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Dear Friends and Supporters of The Lion of Judah Academy,

Greetings!

We hope all is well with you and those you love.

The work at The Lion of Judah Academy in Tanzania is progressing very well. If you haven't recently looked at the blog or Facebook pages, we encourage you to do so. We're making an effort to keep both more up to date with current news, information, photos, etc. We encourage you to 'like' us on Facebook, and tell other folks about us, as well. That helps a LOT to get the word around about the amazing things God is doing at the school and in the lives of the students.

The Blog: <http://lionofjudahacademy.wordpress.com/>

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/LionofJudahAcademy?sk=app_4949752878

And, of course, don't forget the website, www.thelionofjudah.info

We're working hard to completely update the website, with an entirely new "look" and lots of great new information. One of the big changes will be the addition of student and staff profiles and photos, so you can get to know the students more personally, and, perhaps, even find a student you would like to sponsor. We hope to have that up and running before the holidays come.

This is a very busy time at The Lion of Judah Academy. Fall is when all the Tanzania national examinations take place...standard 4 (fourth grade), standard 7 (seventh grade), form 2 (roughly our high school sophomore) and form 4 (roughly our high school senior). These exams are extremely important in the African educational system, and determine many of the options which will be available to students in their future. LOJA students typically perform very well on these exams, but they are stress-filled and demanding times for the students and staff. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. This week -- October 10 to 14 -- is the final week of form 4 exams.

Other classes take their examinations at different times during the fall.

Drought conditions continue in much of East Africa, including in the area of The Lion of Judah Academy. The fall rains are approaching and, if those rains fail, true famine will be virtually unavoidable. Food prices long ago passed the critical stage, and many people in the community around the school are in crisis. The school administration has put all construction and development projects "on hold" because food costs have increased so

dramatically that we must focus our attention on feeding the students and needy children in the surrounding community. Please keep them in your prayers, as well. When this happened in 2005 we provided nearly 40,000 meals to hungry children at the school and in the local area. Lives were certainly rescued from starvation at that time. We may need to start a similar 'food project' if things don't improve very quickly...perhaps some of you will want to be involved.

But, even with that drought going on, our students continue to flourish, our staff continues to carry on their commitments, and God continues to bless the school.

Several weeks ago we had a tragedy in The Lion of Judah Academy family. Mzee Shinyanga, one of our very dear friends and ardent supporters, died in a terrible bus accident (buses are a primary mode of transportation in Tanzania, since few people can afford cars). You can read more about that on the blog.

Also, Miriam Jacob, the newest exchange student from the school to the U.S., is settling in well at The King's Academy in Mohrsville, PA.

There is one more suggestion we have for how you may be able to support and encourage the school this fall...The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is a workplace charitable campaign, similar to the United Way, except it is for federal employees, postal employees, and military personnel. If you fall into one of those groups, or know someone who does, The Lion of Judah Ministries is one of the participating charities. In fact, we are in the "Charities Under 5% Overhead" federation. That means we are in a very select group of charities the federal government has certified to have overhead costs of less than 5% (Lion of Judah Ministries' overhead is actually less than 4%!). Please encourage those you may know who can contribute through the CFC to take a look at The Lion of Judah Ministries!

As always, please feel free to contact us by phone or email with any questions, or if you would like more information about the school and its work.

God is working amazing miracles through you and your support! Thank you so much!

Blessings to you,



Hartford Inlow,
On behalf of The Lion of Judah Ministries & Academy