

David's Tumaini Hotel IN ENGLISH



Good News Productions, International's crew prepare to shoot a scene for the pilot of *David's Tumaini Hotel*.

LATM's Book-of-the-Month for July is *David's Tumaini Hotel* by Oneal Tankersley, in English.

Don't you just love it when a plan comes together? For several years, three fellow missionaries to Kenya--Oneal Tankersley, Mike Schrage and Bob Sartoris--had dreamed of a series of video episodes that use a dramatic set-up to teach teenagers and young adults lessons on Christian morals. This team had previously worked to produce culturally relevant Christian films, but this was their most ambitious project. Now, after several years "on the drawing board," *Tumaini Hotel* is in production through Good News Productions, International's regional center in Nairobi, as a series of 30-minute episodes that will be broadcast on Kenyan TV stations. (Watch the video trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=k67B52F2MKo&feature=channel_page.) LATM has been requested to help with the publication of the book which will be a companion to the TV series. Your book club donation during July will be used to help produce this book.

This book (and video) is a series of stories set in rural Kenya of teens and young adults encountering normal day to day struggles of life -- but with adult Christian mentors nearby giving advice and direction. Topics covered are: Honesty, Smoking/Drinking, Tribalism, Unemployment, Sexual Purity, Integrity, Pornography, Stealing, Stewardship of one's environment, and Simple and Honorable Christian Weddings. Each chapter has an illustration at the beginning and a list of discussion questions for groups at the end.

FROM THE AUTHOR



Oneal Tankersley

Books still matter in Africa. Being blessed to serve as missionaries in Kenya for many years, we came to know and appreciate the struggles of the young people. The youth of Africa crave education and are eager to improve their situation in life. So they read what they can find, listen to radio and look for more, eager for opportunity and direction.

David's Tumaini Hotel is a collection of stories for African young people which teach Christian morals and perspectives of life. These engaging stories, tailored for African culture and economic realities, give godly direction and encourage young people to high standards of behavior, integrity, and holiness.

My plans for distribution into the school system would be to work through the Ministry of Education to get permission and their blessing on mailing a copy for the library of each of about 350 secondary schools in Kenya. Likewise, for church distribution, I would like to have representatives promote the book at youth meetings and camps that typically take place during school break time - typically April/August/December. This book will also be sold through GNPI's video marketing network in conjunction with the TV series being produced.