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REMOTE TANZANIAN VILLAGERS ADOPTING THE ORTHODOX FAITH (+VIDEO)



In a remote village in Tanzania, zealous new converts to the holy Orthodox faith have built themselves a church made of bamboo and straw.

The road to the village of Mobe, Iringa Region, is practically impassable, winding through rivers and rock formations. Therefore, the faithful were unable to import more stable materials for a church.



According to a report from the Orthodoxia News Agency, a large number of the villagers have been baptized over the past few weeks at the Diocesan Missionary Center.

Though the report doesn’t give an exact number, photos show dozens of villagers gathered for the recent visit of Bishop Agathonikos of Arusha and Central Tanzania.



His Grace celebrated the Sunday Liturgy on September 19 for the newly illumined Orthodox Christians.

Following the service, the bishop shared a festal meal with the locals and answered their questions about Orthodoxy.

Watch a video of the bishop’s visit:

Tanzanian Orthodoxy has been in the news several times recently. In January, 80 Baptisms and 2 weddings were celebrated in Kimouli, and another 40 were baptized in March in Niagara Cerua.

Earlier, more than 500 Tanzanians received Holy Baptism in February 2019, and another 230 in January 2020. In February of that year, the first Orthodox monastery in Tanzania celebrated its first Divine Liturgy, and that September, a mass wedding for the Orthodox faithful of the Maasai tribe in Tanzania was held.

In July of this year, the priests of the Tanzanian Diocese were given motorcycles, allowing them to visit hundreds of parishes.

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