



Fr. John Naumann Amani Care

Fr. John Naumann was raised on a farm near Toowoomba, Australia. He graduated from St. Francis Theological Seminary in 1966, served in a series of Anglican churches in Queensland, Australia and arrived at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Billings, Montana USA in 1989.

In the year 2000, John Naumann, spent four weeks of a sabbatical in central Tanzania. For John, the experience was life changing. During a time of prayerful reflection he understood the Lord to say, "I am planting a tree which will bear fruit." Ever since, these words have been the guiding light for his ministry of care.

The **Amani Development Organization ("Amani")** was formed as a result of John Naumann's vision to relieve poverty and is registered as an NGO in Tanzania. It also operates as **Amani Care** (to emphasize the abiding nature of its work) and **Amani Vocational Training Center** to distinguish this significant aspect of its operations. After retiring, John moved to Tanzania in 2005 and now lives at the Amani Vocational Training Center where he is CEO/Managing Director and provides spiritual leadership while sharing the skills learned on the farm in his youth.



Fr. John lives on his savings and pension at the Amani Vocational Training Center. Foundations, public donations and church groups fund Amani. It also has modest sales of its own agricultural products.

Tanzania covers an area of 945,087 sq km (364,900 sq miles) stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Great Lakes region in the west of the country. The population is close to 41,000,000 and Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. The central region of the nation is semi-arid.

Many of its people live below the World Bank poverty line and average wages in this subsistence economy are US\$15 per week.



Dodoma, the capital city (population approx. 250,000) is located in the center of the semi-arid central region. The Amani Development Center is located 45 Kilometers south of Dodoma in the villages of Mvumi and Makang'wa.

Contributions

The following Foundations in the USA and Australia support Amani Care. Both are low cost organizations with administrative and management costs of less than 3 percent of all expenditures. Tax deductible donations can be sent to either of:

The Amani for Africa USA Foundation

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Hearts for Africa Foundation

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Amani Care is an approved NGO working in rural central Tanzania. The Amani Center is located on 530 acres of land donated by the village of Makang'wa, Tanzania.

Its programs cover – Care of orphans, Water Resources, Agricultural/Horticultural Development, Education, Vocational Training, Health/Nutrition and relief work in times of famine.

Activities are jointly planned with leadership in local communities who also contribute resources and join as volunteers on community projects such as supplying water or building schools for Orphans.

The immediate aim is sustaining basic human needs; the long-term aim is to facilitate an improved quality of life that can be maintained by the local community. The Tanzanian Government has described Amani Care as a role-model for other NGO's.

Developing Community Water Wells

There is abundant water deep in this semi-arid earth. It costs about \$30,000 to drill and equip a borehole. Eight villages with over 30,000 people rely on clean water that has been funded/provided by Amani.



The benefits of uncontaminated water are far-reaching. The cycle of cholera is broken and typhoid is greatly reduced. Eye infections in children practically disappear because sufficient water exists for proper hygiene. Mothers no longer have to spend long hours walking to a distant source of water.

Drip Irrigation

Drip irrigation is being introduced to help families and communities raise vegetables to improve their nutrition. A system using buckets with attached hoses helps families raise gardens using relatively little water. Each kit costs US\$8 and when used effectively, two kits can provide a year supply of vegetables for a household of seven.



Amani Vocational Training Center

Amani is a registered vocational training center, and the heart-beat of Amani's work is to relieve poverty through teaching improved methods of farming, irrigation and building construction. About 100 acres of land are now being cultivated to grapes, other fruits, vegetables and grain. Over 1,000 native Tanzanians have received training and work at the Center through programs supported by village leaders.

Famine Relief

Food is always in short supply and famine is prevalent. Amani has expanded its school nutrition program through supplying AIDS survivors/supporters and single mothers with irrigation kits. Access to Amani's water and training enables them to provide for their families and earn income through sales. In this photograph we see group members in the house garden. Beneficiaries of this system, where appropriate, provide volunteer work at the Center in return for the gifts of water and other opportunities.



Education

Better education is a key to defeating poverty and Amani has developed schools in two separate villages. Land for the Mvumi Makulu School and farm was donated by the local people. The school opened in 2011 with 154 students. A farm to sustain operations and provisions for water are now in place. Amani is also sponsoring the further education of local students who will teach at the school. Extra school classes to be funded by Amani will be added each year. It is an English Medium Primary School under the direction of a board composed of parents, Amani and community representatives.

Dodoma Street Children

In partnership with a local group in Dodoma, Amani is now helping care for 47 orphaned "street children" by providing food, care and a safe place to stay. The village of Mahoma Makula, east of Dodoma, donated land to support this program and a Children's Home is now under construction.



Caring for Orphans

Amani is partnering with the local parish church (St. John's) in another school at the Igondola Center, Makang'wa, to care for over 200 orphans and children from very poor households.



St. John's Church provides a committee to manage the program, volunteer cooks and staff, homes to house the orphans, men to construct buildings and women to care for and love each child. Amani sponsors the training of future teachers and will fund additional classes and income producing projects such as processing oil seeds and farming.

Sponsoring Students

Amani supporters can also sponsor orphans through High School and College Degrees or Diploma Studies. Prospective students will be introduced through newsletters giving supporters an opportunity to consider their needs. John Naumann knows these students personally and all are recommended by schools and/or local leaders.



Micro Loans

Amani and the Village Council are developing a program to offer "Micro-Loans" that would assist with Field Preparation, Home Improvement, Pumps for Irrigation, Pesticide Spraying and Chicken Raising. These are small loans of \$50 to \$120 that will be paid back after the harvest or through work at the Amani Center. When the loans are paid back, it will provide "seed money" for new loans in the future.