



Dear Friends and Supporters of the Sandy Christman Foundation,

With summer winding down and Labor Day behind us, I wanted to give you an update on the progress and events that are happening with the Sandy Christman Foundation so far in 2024.

Jennifer Cohen and I spent the month of February in the Kagera Region of western Tanzania. We visited completed SCF project sites and evaluated potential project sites for the future. Our projects started at the Biharamulo District Hospital in Kagera in 2007. The hospital continues to benefit from its solar power array which we financed and built in 2017. Biharamulo Hospital has become our model of how to improve medical infrastructure in resource challenged places like western Tz.

Without reliable electricity and running water, no hospital can hope to move forward to 21st century healthcare.

We have 2 active projects in western Tanzania that should be completed by mid-October 2024.

1. **The Rulenge Hospital Solar Panels:** Located near the Burundi border in a remote, resource-challenged area, this hospital lacks most necessities we take for granted. When finished, the hospital will have 24/7 electricity. It will be freed of its dependency on the unreliable, underpowered Tanzanian grid. When the grid shuts down, which it does almost daily, the hospital relies on its inefficient diesel power generators. A new solar powered system will save them money, and most importantly, improve patient care outcomes. We hope to level the playing field by having lighting and electricity to run a lab, a blood bank, an operating room and basic hospital equipment. **We Believe: NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO DELIVER HEALTH CARE IN THE DARK.**
2. **The Rulenge Secondary School Water Pump:** This school does not have running water. It is a co-ed boarding school with 500 students that relied on an inefficient, intermittently working pump powered by a diesel fuel generator that broke more than 2 years ago. Since then, the students and staff have hand pumped and carried their water. We plan to replace that pump with a solar- powered one. The pump will provide running water for showers and toilets resulting in improved hygiene for 500 teenage age boarding students. We know that health education, basic hygiene with plentiful, clean water leads to better health outcomes and improved life expectancy.

Meanwhile, our cancer diagnosis project using NOHA (N-O-H-A) continues to make progress. Patient recruiting is ongoing at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Arusha, Tanzania. We remain optimistic about NOHA and will continue to support it as it may play a crucial role in diagnosing early-stage breast cancer in women in Africa.

As a friend and supporter, we depend on you. Please help us bring light and better healthcare to Rulenge Hospital and Rulenge Secondary School, as well as continuing our support of NOHA research.

You can READ MORE about our projects by clicking on Blog at our homepage and you can donate at: <https://sandychristmanfoundation.org/>

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE DARK.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Larry Adrian

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