

# JOIN OUR CAUSE:

We are inviting 100 United Methodist Churches to pledge \$6,000 over a four-year period, which is just \$125 a month. Your contributions will be combined with a generous lead gift of \$25,000 from Lovers Lane UMC.

## Donate and Make a Difference

To make your contribution, please visit the Advance Special on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982562/>. Advance Special number is: 982562




Please inform Rev. Tom Hudspeth

at [thudspeth@lumc.org](mailto:thudspeth@lumc.org) when donating to the Advance# or making a pledge so that we may properly credit your gift or pledge to the Yatosha Deaf School project.





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Join us in creating a brighter  
future for Deaf students in  
Tanzania!

Together, we can make a  
meaningful impact.



## YATOSHA DEAF SCHOOL

Let us support HOPES & DREAM of Deaf  
children in Tanzania.



### SITE LOCATION

Continent: Africa  
Country: Tanzania  
Region: Mwanza  
District: Sengerema

# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TANZANIA

## YATOSHA DEAF MINISTRY

### ABOUT YATOSHA DEAF SCHOOL:

Is a Christian and Deaf co-educational boarding school with written instructions in English and taught in Tanzanian Sign Language. The school serves primary age students. Family circumstances and environment in Tanzania make dormitories an essential component for an immersive language education program. The school is under United Methodist Church of Tanzania. It is located at Sengerema – Mwanza.



#### School Vision

To transform lives and build Deaf leaders to become responsible and productive citizens.



#### School Mission

To provide help and hope to the Deaf community while spreading the message of Jesus.



#### School Values

Wisdom, Integrity, Excellence

#### School Motto:

Quality Education with professional development

**Yatosha Deaf School:** will use Tanzanian syllabuses and other resources to support the curriculum standards of the country. Performing art classes, vocation training, computer training classes, an English clinic, Math clinic and agriculture projects will be included after school activities. We will need short or long term volunteers missionaries who will commit to after school classes and activities. During school breaks and holidays, school facilities will be used for different mission- related purposes.

### Location:



Situated near Tanzania's beautiful Lake Victoria in the Sengerema-Mwanza District, the Yatosha Deaf School is a residential primary school dedicated to serving approximately 300 Deaf students.

### The Challenge:

In Tanzania, many Deaf children are denied access to sign language based or even a basic education, leaving them without essential life and job skills.

#### A Growing Need:

Tanzania is home to over half a million Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, making up 1.2% of the country's population. Shockingly, 55% of them are illiterate and lack proficiency in English or Swahili, depriving them of the opportunities and blessings God intended for all.



**Plot Area:** 26304.6 sqm  
**Region:** Mwanza  
**District:** Sengerema

### A Partnership for Change

Yatosha has partnered with Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, and the United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries to embark on a mission to raise \$625,000 over a four-year period, starting in 2024. A 6½-acre (26304.6 square meters) site has already been purchased and dedicated for the construction of the Yatosha Deaf School.

