

## A shocking and horrific update!

As a bit of a background and reminder of what the Alone challenges supported back in the Fall:



When we last visited this village (Mwalwigi, Tanzania), we went to a local school where albino children are educated and who stay at this school full-time (along with other students who get to go home at the end of each school day, weekends, and holidays). This school is guarded and has electric barbed wire fencing to protect these albino children who live there. Protected from what? From witch doctors and hunters of these children.

Witch doctors have convinced desperate and poor people that if they own a body part of an albino person, that it will bring them good luck & fortune! They pay hunters to find and attack these children and bring back their limbs to be sold. So, parents of these children cannot keep their children at their homes because they will be attacked, mutilated, and likely killed!

The funds that were raised from the Alone challenges (along with our friends and families) were to purchase food for these children because during COVID and school shutdowns, the albino children were left at the school without anyone caring for them and without food!



Our partner there (Pastor Titus Mashalla – shown in these pictures) sent volunteers to the school to care

for these kids with the food that was provided by donors here and donations from those in the village area who can afford very little.



### RECENT UPDATE:

Quite recently, Pastor Titus sent us pictures of seven albino children who were not so fortunate as the children already at the school

**WARNING: Following are photos that are quite hard to look at, but they show the reality, sadness and fear that these children are facing.**



**Pastor Titus reached out to us to tell us about seven children that were attacked and had limbs cut off!**



The parents of these seven albino children brought them to the hospital to be treated and Pastor Titus raised funds in the community to pay for their hospital fees. The hospital released the children, but the parents did not dare bring them back home for fear of the evil hunters. They called upon the school where the other albino children are protected and the school reached out to Pastor Titus, who reached out to us for help. *We have just been notified that the seven injured children are back at the hospital receiving further treatments.*

There were also 38 other children brought to the school for help and protection between the months of April and July, of which there are blind, deaf, mute, and mentally challenged, along with other albino children.

#### **CAN YOU POSSIBLY HELP?**

For those who would like to contribute to helping with hospital fees for these seven injured children, along with purchasing beds, bedding and food for them, along with the additional 38 children, please go to <https://gcfcanada.com/partners-in-hope-tanzania/> (Canadian site)  
<https://friendsgc.com/partners-in-hope-tanzania/> (US site)

**(Be sure to leave a comment directing donations to: "The needs of the albino children")**

*Some children have recovered quite well as you can see in pics of their beautiful smiles and support of one another!*

