations. In past two years, Friends of Mwangaza has received \$5,000 through this program. This has made a wonderful difference in our funding for projects in Tanzania! Thank you for directing your Choice Dollars to us. Log in to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to do so.

Appreciating the great gift of Jim

By Phillip Wilder

He arrived at Mwangaza in the summer of 1996 as a participant in the first teacher exchange program in order to conduct a series of teacher workshops with his Tanzanian educational partner, Mr. Nkini, a local headmaster at Enaboishu Secondary School. Little did Jim Talarico or anyone else realize the initial exchange would develop into a multi-decade partnership including countless trips to Tanzania. Now, fourteen years later, Jim Talarico's official work with Mwangaza ended when his term on the Friends of Mwangaza Board expired last fall.

As a novice teacher at Joliet West High School in 1997, I walked into my daily meeting with Jim Talarico, my own teacher mentor, where he did what has been intuitive to Jim: guide the learning of teachers. On that spring day, Jim and his Tanzanian educator partner, Mr. Nkini, sat around the middle table in Jim's office replete with lesson plans, bookmarked pages of literacy teaching books, and endless scratch pads with Jim's latest ideas for the summer's teacher seminars in Tanzania. Witnessing this daily partnership between the two men would launch my own involvement with Mwangaza a year later. With all of the hats Jim so effortlessly wears (teacher, musical director, church member, father, husband, grandfather, etc.) Jim's "teacher leader" hat fits him perfectly.

Jim is presented with an honorary doctorate.



Over the years, anyone who has had the pleasure to consider Jim a friend has witnessed his endless planning for work with teachers in Tanzania, his ongoing efforts to share the story of Mwangaza, and has savored his poignant dinner party stories upon his return. In fact, Jim Talarico has always been the mind and the work behind this publication. One year, Jim travelled far and wide to innumerable Tanzanian secondary schools to observe classroom instruction, take copious notes, and build lasting relationships before returning to Arusha to plan future teacher seminars with Mwangaza staff and Dr. Shoonie Hartwig. This trip in particular produced the teacher-training manual used throughout Mwangaza seminars for over a decade. Other summers found Jim leaving his wife Sue and venturing to Tanzania to conduct weekly seminars on literacy instruction for secondary school teachers. No words can sufficiently capture the breadth or depth of Jim's efforts since 1997, let alone his impact on Tanzania teachers and students or his massive footprint on a partnership God continues to bless.

At this point, Jim's humility has likely prompted him to stop reading this tribute—instead desiring more attention, prayers, and efforts be given to the current challenges facing Mwangaza. But, great gifts should be appreciated even though, without a doubt, Jim will continue to share his gifts as his role evolves. So, may the light of Mwangaza, held high by Jim Talarico, continue to illuminate Mwangaza's path forward.



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