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### Story

**(Title):** Pick up trash and Painting a bridge

**Ministry type:** Seed project

**Area of impact:** Physical

**Country:** Tanzania

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From September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, Jacob trained a group of Youth With A Mission (called Foundation for Community Development, FCD) in Tanzania on the Wholistic approach for Community Development through a local church. At the end of a-5-day training, they planned for two Seed Projects.

First Seed project heading

1. Problem: Filthiness causes diseases in Kihonda community
2. God's Intentions: good health and clean community
3. Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:14
4. Seed Project: Trash Pick-up and Burning in Kihonda community
5. Primary area of impact: Physical 6. Secondary area of impact: Social

Second Seed project heading

1. Problem: No marking on the road to show the bridge - risk of coming off the road
2. God's Intentions: Safety and valuing life in Kihonda community
3. Scripture: Isaiah 61:4
4. Seed project: Paint of the bridge indicators to make the bridge more visible
5. Primary area of impact: Physical, 6. Secondary area of impact: Social

### Implementation of the Seed Projects

Here below is the description of the two seed projects as written by Daphne Israwi, a student from the base of Morogoro/Tanzania.

*"So, the two seed projects were as follows:*

***Trash Pick-up and Burning***

***And Painting of the Bridge*** (to make it more visible and prevent drivers from going over sides)

#### ***1. Trash Pick-up and Burning:***



*We completed it within the first few days of the assignment. All went smoothly and some of the other team members joined us as we walked down the main road of Kihonda picking up trash. We did this for about 1-1/2 hours and picked up trash along the main road up to the intersection at the end.*

*Store keepers, as well as residents of the neighborhood, watched us as we cleaned their community. Originally, the leader of the community had expressed interest in joining us as we picked up trash, and stated that others might also join in, but on the day that we arranged to do the seed project, he was not available except to thank us at the end. No others from the community joined in to help. One person commented that we were doing a good job. After the trash was collected, it was brought to the end of the main road and burned while we watched (to make sure the fire didn't spread). After all was burned, the leader came to thank us for volunteering to help their community. We felt it was successful in getting the neighborhood clean more quickly, and in blessing the community by serving them, but because the community members had not participated or seen the need for a clean environment, the main road became littered once again.*





## ***2. Painting of the Bridge***

*This project was carried out over the course of 3-days, spread out over a little less than 2 months. After receiving permission from the community leader, the team purchased paint and painted the first coat of white paint (after cleaning the surface and clearing soil away from the sides). A small group wandered by and commented to each other that they (the Foundation for Community Development team) must be Chinese. The team members believe that the group of people thought that they were contracted to improve the bridge.*



*The second phase was to apply the second coat of white paint.*

*The third phase was to paint the yellow stripes. None of the community members participated, but two students from Discipleship Training School (DTS) became interested in the project and joined the Foundation for Community Development (FCD) team.*



*Overall, the project was successful in blessing the community as well as setting an example for one man who communicated with Gideon. No other comments were made by any of the community or the community leader. The period of time to complete the project was longer than anticipated, but that was due to the very busy school schedule”.*

**Reported by Daphne Israwi**