

A Report and Reflection from Makang'wa.

Greetings from the Amani Family.

October 2020

This is a busy time of the year. Farm lands are being prepared for the approaching wet season. Primary School students are involved in National Examinations. High School graduates anxiously wait for news of a place at a university. Politicians and candidates for election are noisily proclaiming the benefits which will follow on from their election. Many congregations are involved in evangelistic outreach. And the wind blows, the dust is swirling around us, and it is HOT. Actually, all is normal for this time of the year, but our comments are fresh every year!

I am reminded of a verse in an old hymn we sang at almost every Eucharist at the small St. John's church at Gowrie, near Toowoomba.....

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Yes. We do need to pause and to sense the love of God and the purposeful life offered in the 'midst of it ALL'.

Here we pray that students we support to do well in the national examinations. They usually do. Then we think, "Oh, my. Now there are uni or vocational college fees to find." Thankfully, the government has a Student Loan Program for university studies which is well ordered. It covers most of tuition costs, but NOT accommodation and not the absolutely necessary COMPUTERS.

We have three students moving on to university this year. **Winnifrida Malango** and **Silas Luhalo Nhyapuli** from VIMECHIA. They were featured in a recent Face Book posting. The third is **Stephen Mazenga Jackson**, a Children of Peace graduate who has been raised by his grandmother. Stephen will study for a Degree in Agricultural at Sokoine University of Agricultural Sciences at Morogoro. These three have done well, keeping faith with sponsored support.

Here, in pictures, is our record of Leonard, firstly in



preschool,
with friend
Gerishom,
and then
completing
Primary
School.





He is a WORKER. I believe he does not have one lazy bone in his body. Leonard is also a strongly committed young Christian man. Here he is shown as a Secondary School student, and then as graduating from High School. **Now there is one proud grandmother!**

Winnifrida and Silas have a similar developmental record through VIMECHIA care.

This week we are anticipating the arrival 'home' of **Emmanuel Funga**. He is now **Dr. Funga**, soon to be appointed to a Community Medical Clinic. Yes, it is quite a burden to assist these young people but the JOYS far outweigh the seasonal stresses. You understand that from family life. I see it in many Face Book postings.



Last Sunday I worshipped, in a packed building, at St. Peter's Chapel of the DCT Mvumi Secondary School. On Sundays it is also a local church. About 50% of the congregation were students. I reflected on this. This is a private school, yet it is closely related to the community, and especially the worshipping community. This is a most healthy relationship, socially and spiritually. Many private church schools nowadays have little relationship with the local **worshipping** community. My opinion is that if **an intentional spiritual focus** is not closely related to a 'social/community' focus our best efforts go astray.

I recall that MANY YEARS AGO, in Toowoomba, the Glennie students attended the 10.00am Eucharist at St. James, and the Toowoomba Grammar lads attended St. Luke's. I remember, as a young lad, buying a box of silk worms from the Glennie Stall at the St. James' Fete. No one told me they would MULTIPLY and take over. However, the relationship was there. Incidentally, in Billings I have a friend who married an Australian woman, a Glennie graduate. We have reminisced about Miss Dowling! His wife has many memories. Yes, she was a Headmistress to be remembered. He also speaks of the pleasure of enjoying a cold beer in an Australia country pub. Good connections.

I am thankful to be able to report that **Jacob Elia**, of the Mvumi Institute of Health Sciences, a final year student, now has a sponsor. His mother is a struggling local farmer, left with the burden of raising the family after her husband deserted the family. By this time next year Jacob will be Dr. Elia, serving in a Community Health Clinic, and able to assist his younger sibling with education needs. It is an extraordinary joy, and a privilege, to be involved in the development of these young Tanzanians.



Thank you for your prayers and support for the work and the people here. This morning I have spent five hours working with five local men, cleaning a large field, preparing it for tractor work after the rains soften the land. It does seem that what goes around comes around! Not bad, if it is in the purpose of God.

Wishing you many blessings in the Lord.

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