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US team here on humanitarian mission

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OFFICIALS from a US Non Governmental Organisation known as Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) are in the country on a two-week humanitarian outreach mission.

They are scheduled to visit locations in Dar es Salaam and Iringa for humanitarian outreach missions. They will also visit Ruvuma Region to give Songea residents with free dental services from US practitioners.

MCW is a US youth founded organisation with the mission of working closely with community members and leaders, educational institutions, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations throughout the world.

According to the Co-founder and Executive Director of MCW, Edward Bergman, the MCW delegation include three doctors from New York University (NYU), US, two from South Africa and five dental students from the same university.

"MCW is run strictly through the efforts of volunteers with sustainability and youth empowerment at the heart of its mission," Bergman said.

He said that in Songea the dental team will treat residents with dental problems in cooperation with Songea hospital dental staff. The team will use equipment they have come with and other equipment left over from last year's similar visit to Songea. Last year MCW dental team served nearly 500 Songea residents who had dental

problems.

Bergman said that they were expecting to start developing a 50-acre plot that was designated for the organisation's use last year. MCW, which has its country office and a youth-based community centre in Arusha, intends to set-up a similar centre in Songea.

The centre will have a community center and a farming project. Eventually, it will construct affordable - houses for young people.

From Songea the team will travel to Iringa, there they will evaluate needs for the proposed library for the envisaged Catholic University in Iringa. Members of the group will also visit Arusha to review the performance of the centre located at Majengo, which was built with MCW assistance.