



# Tanzania

Lesson 6: Preschool in Makanya, Tanzania



In a very small village called Makanya (see the blue and yellow star on the map), just off the main road that goes from Moshi to Dar es Salaam (the largest city in Tanzania), you will find a little building with a rainbow painted on one side. Inside this small run-down building you will find three faithful teachers and over 150 preschool aged (3-5 years old) children learning to read, write, and do arithmetic. They also study English, Swahili, music, reading, and healthy living. But more importantly they are also learning about the one true God who loves sinners and sent His only Son Jesus to die for us so that we can be forgiven and live forever with God in Heaven.

The village of Makanya has only one Lutheran church. The pastor of this congregation is a faithful preacher of the Word of God. His name is Pastor Godson Mshana. His wife's name is Rosemary Mshana but everyone calls her Mama Mshana. These two servants of God are loved by the people of the village because of their great concern for all the people of the village. Mama Mshana started the Nazareth Rainbow School several years ago. She is also the head teacher.



Pastor & Mama Mshana



Inside the little school building you won't find any books, or computers, or even paper, pencils, and crayons. The students learn their lesson by repeating back several times the very same words that the teacher speaks to them. Sometimes the teacher will write letters, words, or sentences on the chalkboard and then the students will go outside to write the same thing in the sand using sticks while the teachers check their work.

It is very exciting that the Lord has given the CLC the privilege of working with the Pastor and Mama Mshana at the Rainbow Kindergarten school in Makanya because of the many opportunities to share the Gospel with children who do not know about the love of Jesus. Many families in this area of Africa have fallen into the darkness of the Muslim religion. There are 90 children who attend this school who are from Muslim families. Every day these children learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ from Mama Mshana and the other two teachers.



The other two teachers have not been to college and have no formal training to be teachers but their love for the Lord and the poor children of Makanya lead them to dedicate many hours every day to the work the Lord has given them to do. These teachers have asked for our prayers for them and for the children they teach. Please pray for:

- Mrs. Frida Baraka Mnzava, she is 42 years and married with three children of her own. She attended short course on christian education.
- Mrs. Victoria Niarira Mahande, she is 30 years old and married with two children.
- Both of these women receive training from Mama Mshana on how to prepare and teach the lessons to the children.
- They would like to pray that the Lord would grant them the opportunity to attend a two year teacher college.



Most of the children come from very poor families who don't have enough money to send their children to the much nicer schools in the area. The children at the Rainbow Kindergarten are very happy and eager to learn. They seem to understand what a privilege it is to be able to go to school.

The offerings that are given to Kids 4 KINSHIP in 2013 will be used to buy many much needed supplies for the Nazareth Rainbow Kindergarten. They need books, notepads, chalk, teaching pictures and aids, pencils, flashcards, Bibles and Bible pictures.

