



LAHASH

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PRAYER GUIDE
For **EAST AFRICA**





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ABOUT LAHASH

Thank you for praying with us!

Each year, we host a Global Day of Prayer here at Lahash to begin the new year. We seek God with anticipation for what lies ahead, and express our gratitude for the guidance and provision we were granted throughout the previous year.

God is doing amazing things across East Africa, and invites us all to join him! Let's start off 2024 by praying over the ministry, our partners, and the kids we serve.

We've created this Prayer Guide for you to use now and throughout the rest of the year to focus your heart and prayers specifically on the ministry of Lahash, and on the people and nations of East Africa.

In the following pages, you'll find specific prayer requests from each of our ministry partners, as well as prayers for the East African countries where they work.

You'll also be guided through prayers for Lahash's programs and staff members. Thank you for joining us in prayer!

OUR MISSION

We partner with African churches to holistically care for vulnerable children.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that all children in Africa know Jesus and thrive as they are loved by a flourishing global church.

OUR IMPACT

We minister alongside five East African partnerships who are caring for nearly 500 vulnerable children in their local communities.

We also offer a mentorship and scholarship program for young adults transitioning into higher education. We currently assist partners working in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Our goal is to encourage existing ministry initiatives and strengthen local Christians in the work God has called them to do. We desire to empower movements in the local church in order to raise up young men and women who will carry on the work of Christ into the next generation.





PRAY FOR PATH OF HOPE

- Pray for protection and good health for all sponsored children and their families.
- Pray for all ongoing projects mostly Busoka farming project and other new projects to come.
- Pray for the children who are waiting for sponsor(s) to get sponsors.
- Pray for all our program children to live a Godly life with wisdom and stature.
- Pray for POH staff and new board members for unity and solidarity in implementing the vision and mission of POH.

ABOUT PATH OF HOPE

Path Of Hope is a church-based ministry serving children affected by HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty in the Shinyanga Region of northern Tanzania. Over 90% of the population lives in rural areas, working hard to raise enough food and livestock to survive.

The dry season lasts six months of the year, and frequent droughts extend it even longer and put additional pressure on families. The region’s education system is severely underdeveloped due to poverty, lack of resources, and the traditions of local people, who only consider sending children to school when younger siblings are old enough to care for the livestock. In the local towns, HIV/AIDS has fractured families and left many children to live with grandparents or relatives who are unable to provide enough support for food, clothing, and education.

Path Of Hope is working with churches in the rural villages as well as the towns to serve kids throughout the region by supporting them in their home environments. Staff and volunteers visit the children in their homes throughout the week to encourage the families, pray with them, and assess their needs.

Saturday mornings find the Path of Hope church sites teeming with children, ready for “program day” which includes discipleship, worship, activities, and a meal.

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THANKSGIVING FOR NIPE TUMAINI

- We Thank God for the year 2023. For the gift of life. Benson was not feeling well but God's grace was sufficient and healing was his portion.
- We Thank God for His protection. Benson had an accident where a child ran across the road, was hit by the car but both Benson and the child were protected. The child is safe.
- We Thank God that in spite of the drought in Kenya and in particular around Nipe Tumaini, we have never slept without a meal.
- We thank God for Lahash and for the immense support they have given us in the last years.

PRAY FOR NIPE TUMAINI

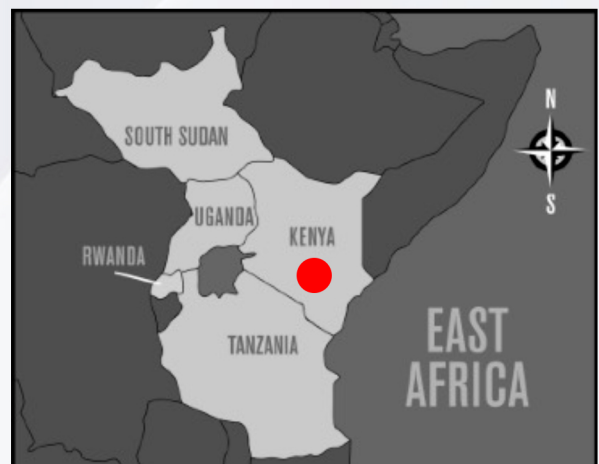
- Lets pray for strength, peace and protection for the year 2024.
- Lets pray that God will give us enough rains that will be a blessing to our farms, our animals and even to the wild animals.
- Lets pray that God will continue giving us wisdom in helping our children to become who God wants them to be and bring them closer to God through His word.
- Lets pray for Lahash international team for strength, peace and joy as they continue to serve in this Noble ministry.

