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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Our adult son loves to elaborate on a story from his childhood about how he learned to be responsible and follow through. He was supposed to fill the wood box before going to bed. He likes to embellish the tale by saying that his father got him up at midnight and made him go outside barefoot, in six feet of snow and gale-force winds (and anything else he can think of) to finish his assigned task. But, the truth is that he learned his lesson and has grown to be a very dependable man with a great work ethic. All this is to say that what you do or say to a child makes an impression sometimes far beyond what you imagined.

You are enabling the children of Sakila to receive an education that is having an impact far beyond what we can relate to you. There are stories that we ourselves are just hearing about, as we go along. One of our board members (shown here with his lovely wife, Annie) visited in 2012 and we only now learned something about his experience that we didn't know. We asked him to write it down so we could share it with you. Here's Ed's story:

WENT TO TEACH AND GOT TAUGHT

"During our trip to the village of Sakila in Tanzania in 2012, I was invited to speak to a secondary school history class about the African American experience in the context of American history. I arrived and sat next to a young student at one of the shared desks. Waiting to get the signal to address the class, I was overwhelmed by the lesson being taught. The teacher was at the blackboard making notes as he spoke, and the students were taking notes as well. However, there was also an interesting discourse taking place between the teacher and the students.

The topic: The economics of pre-colonial sub-Saharan Africa. It was so fascinating that I began taking notes. So engaged was the dialogue that there was not time for me to present to the students and staff. Following class I approached the teacher and asked him about the discussion, indicating that the level of content and the conversation fascinated me. What he explained next blew my socks off. The topic was part one of a three-part history lesson. The subsequent topics would be the current economics of colonial sub-Saharan Africa and then the economics of post-colonial Africa. He explained that it was absolutely necessary for the students to understand the context of their lives in the larger perspective of things. They not only need to understand reading, writing, science, and other basic fundamentals, but also the world in which they live, how it got that way, the influences on their lives, and how they need to prepare to meet and participate in it. In other words, each of them is being prepared to go into the world with their eyes wide open. By the way, the students in this class [only 13 to 15 years old] had just entered secondary school. I realized as I left the class that day that the combination of this perspective along with the Bible School and ministry influences were preparing the students to engage in their communities and this world in a special way.

Postscript: *This experience has since forced me to take a few steps back and face my myopic view of the world and my daily experiences in it, as well as my walk with the Lord. WOW — Very Humbling and Sobering!!!" ~ Ed Madden*



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We continue to hear of ways the children are growing in knowledge and grace. Not every child will become a front-runner in their chosen career. But, EVERY child's life will be impacted by what he/she has experienced during the precious hours spent in the classroom. Thank you so much!!!

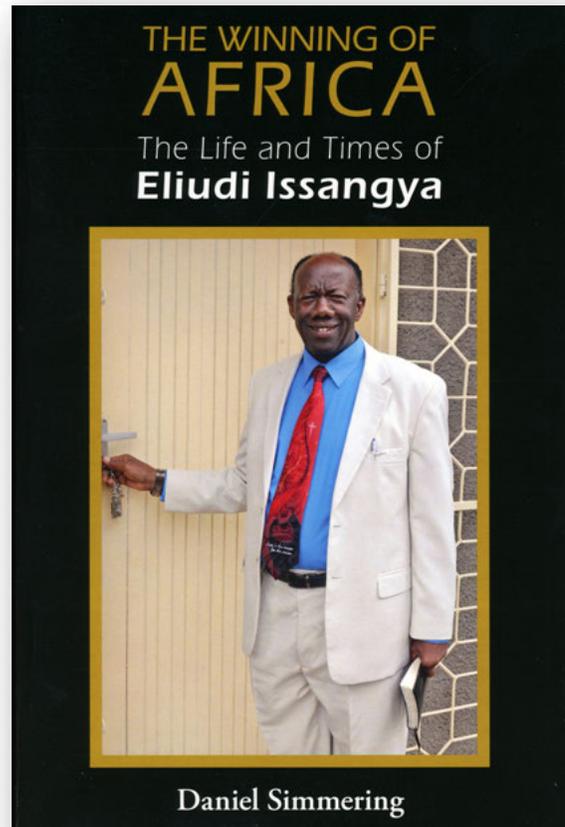
Here's another report we received this month telling the impact of Dan Simmering's book about Eliudi. For those of you who don't know, Eliudi is the man who had the vision to begin a Bible School in Sakila in 1983, offering 6 months of training in the scriptures at no cost to the attendees. From the vision of Eliudi came the Bible School and, subsequently, the Primary and Secondary schools.

Dear Family and Friends,

*This is a book that I read recently entitled **The Winning of Africa: The Life and Times of Eliudi Issangya**. I thoroughly enjoyed it. This biography was written by our nephew, Daniel Simmering, whom I've realized is a very gifted storyteller. Dan lives in Washington State and is the son-in-law of Dale's brother, Richard.*

He tells the story of a common farmer in Tanzania, who as a Christian, feels called by God to lead others to Christianity and also to make physical life so much better for thousands of Africans through education, medical help, good water and food. This story started in the village of Sakila, Tanzania in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro and continues there, as well as reaching outward to surrounding areas. The book is full of extremely compelling and interesting stories as his journey unfolds.

If interested in reading this book, it can be purchased from www.kitsappublishing.com and is also available at www.amazon.com as an e-book. The cost is \$19.95 and all net proceeds go to support the continuing work in Africa. The IEO (International Evangelism Outreach) is headquartered in Poulsbo, WA. and sends out volunteer medical and mission teams several times a year to this area.



Blessings to you all,

Gene & Perraine Anderson

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