



**Surgery complex update and a challenge:  
Scholarship funds, medical supplies needed**

Thanks to the generosity of many people at Bethesda Lutheran Church, \$30,209.67 was raised for a new surgical complex at the Shighatini Dispensary between December 2005 and April 2006. **Thank you!!** Construction is finished, and medical equipment and supplies that we sent in a container through Global Health Ministries in October 2005 are being put into place. Our initial goal was \$60,000, but thanks to a physician friend of Dr. Mark Mvungi from the United Kingdom who donated \$30,000, this phase of the campaign has come to a successful completion.



Godlisten Msuya wants to become a medical assistant. Can you help?

There are 10,000 people in Shighatini and nearby villages who can be served by this health facility, but Dr. Mvungi needs more trained help. He has selected a young man, Godlisten Msuya, who is a committed Christian and wants to be trained as a medical assistant or clinical officer (similar to our physician's assistant). His training will take three years and cost \$2,400. We want to provide a complete scholarship for this young man. Can you help? This is our first new project.

Our second project is to send another container of medical supplies and equipment to Shighatini. Last year we shipped one-third of a 20-foot container, but this year we would like to send an entire container to Shighatini, which will cost more than \$7,000. It also would be helpful to Dr. Mvungi if we purchase the container, which could be used as a secure place for storing medical supplies and equipment. This would add another \$1,650.

If you want to help, please make your check payable to Bethesda Lutheran Church and be sure to include on the memo line: TZ Health. You may direct your gift to either the TZ Health Container or TZ Health Scholarship. These contributions would be over-and-above giving to the general BLC budget. Special envelopes will be available at worship services beginning December 2 and 3.

Blessings on all that you do to help make these projects a reality for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Shighatini. — *Glenn and Mary Kappelman*, co-chairs, and *Gary Erbes*, past chair, Bethesda Tanzania Health Team; and *Gerald Klonglan*, chair, Bethesda Tanzania Ministry Team



**Container crew:** Bethesda members who helped pack the shipping container in Minneapolis, October 2005



**New complex:** The almost-completed wing of the Shighatini health care center, a surgery suite and exam rooms, August 2006



**Operating room:** Surgical equipment being unloaded in the new surgery suite, September 2006

If you have an interest in becoming involved in the Bethesda Tanzania Health Team, please contact Glenn or Mary.