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## LUTHER CARE SERVICES DONATES HEALTH CARE BEDS TO HOSPITALS IN TANZANIA

**DES MOINES – January 17, 2012:** Luther Care Services, a non-profit company that manages the Luther Park Retirement Campus, donated 120 mechanical health care beds to Global Health Ministries, which were then shipped to Arusha, Tanzania for use in their hospitals.

“In January of 2009 a delegation from Zion Lutheran Church in Des Moines visited Gonja Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania and participated in a service project,” said Angie Mesenbrink, director of community relations with Luther Care Services. “Two years later a few people revisited Tanzania and found even more need. One of those needs happened to be for mechanical hospital or health care beds.”

Through a community connection, Luther Care Services realized the need of the Tanzanian hospitals. After replacing 120 mechanical health care beds in their Des Moines facility, Luther Park donated their displaced beds to Gonja Lutheran Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Center.

Coincidentally, these hospitals are located in the city of Arusha, where Drake University’s football team played an exhibition game in May - billed as the first American football game to be played on the continent of Africa.

**Information about Luther Care Services:** The Luther Park Retirement Campus is a full-service not-for-profit retirement community offering distinct senior living options. These choices range from independent living retirement apartments, to assisted living, catered living, assisted living memory care, nursing and Alzheimer’s care. For more information, visit: [www.luthercareservices.org](http://www.luthercareservices.org).

