

# THE DENVER HOSPICE

June 26, 2009

United States Embassy Staff,  
American Embassy  
686 Old Bagamoyo Road,  
Msasani  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to let you know that we have invited Elizabeth Clement Makule, Director, and Augustino Kimani Lukumay, chaplain, of Selian Lutheran Hospice in Arusha, Tanzania for a two-week professional exchange visit to The Denver Hospice, Denver, Colorado. The trip would be some time in September, 2009 (we have not arranged tickets yet). The Denver Hospice has had a sister hospice relationship with Selian Lutheran Hospice since 2001, and this will be the fourth time that we have hosted Selian staff at our hospice. We have also made several visits to Selian Hospice, and we do extensive fundraising to support their work.

Elizabeth Makule is the Director of the Selian Hospice program, and is also a nurse. Augustino Lukumay is a chaplain doing spiritual care with patients and families in the Selian Lutheran Hospice Program. Selian Lutheran Hospice program is currently receiving funds from a New Partners Initiative (NPI) grant from USAID as a center of excellence and clinical training for hospice and palliative care in Tanzania.

We at the Denver Hospice have raised the funds to cover all expenses for their visit, including all travel costs, lodging, meals, and incidentals. There will be a national hospice conference in Denver from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, and we have invited our friends from Selian to attend. We are also planning fundraising events, and we are hoping to have Elizabeth and Augustino as guests of honor. We hope that you will be able to issue visas to both of them, so that they may visit our hospice, preside at the fundraising events, bring back ideas and inspiration to their colleagues at Selian Hospice, and strengthen our sister hospice relationship.

Thank you for your assistance in the visa application process.

Sincerely,



Bev Sloan  
President and CEO