ABOUT NIPE TUMAINI

When God called Benson Mungai and his wife Eunice to begin preparing a home for orphaned and vulnerable children, Benson didn't start by looking for kids in need. First, he planted a garden. Today that garden has grown into a farm that spreads out for acres in front of Nipe Tumaini Children's Home in Kenya's Rift Valley. Benson's vision was not only to create a safe home where children would receive love and holistic care. He wanted Nipe Tumaini to be a sustainable children's home. "We believe sustainability is the way to go, for any project or organization to succeed," he explains.

At Nipe Tumaini, the children live in a family-style setting where meals, work, and space are all shared communally. In addition to their studies, the children each have home responsibilities. They assist with cleaning and cooking, wash clothes and shoes, and help out on the farm. Many of the children have come from backgrounds of abandonment and abuse, so a stable and loving home environment is a critical part of restoring their hopes and re-imagining their futures.

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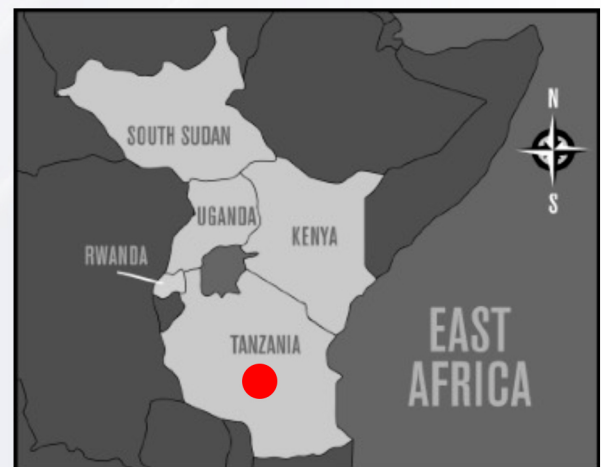


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PRAY FOR GRACE & HEALING MINISTRY

- We are grateful for the new year, pray for guidance in every plan that we have for the year 2024.
- Pray for good health for the staff and program kids.
- Pray for commitment in studies for all the kids we serve so that they may achieve their goals.
- Pray for love amongst the church leaders, staff and community so that they may be able to work together in unity (Isaiah 13:11)



ABOUT GRACE & HEALING MINISTRY

Dodoma is the capital city of Tanzania, home to everyone from wealthy Members of Parliament to destitute urban poor. Founded by Esther Muhagachi, Grace & Healing Ministry began as a group of women from a local church whose hearts were moved by the plight of those left most vulnerable in Dodoma, due to the impact of poverty and HIV/AIDS. As they were getting established, Esther approached Lahash about starting a Sponsorship Program to care for children whose needs would otherwise remain overlooked.

Most of the children in the Sponsorship Program have lost one or both of their parents. They are cared for by a single parent, extended family, or family friends. Grace & Healing Ministry staff visit the children at home, offering counseling and prayer, as well as advocacy with teachers and doctors when needed.

Some of the older children are “childheaded households,” meaning that no adult caregiver is present in the home, so they receive additional support. Every Friday afternoon, the sponsored children gather at the church to participate in a program of Bible teaching, choir practice, games, counseling, and a meal. Many walk for miles to come enjoy this weekly event. In addition, a Nutrition Program provides a daily meal for the children who are HIV-positive.

