

2009 Vision of Tomorrow Tour (a BUKOBA CHOIR GOSPEL TOUR)

SHINA, Inc., under its **United Voices of Bukoba Lutherans (UBVL program)**, and in collaboration with partnering Churches and Ministries, is planning and arranging a fundraiser for the **"Bukoba Gospel Music Archive and Vocal Training Centre,"** The Centre is a community initiative undertaken by the BUKOBA CHOIR. This year's Fundraiser theme is **"We are Called to Serve"**.

The Bukoba Choir tour in 2006, honoring the late Y.B.B. Mushala, envisioned and created the wonderful idea of preserving and archiving the Bukoba Lutherans music, traditional instruments, vocal training for the region, studio recording and duplication services in the Kagera region of Tanzania

VISION OF TOMORROW TOUR featuring members of Bukoba Choir, Youth Choir and Cathedral Choir of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania/NWD will:

- **Minister the Word through songs and uplift community spritual welfare**
- **Bridge the gap with our fellow brothers and sisters around the world as we strive for our community development initiatives**
- **Fundraise for the construction and development of Bukoba Gospel Music Archive and Vocal Training Centre**
- **Striv to bring harmony and encourage friendship among believers**

BUKOBA MUSIC ARCHIVE and VOCAL TRAINING CENTRE

The development of the Centre is important to the community. As we strive for preservation of the music and instruments, the Center will also provide employment, encourage new talents, and contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the community. The Centre is to serve not only singers in the Bukoba area, but also to contribute to the global music industry. Land has already been purchased through choir member's contributions.





In African culture, music is fundamental to the optimal health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Outside of the spoken word, music is the common thread and stronghold of a community; allowing for freedom and expressions of:

- Creativity
- Joys and sorrows
- Education
- Motivation
- Sustaining tradition and passing on of history/historical facts from one generation to the next
- Dreams and goal achievement
- Team building and strengthening
- Accountability and responsibility
- Cultural identity and diversity
- Enhanced cultural understanding
- Economic development and social change
- And much more . . .





ABOUT BUKOBA CHOIR

Bukoba Choir, founded in 1974, is one of the oldest choirs in Bukoba. Bukoba Choir performs some of the most original and traditional songs reflecting the culture and the language of Bukoba. It is also one of the six choirs at the cathedral church in North West Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

The music of Bukoba Choir has been a magnet to many visitors and especially missionaries. As a result, the choir has toured several countries including, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and the USA also in Africa the choir has toured Kenya and Uganda. One visitor after listening to the choir reflected: *"Their heavenly voices will mesmerize and leave you wanting more..."*

The Bukoba Choir's community outreach services include helping the sick, widows, children and orphans. The Choir engages in small farming production, whereby the income helps to pay member's dues and other community responsibilities.

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