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NEWSLETTER--NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Dear friends and supporters of Ishe Anesu Project:

First we wish to apologize for the long delay in sending our updated newsletter to you. We wish to give a brief information of the latest developments at Ishe Anesu, our concerns and our new strategy for the way forward.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS:

Our latest developments include the graduation of one more student: Maxwell Samhungu, from Chinhoyi University of Technology on October 9 this year. He earned a degree in Purchasing, Transport and Logistics. This makes a total of 6 college graduates, of whom, two with a Masters Degree. Our pride goes to one of the earlier graduates, Previous Sadadzi, who was consecrated as missionary of the General Board of Global Missionary last August. She has been assigned to Germany in the area of International and Migrant Ministries. She must have arrived in Germany by now. Also pervious graduates include three teachers graduated from Nyadiri Teacher-Training College, who are now deployed in Government primary schools. We can't help it but to praise the Lord that He has blessed Ishe Anesu to produce such calibre of trained students and a missionary. Their photos will soon be on our website: www.isheanesu.com.

OUR CONCERN:

Ishe Anesu is experiencing the worst financial moment since its foundation. Apparently, donors have now reached their covenant financial support and consequently no more funds are coming to Ishe Anesu. The little money still donated to the project is not enough to pay for the school fees, much less for the small stipends for the staff. All the staff have not received their gratification for the past two months. The students are coming to the end of their academic year this month. Come January, if there are no funds for their school fees, they will not be allowed back in school.

OUR STRATEGY:

In view of the financial crisis the Project is facing, we have decided to stop sending our students to college. Rather, we will continue sending our students to Primary and Secondary schools only. Unless funds start coming, we will be limited to sending our students to Primary schools only. At this moment, we are not able to recruit children to do Grades One and Two for fear that there may be no funds to support them. Our hope now relies on the ADVANCE OFFICE of the General Board of Global Ministries to raise funds through the "Giving Tuesday:" program to take place the first of December. In order to explain the procedure for sending your donations, please read the instructions below:

Global Ministries will allocate matching funds dollar for dollar up to the first \$1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on Dec. 1, 2015, between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. CT. A maximum of \$2,500 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of \$25,000 in matching funds.

Please visit <http://www.umcmision.org/Giving-Tuesday> for more information on UMC #GivingTuesday.

We hope you will honor this noble fund raising strategy by the ADVANCE of the GBGM to make your financial contribution to help not only Ishe Anesu, but also the various projects in which you are so committed to supporting.

Yours in His service,

Maria and Bill Humbane