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PRAY FOR ERM RWANDA

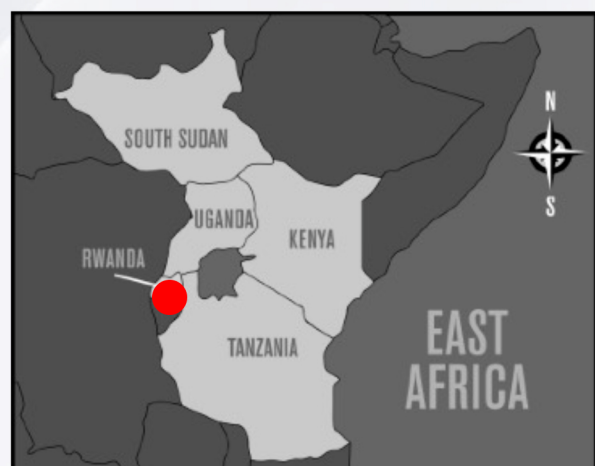
- Let us pray that the LAHASH conference that will take place in Rwanda 2024 will be successful and will be of great benefit to the ministry.
- In our program we added 30 children and we are praying that they will find sponsors in the coming days and pray for our beneficiaries for health and prosperity.
- At ERM we always pray for the project we have started for building of chapel and schools that are not yet completed and we pray that next year that project will be complete.
- Pray for the students of SWS for a good life and to be able to continue to study well. They have confidence to be the ones who will lift their families out of poverty and help the community.
- Pray for our beneficiaries who continue to struggle with food security and housing because in Rwanda the prices continue to increase in the market.

ABOUT ERM-RWANDA

Our church and ministry partners in Rwanda have been serving orphans since 1996. Through partnership with Lahash, the ministry is expanding into the rural outskirts of the city of Kigali where a new generation of vulnerable children are struggling against poverty, disease, and lack of education.

ERM-Rwanda works directly with the community in the area to identify the children most in need of sponsorship and assistance. Through regular visits to their homes, program staff and volunteers offer support and counsel to each child, as well as making sure that medical and educational needs are being met. Each Saturday all the sponsored children gather together at the ministry center for worship, Biblical teaching, activities, and a meal.

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PEACE MAKERS FOR ALBINISM & COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING

- We thank God for His grace and love to us, and protection in the whole year of 2023. All our Staff, our family, our Children and parents all are safe and in good health.
- We thank God for all 14 children who graduated class seven, passed their National exam and all are posted for secondary school.
- We thank God for the new intake of 30 children.
- We thank God for the farm project.

PRAYER REQUEST

- We pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us.
- We pray for God's protection in 2024 to our staff, our family, children in the program and their families.
- Pray for our form one students to have all their school needs and their studies.
- Pray for the farm project to have a good success.
- Pray for Lahash team and all the sponsors to stay safe and in good health.



ABOUT PEACE MAKERS FOR ALBINISM & COMMUNITY

Tanzania has the highest rate of albinism in the world. This genetic condition affects anywhere from 25,000 to 150,000 people in the nation. In addition to the serious health problems that result from lack of melanin, people with albinism face intense stigma and discrimination. Since the year 2000, more than 75 people with albinism have been killed. Most commonly they are bullied, shamed, beaten, chased from school, and maimed for body parts to be used for witchcraft and superstitious beliefs.

Sister Martha Mganga was born with albinism in northern Tanzania. She faced psychological and emotional abuse from her father as well as from her neighbors. At one point she even attempted suicide because of the abuse and stigma related to her condition. She still faces constant threats of violence and danger. But she is determined to advocate for children with albinism and change the way it is perceived.

She founded Peace makers for Albinism & community to provide direct advocacy and care for several dozen children with albinism who have endured multiple forms of trauma, and they are now making significant progress in their emotional and spiritual recovery. Albino Peacemakers is helping families accept and love their kids with albinism, and they are spreading the message across Tanzania that people with albinism are normal people worthy of kindness and compassion. Children in the Sponsorship Program are cared for holistically, meaning that physical, emotional, spiritual, educational, and environmental factors are all considered in providing care for each child. The kids are all given the opportunity to attend a local school, and Lahash engages in ongoing training and development efforts with the East African staff to creatively and compassionately improve the children's lives.





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PRAY FOR THE STAND WITH STUDENTS PROGRAM

Thank God for students who completed their studies. In 2023, we witnessed six graduations. Four students from Tanzania graduated with bachelor degrees, one student from Tanzania graduated with a diploma and one student from Uganda graduated with a bachelor degree. Thank God for these achievements. Pray Grace and blessings over the students who graduated in the year 2023 as they figure out their career paths and next steps.

Pray for students who will be joining SWS/colleges/universities in 2024.

