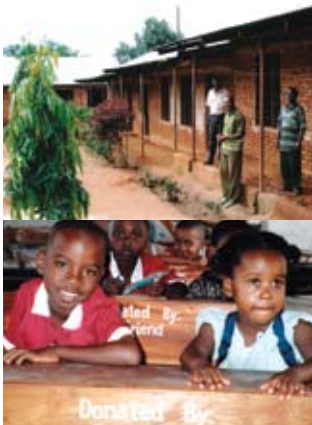


Our Partners

Baraka works through partnerships with other humanitarian or faith based organizations to offer critical support in other areas. For example, *Baraka* has raised funds to build the Glory Nursery School.

The nursery school teaches classes in the building during the week. On weekends, a local congregation uses the building for services while their church is being constructed. Interested partners have paid for classroom desks which bear their names.

Baraka also funds a Program Coordinator and teachers at the *Baraka* Nursery School which functions out of a different church building. 42 children have been educated and supported through *Baraka* Nursery School.



TANZANIA

The mystery of Africa draws people to a land of compelling beauty, intriguing wildlife, and anticipated adventure.

Baraka has also partnered with a Tanzanian government program to supply trees to a local community along with tools and deforestation, soil preservation and sanitation education programs. Ultimately, this will impact their ability to grow crops and gardens allowing them to support themselves and their local economy.

Sustainability

Sustainable programs will be introduced for building strong families and communities. After assisting local people to assess needs, *Baraka* will work with collaborative organizations to offer skill development and other types of support programs.

- Teach **healthy living habits** like good nutrition and sickness prevention.

- Provide **hospice care** for people dying from HIV/AIDS and other illnesses.
- **Literacy** opens doors to learning. Education opens doors to a brighter future.
- Introduce **water filter technology**.
- Develop **micro-credit programs** to ensure a sustainable economy.

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Baraka has partnered with the Mary A Tidlund Charitable Foundation. For more information call **Sharon Mkisi** at: **403.710.8172** or contact her by mail at: **121, 369 Rocky Vista Park NW Calgary, AB T3G 5K7**

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FOUNDER: Sharon Mkisi Woman of Vision

Pic Left (Sharon & James Mkisi)

Sharon Mkisi is a senior health care professional who has nursing, social work, and administrative experience. As a Senior Program Manager, Sharon has been instrumental in developing and leading programs at both the municipal and provincial levels within the Alberta health care systems as well as the non-profit sector.

In 1999, Sharon felt compelled to use her health care skills as a volunteer with the Mennonite Central Committee in East Africa. During her three year contract, she developed a real love for the people of Tanzania. She has a vision for helping Tanzanians develop to their full potential.

To bring this vision to reality, Sharon and her husband, James Mkisi, founded *Baraka Community Care* in 2003. The organization is governed by a board that oversees day-to-day operations. Administration offices are located in Calgary, Alberta and Morogoro, Tanzania, East Africa.

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Blessing others through love . . . hope . . . support

Baraka Community Care Connections



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Baraka Community Care provides practical, emotional and spiritual care for orphans and children who live in poverty. Our mission is to offer hope and support to those who have little or no hope; to respect and offer dignity to people who live in poverty or sickness in one of the poorest countries in the world, Tanzania.

- Ensure safe, secure shelter.
- Promote healthy living habits.
- Increase literacy and further education
- Develop life skills
- Reverse cycles of violence, abuse, and neglect.
- Facilitate access to other resources.

There Is Hope

Baraka targets vulnerable children who are orphans or come from families living in extreme poverty. Children are given an opportunity to grow up as healthy, happy, spiritually fulfilled,

contributing members of their communities. They are cared for in a loving, nurturing environment.

Tanzania: Land of Mystery

From the heights of Mt. Kilimanjaro to the plains of the Serengeti, Tanzania is a land of unparalleled beauty. The exotic spice island of Zanzibar with its white sandy beaches and Arabic influence, offers an intriguing cultural experience of its own. Tanzania is nestled between the Indian Ocean, Kenya and Mozambique in Eastern Africa.

Promise / Despair

But, there is another side. The land of endless possibilities is also a land of deep despair. Millions of disenfranchised children struggle to overcome hunger, disease, violence and oppression. In this land of



promise, millions are bound by the chains of extreme poverty. Hundreds die every day.

The Silent Killers

Preventable disease is a silent killer in Tanzania. Death caused by water and air borne diseases decimate entire communities. Many thousands die each year from treatable diseases such as:

- Malaria
- Tuberculosis
- Hepatitis A
- Bacterial diarrhea
- Typhoid fever

Generation Crisis

Tragically, there is more. The greatest threat of all is HIV/AIDS. For those infected, HIV/AIDS can be a death sentence. Unfortunately, it gets worse. The ultimate victims are millions of children orphaned by this incurable disease.



A generation of children is being raised by grandmothers who have a limited life expectancy due to aging. Many children live on the street without the protection of a caring community or the influence of family values.



Sponsorship

Sponsor a Child Today!

An African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." But where there are no families, there can be no village. Making a difference in the life of one child today can make a difference in the life of a village and a country of tomorrow. One-to-one child sponsorship

pairs children at-risk with sponsors. And, what is the cost? Only \$1.00 per day can make the difference in the life of a child.

- Receive a picture and profile of your sponsored child.
- Receive updates on their progress and well-being.

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