

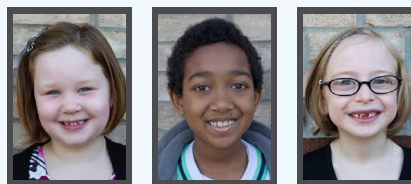
PRAYER IMPACTS EVERYTHING

- We praise God for 4 TOL graduates at other area Christian schools! Pray that God will send the remaining need of \$3000 to supplement their tuition costs.
- Pray for the Lord to restock our food pantry at school with items for snacks and lunch for kids without food.
- Pray that we will break ground for our middle school/multipurpose room expansion soon. Pray for our designers Robert and Bruce as they create plans.
- Pray for the students still on waiting lists and those we've turned away due to limited class size.
- Pray for the Lord's presence to overwhelm us, the children, and their homes everyday as we war against the enemy and his schemes. We declare the enemy defeated! Pray that we remain faithful to Jehovah and His Vision for the school.
- Praise God for our new music teacher Elsa Halifax!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

We are thrilled to report that we finished our 5th year at TOL in the black! At the end of August we had a couple thousand dollars left to start the new school year. We praise God for being able to make our first payroll, and for all the generous people who sent in new laptop computers for the 2/3 class. We also have over \$200,000 in hand in the expansion fund as we prayerfully seek to build our new expansion without any debt.

Please join us in praying and believing for the remaining \$190,000 need for the 2015-2016 school year operations. All donations are tax deductible and can be sent to the school address. You can give using a credit card by going online to www.tolschool.org/donate



New worship songs are being written by TOL Students that you can download for \$1.00 (or whatever you'd like to contribute). Each song has a short bio about the students who wrote each song. Imagine 1,000,000 people giving \$1 to help with the future of Tree of Life... and being blessed in the process!

Go to www.tolexpansion.org and support the TOGETHER AS ONE initiative.



2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Come see and hear what God is doing in and through Tree of Life!

FALL 2015 GETTING TO KNOW TOL



Welcome to Tree of Life! The 50+ students pictured above and I are excited about what God is doing to change the Edison neighborhood and change each of us as well!

Tree of Life is a distinctive, Christ-centered school, and our main purpose is to provide a transformative Biblical education to a broad range of children who may not normally have the opportunity to do so. We also work extensively with the childrens' families to help them reach their full potential in Christ.

Students at Tree of Life learn to think creatively, worship enthusiastically, analyze critically, live wisely, and love unconditionally. The end goal is for them to transform the world around them for the glory of Almighty God.

But... in order to really get to know us, you really need to visit us and see for yourself what God is doing here. I welcome the opportunity to meet you and show you around – call me and let's make it happen!

Serving Christ and His kids,

Adam Sterenberg, Administrator/Founder



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Fast Facts

Tree of Life (TOL) exists to provide a Christ centered education to all children regardless of their social-economic situation. TOL celebrates the diversity of the body of Christ and equips children to serve God, people, and creation to their fullest potential.



- Opened with 12 students in 2010
- Opened current facility in 2012 with no debt and 40 students
- 2013, 2014, and 2015
 - 50+ students K-5
 - \$200,000 operating budget
 - less than 15% of revenue comes from student tuition
- Helped start River of Life school in Benton Harbor
- Capital campaign begins 2015 for expansion to support 100 students K-8
- 2015-16 annual operation budget need of \$210,000

TUITION AGREEMENT:

Tuition is based of 5% of a family's income - no matter how many children in that family attend. Minimum tuition is \$25/month. Average annual income of TOL families is \$20,000.

From K to 5th grade!

God sent us these beautiful Kindergartners back in 2010 when we were renting space at St. Joe's Catholic Church. They have grown so much in the Lord over the past 5 years!

Zion and Pat have had huge attitude improvements. Both have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pat is taking ownership in his education by getting himself up and riding his bike to school every day. Zion is a great leader and helper in his class this year. Both boys started well below grade level, but are now either at or above grade level in reading and math.

Angela and Kiera are also both strong followers of Jesus. Angela has been super shy in the past, but now she feels comfortable praying over people while on street ministry! She also started several grade levels below in reading, but she is now above grade level and thoroughly enjoys it. Kiera is bold with her love for the Lord and continues to excel in her school work.

