

Incarnation Tanzania Partnership

BEGA KWA BEGA • SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

As part of the Saint Paul Area Synod's connection with the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Incarnation walks "bega kwa bega" (shoulder to shoulder) as equal partners in the Gospel with our companion congregations.

THE THREE PILLARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Prayer

Weekly reciprocal prayer sustains our bond. Through letters, Ambassador visits, email, and WhatsApp, the Tanzania Action Group tracks specific seasonal needs.

Presence

Maintained via email, photos, videos, and digital connection. Pre-pandemic times included powerful face-to-face community delegation travel.

Projects

Focuses on life-changing secondary education sponsorships, institutional capital investments, and post-secondary initiatives.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP IMPACT

Secondary school tuition can equal an average annual wage in Tanzania. Incarnation members currently sponsor ****over 40 secondary students****, breaking financial barriers and expanding families across borders.

Sponsorship Metric: Approximately **\$400** funds an entire academic year of secondary education for a student from our companion parishes.

"Just a kid, born from a poor family and living my dreams....all I can say is THANK YOU GOD and my parents, my sponsors from Incarnation..."

— Samwel Lungo, Kigamboni Lutheran Church

OUR COMPANION CONGREGATIONS

1. Mkwawa Lutheran Church (Partnered since 2000)

A large companion congregation on the outskirts of Iringa town capable of hosting 1,200 worshippers in a single service. It frequently hosts diocesan ordinations and regional festivals.

Preaching Points & Staffing: Managed by dedicated Evangelists who lead worship and education at three local outposts: **Ikongo**, **Itamba**, and **Frelimo**.

2. Kigamboni Lutheran Church (Established separately in 2012)

Originally a preaching point cleared from a cornfield by an Incarnation youth mission team in 2002, Kigamboni bloomed into an independent parish hosting roughly 200 worshippers weekly.

Preaching Points: Extended community care outposts include: **Mawelewele**, **Kitasengna**, **Wahe**, and **Mkoga**.

HISTORICAL ON-SITE ENGAGEMENT

When physical travel delegates journey to Iringa as ministry partners rather than tourists, itineraries include key institutional immersion loops:

- **Huruma Center Orphanage:** Spending intentional time playing and connecting with children.
- **Lutangilo Secondary School:** Interacting with students, including individuals sponsored directly by Incarnation.
- **Ilula Hospital & University of Iringa:** Learning about healthcare infrastructure and higher education frameworks (such as the university founded by Incarnation members Arne and Mary Blomquist).
- **Ruaha National Park:** Experiencing the local ecosystem through community safaris.

Take Action & Learn More:

- **Digital Updates:** Connect with community media feeds on the *Incarnation Tanzania Partnership Facebook Page* or watch the online updates.
- **Financial Sponsorships:** Give safely online or drop off physical checks at the Incarnation Office to fund a student's educational tuition (\$400/year).
- **Synod Framework:** Discover wider companion programs via the Saint Paul Area Synod's Bega Kwa Bega portal.