Pray that God will guide them as they navigate all of the logistics of getting classes, meeting lecturers, and getting accommodations in the hostels. That God will surround them with friends who will challenge them to walk more closely with Christ and that God will guide them to churches where they can serve and worship while at their colleges/universities. That God will help them to work hard, to study well and to use their time to develop skills and gifts for God's purposes.

Pray for protection over all SWS students. Pray that as they encounter challenges in colleges and universities God will help them love Him with their whole hearts. That as they hear different philosophies, God will help them love Him with their whole minds. That as the enemy prowls around tempting them with all manner of worldliness, God will help them love Him with all their strength, that they will have courage to follow hard after Him and to glorify Him where He has placed them.



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Pray for discernment during decision making. Pray that the students will have eyes to see God and ears to hear Him as they navigate big decisions about their courses, internships, relationships and their future. That God will bring clarity to their decisions and peace as they make them. That God will Help the students to seek His will above their own. That God will help them to know the purposes He has for each one of them. That God will help them to be patient as He reveals His perfect will for them. That God will open doors widely and close them loudly as He leads them.

Pray for Provision. Thank God earnestly for the people who have always been providing funds for the SWS program over the years. Ask God to meet students' financial needs in the year 2024. That God will provide for their housing and accomodation needs, their transportation needs, their healthcare needs, their food and utilities, for their tuition fees, and their stationery.

Pray for protection. Pray for students' physical protection. That God will keep them safe at night, as they walk on campuses, and as they go to places that are new and unknown to them. That God will guard their health and keep them physically strong throughout the year.

Also pray for **spiritual protection.** That students will stay grounded in God's word, that their faith will guard their minds, that God's righteousness will guard their hearts and that they will take every thought captive to God's truth. That God will be their strong defender and their refuge.



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SAGGIAH AND ENRICA

- Give thanks to God. Thank God for His faithfulness in the past year. We indeed witnessed God's love, protection and support in very many ways. We're especially so grateful about our wedding which happened in August, 2023 and also Saggiah got to travel to Europe in December, 2023.
- To be under God's care in 2024. We are asking for God's continued faithfulness in the year 2024. It's so clear to us that our lives are wholly dependent on God's support. We want to abide under His love this year as well. Pray for God's strength to help us overcome any challenges that we may face in the year 2024.
- Divine wisdom to illuminate our minds. Brain power and the ability to make decisions are some of the greatest gifts that God handed to Humans. This year we'll be making many decisions. Pray for divine wisdom and guidance as we make decisions.
- Pray for God's provision and blessings in all areas of our lives- financial, physical, emotional, spiritual and careerwise. Pray for peace, pray for health, pray for great motivation in all that we do..
- Pray for our sick dad. Give thanks for Wright's dad. Pray for peace, pray for good health. Pray for wisdom on the side of the doctors and on the side of the family. Pray for provision of all the medical needs.
- Pray that we may offer service to God and be a source of blessings to others. Pray that we would have a heart for God and others and that we would be a light for Christ in the year 2024



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REILLY

- For Jacob (my husband) to find a new job that is better suited for him.
- Jacob is stepping into an eldership role at our church starting in January, prayer for wisdom and discernment for us in that process and transition
- For us to continue to grow together in our marriage and in Christ!
- For rest and lots of intentional quality time for Jacob and I together
- Continued financial provision and wisdom with our finances.



EDWIN AND CHRISTINE

- Give thanks for Edwin's successful surgery that took place last year in May. The healing process has been slower than expected. It's likely that Edwin will have to go in for another surgery if the drugs will not work. Pray for healing and full recovery.
- 2024 will be a busy year. We will be traveling a lot with our partners in East Africa. Pray for safe trips and great connection with each of our partners.
- Pray for our marriage that God will give us great union and that we have God's guidance to raise our children. Pray that God will keep teaching us His way and that we will desire to grow spiritually everyday.
- It's our desire to improve our physical health. We would like to get in shape this year and lose some pounds. Pray that we will be consistent and we will have strong endurance to push on.



