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Mrs. Salome Magesa

I was born at Kazirankanda, Ukerewe Island, Tanzania. My parents were Christians, so I grew up in a Christian home. The whole family attended Sunday services, Sunday School classes, and had prayers in our home. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior in our home. My faith grew stronger when I attended a mission boarding school for girls where the Word of God was taught and the Christian life was maintained.

After school, I was engaged to Samuel, and we were married August 29, 1954. God has blessed us with five dear and healthy children; 3 girls and 2 boys – Syntike, Stephen, Sofronia, Sofia and Stanley, and with seven grandchildren – 4 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. In all these years, God has carried me through very trying times of frequent illnesses, loneliness when Samuel was twice overseas for studies, several years every time. The change for Samuel from teaching to literature work brought a lot of inconveniences into our home. There was the problem of adjusting to many shortages of supplies. But God was faithful and was with us. He took care of us. God carried us through many financial problems. We learned to trust the Lord in everything.

As a Christian housemother, I have great duty and responsibility to help other mothers and wives to lead a good Christian life in their homes. For many years I had the duty as chairperson of the women's group of our local church. In that capacity, I was teaching and speaking at many women's meetings, seminars, and conferences. Later as a pastor's wife, I ministered and encouraged pastors' wives through workshops and seminars. Then as a bishop's wife, duties and responsibilities were much more demanding and pressing. Both Samuel and I could hardly work without your prayers. Please continue praying for me. I cannot reverse my years of age. I need God's mighty hand to firmly uphold and sustain me in His ministry.

I used to travel with Samuel to other areas in our diocese, where I saw women in the churches outside of Mwanza. Now that he has gone Home to be with the Lord on January 9, 2000, I cannot get to these places. I help to instruct teachers who will in turn instruct teachers of women's seminars. I pray for women and try to help others spiritually who are close by. Some from other areas come to me here in Mwanza and we talk and pray together. There are widows who do not know if they will have a long life because their husbands dies of AIDS. They come for help with prayer. Those who are widows for any reason I have a burden for. Pray for them and continue to pray for me also.

Where currently serving: Mwanza  
Date of present assignment: August 20, 1993  
Date of next scheduled furlough: N/A  
Retirement.

Birthdates:	Samuel	April 3, 1934-January 9, 2000
	Salome	December 27, 1938
	Syntike	December 27, 1957
	Stephen	January 13, 1960
	Sofronia	April 24, 1962
	Sophia	June 16, 1964
	Stanley	September 4, 1966

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