



ZeruZeru Simama Sasa supports Sister Helena and her work to care for children, especially those living with albinism, in Tanzania, East Africa. Sister Helena and her staff provide health, nutrition, education, and protection for over 70 children living in her two centers.

We cannot care for these children without the generous support of our donors.

Asante Sana! Thank You Very Much!

Education is KEY

ZeruZeru believes that education is the key to societal acceptance and inclusion for people living with albinism and physical impairments. Through support of our donors, ZeruZeru continues to provide for primary and secondary school— both local and boarding. In addition, this year we are very excited to share that 10 of the older children are in advanced schooling. Financial support includes school fees, clothes, supplies, and transport.



Abia attends a boarding Secondary School in Simiyu



Young kids attend a local Pre-Primary School



Anastasia is studying Accounting at University of Dar



This group attends a boarding Primary school in Musoma



Yunis is studying to be a Secretary in Musoma



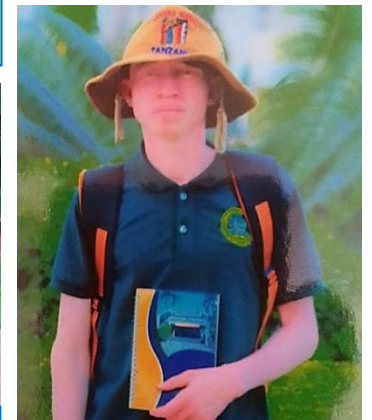
Neema attends an English Medium Secondary School in Musoma



Behebe is learning how to be a Tailor at a program in Musoma



Sato is studying Human Development in Arusha



Richard is studying Law at St. Augustine University in Mwanza



Mleba is studying Hospitality Management in Musoma



Some of the group who attend a local Secondary school



Some of the group who attend Secondary school in Moshi



Solile is studying Theology and Divinity in Musoma Diocese

Sustainability Projects

Our long-term goal is to help Sister to be self-sufficient through development projects. Sister continues to work toward these goals primarily through gardening, raising chickens and other livestock, and drying fish.



ZeruZeru supported improvements for a guest house at the Center to welcome local and international visitors- as a way to raise funds and local support. Main improvements included fixing the ceiling, painting walls, new furniture, new stove, new toilets, and running (warm!) water. Some big events this year included hosting the local Catholic Bishop, Religious Sisters from the Philippines, members of the Boos Family, a seminar for local Catechists, and a visit from the local Police.



Health, Nutrition, and Protection

We provide funding for the medical treatment of general injuries, illness, and hospitalizations. We support the purchase of monthly bulk food staples like beans, rice, corn, sugar and flours supplemented with meat, fish, fresh fruit, and vegetables. We buy bottled gas and firewood for cooking and pay for monthly electric and water. New mosquito nets were purchased for the dormitories to decrease risk of malaria. ZeruZeru provides the monthly salary for staff workers who provide protection and care for the children as well as management of the animal and garden projects.



Outreach

This year included many opportunities for outreach both in Tanzania and in the US. Sister Helena and ZeruZeru believe it is important to involve the children in local Tanzanian events to demonstrate that people living with albinism and physical impairments are human beings to be treated with dignity and respect, not discrimination.



Community Wedding Celebration for Lauren and Logan Akre-Boos



Visit with the Religious Sisters in Musoma



Eucharistic Celebration with the Bishop in Shinyanga



Meeting with the son of Julius Nyerere



Celebration of St. Carlos Acutis

In the US, the Boos Family participated in several presentations to raise awareness of the issue facing people living with albinism in Tanzania and ZeruZeru's mission. Connect with us to share with you and your organization!



Karene presented to the kids at SJB School, Plymouth, WI



Karene presented to the Rosary group at SJB, Plymouth, WI and prayed with them in Swahili



Eric and Karene represented ZeruZeru at Regis University in Denver on World Mission Sunday



July Mission appeals at SJB- Plymouth and STA- Elkhart Lake, WI



September Mission appeal at Holy Trinity in Newburg, WI



2nd annual Dining in the Dark Event at SJB in Plymouth, WI sponsored by the ZeruZeru Ministry



Partnership with Imbasa Tours and Safaris benefits the work of ZeruZeru

ZeruZeru partnered with Imbasa Tours and Safaris for travel in Tanzania. From the slopes of Kilimanjaro to the plains of the Serengeti, to the shores of Zanzibar, and a visit to our Center- Imbasa can put a trip together for you. Check them out at www.imbasatoursafari.com. Contact Godwin Joshua directly (info@imbasatoursafari.com) or Lauren Akre-Boos to start planning!

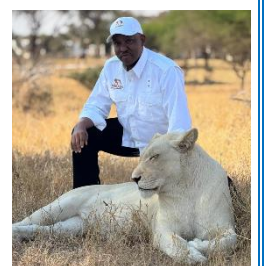


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The Risk for People Living with Albinism Remains

People living with albinism in Tanzania are at risk to be abducted and killed for their body parts for use in mystical belief practices. Election time in Tanzania this year brought heightened vigilance in protection efforts. Sister continues a close relationship with the police and takes in children referred to her care.



Little Christina joined us this year



This young girl lives in the village with her father. Sister and neighbors will monitor her safety until she can join us.

Needs and Goals for 2026

ZeruZeru supports Sister Helena and her work with an average yearly budget of \$50,000. This average includes daily food, medical, and operational needs, as well as education and development projects. Additional goals this year include funding:

1. Continued support of Sustainability Development
2. Children's Eye Examination and Corrective Glasses
3. Tutorial support of Education
4. Music: Singing is an integral part of the daily life and celebrations at the Center. The children are beautiful singers. In August 2025, Zeke Boos brought two guitars to the Center and taught Sultani and Richard how to play and care for the instruments. They were quick learners and are now playing at events. The next goal is to purchase a keyboard to further enhance the musical experience.



Thank you, Friends and Donors- We cannot do this without you!

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www.savethealbinochildren.org



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