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DAN AND ERIN

- Praise God for healing for Dan's body over the past year. We had reached out for prayer in previous years for a variety of concerns – and during 2023 Dan was able to experience a lot of relief and new health. Praise God for good health for the family as well during the past year. Pray that we'll continue to have joy and contentment in both sickness and in health.
- Pray that we will have extra grace poured out over our marriage and parenting. Pray for wisdom, patience, and good communication as we navigate relationships as our kids get older. Pray for peace over our home and work and school. Pray that each member of our family will know the love of Christ in a much deeper way this year.
- Please pray for wisdom for both Dan as he leads the Lahash team and for Erin as she serves at Portland Rescue Mission and helps shine the light and good news of Christ to those who live on the streets in Portland. Pray that we will do our work with humility, grace, wisdom, and excellence. Pray that God will use our small efforts to bring him great glory and bring about transformation in many lives of vulnerable people.



KATIE

- Please pray for healing and comfort for our family as we go through a divorce.
- Please pray for wisdom as we navigate an autism diagnosis for Eden. It's a huge praise to have more insight on how to support Eden but there is still a lot to figure out including which resources and accommodations would best support her. Also please pray for wisdom, patience, and grace as I parent Eden.
- Please pray for provision to afford to access resources like counseling and OT for Eden but also counseling and medical care for myself as well.



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CASEY

- **Balance & Energy** - The past year felt like one of our fullest yet! With our three kids in three different schools, Abbe working part-time, and Casey serving at Lahash it can be hard to keep up. As we step into a new year, we are grateful for what is ahead and also pray for the strength and energy to accomplish it all. We pray for refreshment as well, and that God would fill us up so that we can continue to pour ourselves out.
- **Health & Provision** - Aside from occasional sickness, our family has stayed healthy and we have seen God bring healing when needed. With Asher also driving now, prayers for safety are appreciated! Join us in prayer for continued good health and also for financial provision in the year ahead. Even as living expenses increase, God continues to provide for all our needs. We are so grateful!
- **Wisdom & Unity** - As our kids continue to grow, Abbe and I constantly feel the need for more wisdom as parents. Wisdom in loving and leading our kids as they navigate elementary, middle, and high school. Wisdom in how to balance full family schedules and still make time for each other. Pray that God will provide us with the wisdom and discernment we need, and give Abbe and I unity and grace as we love each other and our kids through all these new seasons of life.



JESSICA

Praise:

- I have lived with my current roommates for over a year and it has been a great home for me and I love both my roommates.
- I took a step in my faith and was baptized in October 2023 in my home church, Door of Hope.

Prayer:

- **Change:** I am looking to transition out of my role as administrative assistant and into the role of outreach coordinator. Please pray for someone to fill my role of administrative assistant.
- **Financial support:** I am at 96% for my monthly support! I am grateful to God for his provision in this area and also looking for a few more friends to join me on a monthly basis.
- **Relationships:** pray for me to continue to forge new friendships and nurturing the existing ones I have.



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ERIN

- Praise God for his provision of a stable home! We moved twice last year and are so grateful for the church rental house that we are in! Pray that our home is a place of peace and that all who visit are blessed.
- Pray for Andrew as he serves as the Assistant Director at The Burnside Shelter in downtown Portland. Pray for him to have Christ's heart of love and compassion and to serve and lead his staff with wisdom and grace.
- Praise God for Erin finding the community at Lahash! Pray that Erin can travel to Rwanda in the summer with the team! Pray that the media she creates will inspire and motivate people to partner with Lahash.
- Pray for Erin and Andrew to find ways to consistently refresh our hearts as disciples of Christ so we can keep pouring out in our community and family. Pray for us as we learn how to disciple our kids and teach them how to have a genuine walk with God. Pray for wisdom and patience and sleep on this parenting journey! Thank you!



EMILY

- Joy - Please pray that I will experience deeper joy in my life this year, through all my activities, and despite the circumstances. Sometimes it is hard for me to remain joyful when life gets difficult, so I pray that I will be able to lean on God and be fulfilled by him this year.
- Wisdom - I would also appreciate your prayers for wisdom. Life always brings different questions, challenges, and opportunities, and I need wisdom to know what decisions to make throughout the year.
- Family - Please pray for my parents, my grandmother, my sister, and my niece and nephew - that we will all grow closer together as a family and will be able to support each other throughout the year.





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