

# LIFE IN TANZANIA

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## A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

On October 25<sup>th</sup> Dr. John Magufuli was elected president and the memorable inauguration held on November 5<sup>th</sup> was an experience I will not soon, or perhaps ever, forget. The people are very happy with the choice they made and I'm elated! Hapa kazi tu!

## Henry



Little Henry

Several months ago while playing outdoors this child fell into an open fire used for cooking, a common occurrence as many families still cook outdoors. Mother and child came to see me and I emailed Dr. Wayi at CCBRT immediately and I'm

waiting to hear back from him. I'm not sure, however, that Henry needs to see Dr. Wayi. I didn't note any contractures and he doesn't appear to require skin grafting or plastic surgery, so he may only need to be seen at the local dispensary to have the charred skin removed, his face washed with an anti-septic, and antibiotic cream applied (but what do I know). I do think, however, that his eyes should be examined. Today I met an eye doctor who recently relocated to Mbinga. We didn't have one previously.

Hundreds of children suffer third degree burns every year and although they may initially seek medical treatment they often don't return for follow up because of the distance to the medical facility or the cost.

## Caring for Yasini

Yasini the young man afflicted with elephantiasis has been admitted to three hospitals within the last two months. I saw him at Muhimbili Hospital in Dar last week and I was very concerned when I saw how underweight he had become; in fact he's been diagnosed with cancer of

the lymph nodes. I pray for a miracle because he is very sick. I learned, unfortunately, that the first time he was seen at Muhimbili Hospital in Dar es Salaam two years ago during the early stages of his condition, a proper diagnosis wasn't made. He was only prescribed antibiotics and sent home; today he is fighting for his life but they transferred him to a private hospital where he'll undergo surgery.

**“Also, the Lord restored the prosperity of Job, when he prayed for his friends; the Lord even gave to Job twice as much as he had before.  
Job 42:10**

## Time for School



Kids just wanna have fun

These students may be challenged but are progressing well in school. Their challenge: cerebral palsy and Down syndrome.

**YOU have the power to make a difference!**

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