

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF TANZANIA
SOUTHERN DIOCESE
MBARALI PARISH
P.O.BOX 79,
RUJEWANA – MBEYA
TANZANIA
11TH AUGUST 2007

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION
ESTHERVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WESTERN IOWA SYNOD
U.S.A

Dedicated them to your self by means of the truth;
Your word is truth (JOHN 17:17)

We greet you all in our mighty name of Jesus Christ and we expect that you are all spiritually, mentally and physically fit. We thank our almighty God for keeping us alive that we are communicating each other to day.

We received with great happiness the news that we have been selected to be in partnership with ESTHERVILLE church.

We have received the invitation, we are elated and we welcome you dearly to this new partnership and we expect that we will work together for the glory of God on this journey to heaven.

Mbarali church is in the southern western Tanzania, and it is within the rift valley of the western highlands of the south.

The weather of this area is hot within 27 – 30 °C. The natives of this area are called Sangu (Wasangu), a population of about one million. Also we have other tribes of Tanzania who immigrated to this area for various activities.

Most of the tribes immigrated to this area are:-

- (a) Herders – cattle, goats, donkeys
- (b) Peasants Farmers – they are dealing with cultivation of paddy (rice), maize, cassava, vegetables etc.

Farming mostly depends on rainfall. Only one river which we depend on for our irrigation of paddy.

We have rain from December up to April and not uniformly distributed and is not sufficient for our crops which use rain water.

After the rains we have dry spell for about seven months accompanied with cold weather for the months of June, July and August. After that we experience a very hot night and sun day time.

STATISTICS

Our Parish has about 3999 believers. Out of this we have 1234 men
2765 women
Total 3999

Most of the workers of our church are working on a voluntary basis and are only paid allowances which are not sufficient for their survival.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

In our area we have other denominations namely, Roman catholic, Pentecostal churches, Anglican, Baptist, Moravian, Assemblies of God, Jehovah Witness and other denominations are Muslim and Native religious.

Lastly we are wishing you all the best to your daily activities and may the almighty God bless you abundantly.

We the partnership committee of Mbarali Parish.

Rev. ANANIDZE MWAMBEDULE
CHAIRMAN



ROBERT MWAKASAKA
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