

# Tanzania

## **United Republic of Tanzania**

**James A. Crumpacker**, Area Coordinator

**Richard E. G. Smoak**, National Superintendent

**Population:** 37,900,000

**Area:** 364,900 sq. mi.

**Capital:** Dar-es-Salaam

**Languages:** Swahili (official), English (official, primary language of commerce, administration, and higher education), Arabic (widely spoken in Zanzibar), many local languages

**Religions:** Christian, 30%; Islam, 35%; indigenous beliefs, 30%

**Missionaries appointed to Tanzania:** Jim and Latitia Robertson and Richard and Pamela Smoak

The union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar on April 26, 1964, formed the United Republic of Tanzania in East Africa. Zanzibar is an island about 20 miles off the Tanzanian coast in the Indian Ocean. Tanzania's area is three times the size of New Mexico. It borders Kenya and Uganda on the north; Burundi, Rwanda, and Democratic Republic of Congo on the west; and Mozambique, Zambia, and Malawi on the south. Tanzania remains one of the world's poorest countries, heavily reliant on foreign aid, with many of its people living below the World Bank poverty line.

Tim Simoneaux founded the United Pentecostal Church of Tanzania in 1980. Since 1988, the work has expanded from having churches in eight regions to now 15. According to the *2006 Annual Field Report*, the UPC of Tanzania has 7,744 constituents, 95 ministers, and 104 churches and preaching points.