

Report from Makang'wa

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I returned from Australia on August 31st. The flight seemed VERY long. I suspect that was the effect of the flu I developed shortly after arrival in Brisbane. This certainly put a 'damper' on the trip. I am thankful that people were so kind and understanding – and almost overwhelmingly hospitable. "Thank you" to the clergy, congregations, schools, gatherings and individuals who welcomed me so warmly. I thank God for the call and vision which draws us together. This visit I completed the time in Geelong with Gordon and Althea Abraham, old friends from days as an Assistant Curate at St. Matthew's, Holland Park, Brisbane. Fortunately my health had improved and I was able to relate easily with people in that beautiful community.

Of particular note is the consistent and devoted work of members of the Board of Hearts for Africa Foundation, and the growing band of volunteers who are active in so many areas of support. It is a miracle of God's love. When God said in 2000 "I am planting a tree which will bear fruit" I understand that he was referring not only to Tanzania, but also to Australia and the USA. I 'saw' the tree in Australia; 'sheltered' in its branches; and was greatly 'refreshed' and encouraged by its vigor.

Here in Tanzania the tree is growing. Resulting from the Australian visit there will be two new buildings at the Prince of Peace English Medium School. The first is a double classroom block for the Primary School. The second is a 'shelter/activity area' for the Kindergarten/Preschool. This is a memorial gift offered in memory of a young man by his family. It will be called 'Col's Place'.

Additionally the Carr Foundation of Brisbane, supporting eye care at the Mvumi Mission Hospital Eye Department has added to their annual gift the sum of \$7,000.00 to be spent on renovating the toilets for the Eye Department wards. Just wonderful!

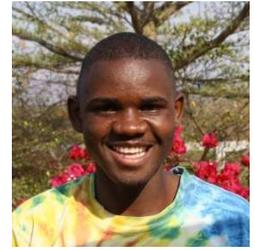
Since arriving back at Makang'wa I have learned that there is a strong possibility that a body of people in Queensland will finance a **Water Project**, delivering water from a new 'high tank' at the Amani Center well to the growing Children of Peace Center, Igondola and perhaps beyond that to what we call the Igondola Project, and of course also servicing the adjacent community. How the tree grows!

The people of this region have related to the vision for the Children of Peace Center. Yes, 290 children gather each week but there has also been the vision for a Seminar/Conference center incorporated into the project. While I was away this vision was brought to reality. This last week (School holidays) 62 regional pastors and lay leaders of congregations spent eight days in study and fellowship. Next week a further 45 will commence a three month study course. They have jumped ahead of *my* plan! Truly, the tree is growing. This does present a problem as we now lack something 'to sit on', as children and adults will be there at the same time. A strong and durable hard wood chair cost \$30.00. If this need speaks to your heart please contact the appropriate Foundation.

Finally this is crisis time for many young adults hoping to move into various areas of study and professional training. Thank you to people who offered assistance while I was in Australia. Costs of education have risen considerable this year therefore some who thought they had at least a reasonable part of the fees are now in a bitter place.



I have two fine young men who hope to enter Mvumi Hospital Laboratory Assistant College. **Patrick Sanga** (left) attended Mvumi Mission Anglican Secondary School, as a sponsored student and now needs to move forward. **Julius Lubeleja** (right) is a young man who I sponsored through Secondary School. The total fee need for each of these young men is



1,420,000/= which converts to c. \$850.00. I have given them some help to get their feet in the door! Of course a contribution towards the total need would be much appreciated.

Additionally we have managed to cover:

Leah Kalula, (right) 1st year Nursing;

Patrick Kuwayawaya and **Amani Masaulwa**, both 2nd year Laboratory Assistant.

Caroline Hato, Capital Teacher’s College;

The two following need partial assistance.

Eudia Naicolosi, Mvumi School of Nursing (needs a further \$550.00);

John Richard, (right)also Nursing School (needs a further \$750.00).

Well, that is a lot of hopefulness and a lot of need! I have come to understand that the sponsorship assistance we provide is one of the most important things we do. These young people are all from the local village areas. Apart from people like us and trust in God there seems to be no way forward. I understand that as I was ‘sponsored’ through St. Francis’ College many years ago. I remember that when I finally said “Yes” to the call I had no idea how it could happen as we did not have the funds for fees. But the door did open, quietly. It was only 15 years later, when I was at Sunnybank, that I came to know the name of the Parish family at St. James’, Toowoomba who had secretly sponsored me through the course. Therefore I am not anxious. I have seen the tree grow! By the way, these young people have all passed entrance examinations for their respective courses. There are other students currently sponsored in all of the above areas of study. (next time).



May the blessing of God rest upon you.

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