We celebrate the growth in these four wonderful young people, as God develops them into mighty oaks that stand tall and strong for His glory!



What Parents Are Saying

"Our girls never used to enjoy going to school... now they can't wait to come every day! I have seen a difference already in the way they treat each other at home and the way they behave. Their grandfather has also noticed a good change in them." – Florence



"I had plans for Sasha to attend another school, but after talking to Adam, I felt his passion and the calling God placed on him to provide a Christian education for kids, and I changed my plans. Since attending, she comes home excited about what she is learning. She is being encouraged to excel, and our entire family is blessed with the new songs she learns." – Sonia

"Our Isabelle just loves it – sending her to TOL was one of the best decisions we've ever made. She even gets up on weekends and wants to come to school. She's learning so much and her teacher said she should be reading way above grade level by the end of the year." – Crystal

"Thank you TOL for coming to life and giving our kids a change and putting GOD back into school. You make sure that when I can't do it, ya'll make sure my son gets to school." – Almetta

"When our family came to Kalamazoo, we wanted to send our kids to a Christian school, but it was more than we could afford. We were about to enroll Angela in the public school when one day a flyer appeared in our mailbox. I almost threw it away, but the bright color caught my attention and I began to read. It was truly a miracle – God answered our prayers! Angela has grown so much spiritually and academically. She comes home every day singing songs about Jesus and saying memory verses. Tree of Life is such a blessing to our daughter, our family, and this neighborhood." – Mia

"Not only has Kaytra's school been a blessing in her life, it has been a blessing in my life as well. Thank you so very much for everything. Tree of Life has been more than a school – you've been like family to me." – Nichole



EXPANSION PLANS

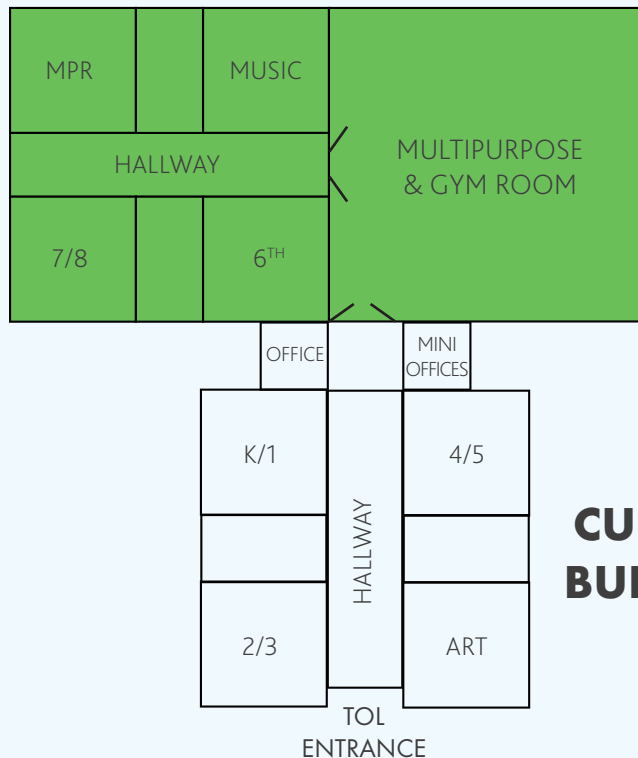
It is clear that the Lord wants to increase the number of students and families that are able to be part of the Tree of Life family. With 50+ students in K-5, and all grades full except for 4/5 we are having to turn students away, it's time to grow again!

We are looking to tackle the next phase of expansion and double the size of our physical footprint, allowing us to add more students and expand to include 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Plans and permits are being finalized, and we are shooting to have this expansion ready for next fall.

Our first building (valued at \$800,000) was constructed with no debt or loans, and we are trusting God for His provision for a debt-free expansion as well.

We humbly ask for your prayers and support as we pursue God in building this significant expansion that will impact the Edison neighborhood for generations to come. Glory to God!

EXPANSION PROJECT



CURRENT BUILDING

