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## KEY CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES

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## Update from Tanzania

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### Key Connections

It's a new name for a new vision for service:

**To enable the church of Africa to mature and reproduce itself by making strategic resources available to empower believers spiritually, physically, and economically.**

We know that the need is real. It is said that 25,000 Africans come to Jesus Christ each day, but they have no access to even the most basic training and materials needed to learn, to grow, and to teach their new faith. Many in the western world are willing to provide strategic materials, but lack an effective, trustworthy distribution system. Still others are willing to help with specific needs or come to provide focused services if logistical support is available.

While there are many other missions in East Africa, there are none with similar goals and strategies. One established resource partner, Good News Productions International, described our mission as the critical missing link, the much needed bridge to link suppliers with those in need. He went on to say that many missions excel in producing good materials, but those who produce the materials are rarely able to effectively distribute them. Moreover, providing training and accountability with the materials will multiply their effectiveness.

We are excited. After 6½ years of support ministry, we will be working directly with the Africans we love. We will have the freedom to train and teach in ways that will empower them to mature and multiply, but we will also have accountability structures in place. We are confident that our experience, our conversational fluency in Swahili, and our vast network of relationships across East Africa will be great assets. Many of the things are already in place for this mission. A rental home will provide adequate space for offices, guest rooms, storage, mailing operations, and training as well as a residence. Shelving is in place for initial material storage. Trusted security and maintenance personnel are employed. A dynamic dedicated young man with training in evangelism, teaching, and HIV/AIDS prevention and with a real zeal for ministry is on staff. A partnership with Good News Productions International will provide the first source of distributable materials. We are poised to bring great change to African lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### What's Happening?

- We saved our vacation time and personal funds to take a few weeks this spring to see our families and help with the estate Steve's mother. It turned into a hard-working trip as we reorganized for the new mission. Marty added to the "vacation" by getting a root canal and fracturing her ankle in the April snow.
- We are working with several nationals to secure our registration and begin training and teaching sessions



**In Kigongoni**

Steve uses a solar-powered projector. This new technology brought a large audience — including several Muslims who accepted Jesus.

### LET'S PRAY!

- For a quick registration with the Tanzanian government so that the transition can be completed
- For wisdom and love that actively demonstrates the character of Jesus
- For additional partners to supply resources to Africans
- For individuals, families, and mission teams to begin plans for short-term service
- With thankfulness for those who provide for this mission in many ways

### OUR GOALS

- **Provide free and low-cost materials to church leaders**
- **Train leaders to effectively utilize resources**
- **Develop innovative ways for the poor to obtain key resources**
- **Utilize short-term volunteers and teams to meet critical needs**
- **Impart an urgent vision for ministry and evangelism**

... SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:17

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD



## A New Role for Thayer Christian Church

We are very happy to announce that the Thayer, Kansas, Christian Church has eagerly agreed to be our new forwarding agency. Thayer is Steve's hometown — his brother, sister, and their families are still a part of that congregation — so it's a natural place for our mission to call home.

The Thayer congregation has always had an active interest in supporting missions through committed financial support, mission teams, and special projects. Acting as a forwarding agency is a new role for them, but one they have embraced as yet another expansion of their world outreach.

The Thayer church will us to continue to provide tax-deductible receipts for contributions. Donations to our mission will be received in a separate post office box and deposited to a separate bank account; our donors can be confident that there will be full accountability for all funds. And, because our costs for administration are reduced in this new arrangement we happy to be able to reinstate mailed newsletter updates.

To be sure that your gifts are properly receipted, please make them payable to

**TCC — Key Connections Ministries**  
**PO Box 266**  
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## What's in a name?

Ever wonder how a mission is named? So did we. As we began to realize the possibility of beginning our own direct ministry, we'd given some thought to a name, but in our busy-ness nothing came together. We knew that we wanted it to express our vision of linking resources and needs. Somehow, "The African Conduit" just didn't click, but it was time for a name. So we sat at the kitchen table in the home of Steve's sister trying to come up with a name. John, Lois, and John Mark Davis, our friend and supporter Rachel Moreland, and the two of us.

The word *connection* was suggested as a good fit. But it needed some help. Finally, *key* was suggested. The alliteration and the multiple meanings seemed perfect: keys provide access, Peter was given the keys of the Kingdom, one keys in information, and key also takes on the meaning of strategic. Other synonyms include the answer or solution, significant, the source, crucial, vital, fundamental, and important. We believe that Key Connections will be all of these!

A quick check of the internet showed that there were no other missions with that designation. There even seems to be website available. So it was that *Key Connections Ministries* was born. We pray that *Key Connections Ministries* will indeed provide strategic access to God's Kingdom by linking resources with needs.

## INTRODUCING . . .



**Teresa Hogg**

We are very pleased that Teresa Hogg (pronounced to rhyme with *vogue*) has graciously agreed to serve as our administrator. Teresa has enthusiastically supported our mission in many ways over the years. And she comes with lots of business administration experience. She'll be the bonded handler all of our state-side business — like receipting contributions, banking, and newsletters.

Teresa, a musician at heart, is a member of the Thayer (KS) Christian Church. She's the wife of their mission chair, Gene Hogg, and mother of four daughters. We're confident that you, too, will enjoy working with Teresa.

## MORE INFO?

If you would like additional information or to receive updates either by mail or e-mail, please let us know. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Contact us at:

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