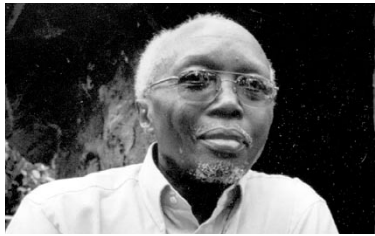


ABOUT MARTIN



Martin Msseemmaa shared his gifts with the people of Tanzania and the United States until his death in 2005. He grew up in the Maasai country of northern Tanzania and was the son of a teacher.

He worked for an organization that brought electricity, a dispensary, and a road to remote Monduli Juu. The men there elected him to the government post of village secretary.

He came to the U.S. in 1974 and graduated from George Williams College in suburban Chicago and the University of Oklahoma. He had a long career with the Illinois Department of Children & Family services as an advocate for children in adoption and foster care.

Martin was also devoted to his homeland and to fostering relationships between members of God's family. He was influential in starting a relationship to link Lutheran churches of Northern Illinois and Tanzania. He continues to be a source of inspiration to many Americans and Tanzanians who are sharing with each other through congregational companionships.

He lived for 25 years in LaSalle-Peru, Illinois, where he was active at St. John's Lutheran Church. Through example, he held high the values of education, faith, hard work, and generosity.

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Education.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN HERE?



In America, education is important. It can help to gain knowledge about the world and it can help raise someone's standard of living.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN HERE?



In Tanzania, education saves lives. It opens doors to jobs that sustain entire families. In East Africa, knowledge is more than power – it is freedom.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Look inside to learn about the **Martin Msseemmaa Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Find out if helping a young Tanzanian through secondary school is a cause that you would like to be a part of.

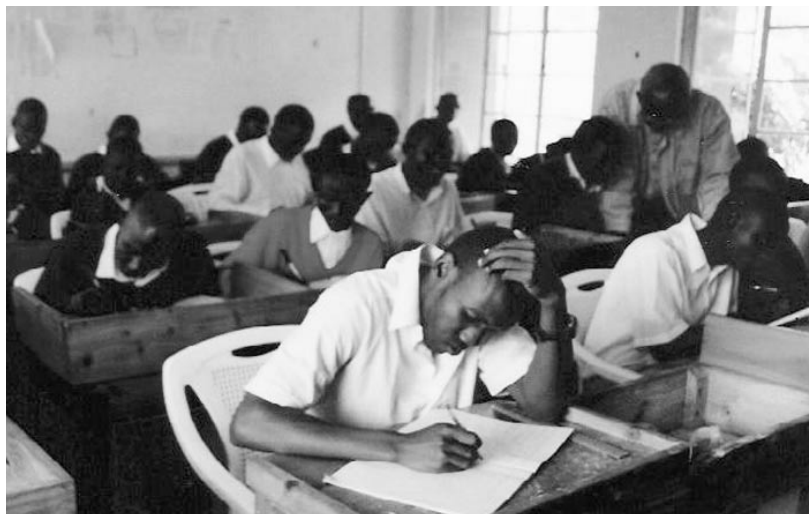
THE SCHOLARSHIP & THE SCHOOL

In loving memory of his service to people of God in the United States and Tanzania, the Martin Msseemmaa Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The scholarship fund will pay annual tuition and fees at Moringe Sokoine Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania, for a student who could not otherwise afford to attend.

The school's scholarship committee will meet with potential students and their families to determine financial need. Each male or female student chosen to receive the scholarship must have the ability and the motivation to complete the 6-year program.

A goal of \$ 15,000 has been set for the Scholarship Fund. This amount would allow for the fund to be self-sustaining, assuming an average annual interest rate of 3%. One year's cost for tuition, fees, and books, or \$ 500.00 (whichever is greater), will be electronically transferred to MSLSS's Scholarship Fund each October.

Many people have been inspired by Martin Msseemmaa's quiet example of encouraging



Like most secondary schools in the country, Moringe Sokoine Secondary School is a boarding school. It has about 650 students.

relationships. This scholarship provides such an opportunity by establishing relationships between students and supporters in the U.S.

The school is located in the small town of Monduli Chini. It is nestled into the bottom of a high, green bluff that traverses the Great Rift Valley. It lies just off the paved road that takes tourists from the colorful city of Arusha to safari destinations such as Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti plain. In the mornings and evenings, Maasai boys herd their family's cattle across the acacia-studded landscape nearby.

HOW TO HELP

To donate, make a check payable to:
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ABOUT TANZANIA

Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many areas have little access to health care, good roads, or clean water.

Education is compulsory through primary school, but many families can't afford to send their children to school. Secondary school is optional, and it can be costly. Schools are underfunded. An ongoing teacher shortage has lowered the required qualification for teachers to one year of college.

There are more than 120 tribes in the country, each with its own distinct language. Swahili is the lingua franca, and English is the language of instruction in secondary schools. The predominant tribe in the Monduli area is the Maasai. Traditionally they are semi-nomadic cattle herders, though many have settled down.

The peaceful nation is evenly split between Islam, Christianity, and indigenous beliefs. Its area is about the size of Texas and Oklahoma combined.

Average income (per capita GDP)
\$309 a year
2000 | Heritage Foundation

Life expectancy
46 years
2006 est. | CIA Factbook

Infant mortality
9.6 percent
2006 est. | CIA Factbook

HIV/AIDS rate
8.8 percent
2003 est. | CIA Factbook

Adult literacy
78.2 percent
2003 est. | CIA Factbook

Student/teacher ratio (primary)
58.3 to 1
2004 | WorldBank

Percent who make it to high school
5.9 percent
2000 | WorldBank

Primary school completion rate
56.5 percent
2004 | WorldBank