

Buy-A-Brick



for the Roche Health Center

Help Village Life provide 20,000 villagers access to permanent healthcare.



Roche Health Center ISSB bricks, June 2010



Roche villager laying ISSB bricks for Roche Health Center

Village Life

TANZANIA has 1 doctor for every 50,000 people, one of the lowest ratios in the world. Most rural Tanzanians have no access to healthcare. Since 2004, VILLAGE LIFE has taken U.S. students and professionals from the fields of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy to the Rorya District of Tanzania to provide care in mobile field clinics. We have treated over 7000 patients, and mobilized village health committees to disseminate disease prevention education, but the need for permanent healthcare is critical for these communities.

Roche Health Center

Roche Health Center will be the first healthcare facility in this region and will serve more than 20,000 people. RESEARCH on this project began in 2008 and has involved over 200 students and faculty from the University of Cincinnati. Roche villagers are now receiving direct training in the most sustainable and appropriate design elements and building techniques. CONSTRUCTION commenced in March 2010, and Roche Health Center has become a nucleus of innovation for safer, more durable structures.

Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks

The ISSB technology used in construction follows Village Life's guiding principle of sustainability by minimizing energy requirements and using only locally-available materials. A mixture of soil and cement is placed in a hand-operated press that yields a brick far stronger than traditional kiln-fired bricks, without the deforestation required in the firing process. One brick at a time, Village Life is radically improving construction in the entire region.

Your Support

For a tax-deductible donation of \$100, you can "Buy a Brick" and become part of the creation of a building that will change thousands of lives in Tanzania. Donor names will appear on the Wall of Support in the clinic lobby, a permanent memorial to those who help us save lives and revolutionize construction in rural Tanzania for generations to come. Buy a Brick—or several—and make a difference today!

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