

SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK WITH COVENTRY DIOCESE PARISHES ABOUT

INCREASING SUBSISTENCE FARMING HARVESTS IN TANZANIA

The Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika DCT is based in semi-arid Tanzania and runs 6 schools, 3 hospitals and agricultural training programmes in predominantly bush areas.

Poor harvests remain a constant famine challenge in the region and impact 50% of the 1 million population. 68% of the farmers in the DCT region live under the UN poverty income level of US \$2 per day.

We are seeking opportunities to explain DCT's work and this could be relevant for individual Parishes who may be :

Looking for visiting speakers at services

Developing Parish projects related to hunger alleviation and harvest festival themes

Thinking about developing village twinning links in Tanzania

MORE DETAIL

DCT has Pastors in 220 villages and has just completed a pilot programme in 17 subsistence farming villages and results over a 3 year period have been very impressive.

The program has **DOUBLED** harvest yields through persuading farmers and especially Women, to give up 20% of their land to grow non feed crops which fertilise the soil for the next year.

The program also eradicated **30% of harvest loss** through training farmers to bury their grain sacks in plastic lined pits, in their houses. This kills the grain eating insects living in the sacks, saving 100kg of harvest per family per year.

We now want to roll out the programme to 200 villages covering 1 million people and critically empower Women who bear the brunt of farming work, by raising their status through increased harvest yields.

If this is of interest please get in touch with Andrew Mayfield and we can discuss shaping a talk specifically linked with your Parish needs ... many thanks

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