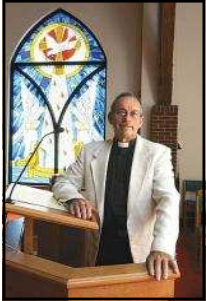


Fr. John Nauman Director Amani Development Center

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



In the year 2000 Fr. Naumann, spent four weeks of a sabbatical in central Tanzania. He was responding to an invitation from the Rt. Rev. Ainea Kusenha, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. For Fr. Naumann, 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." These words have been the guiding light for his ministry.

The Amani Development Center was registered with the Tanzanian Government in 2002 and, after retiring, Fr. Naumann moved to Tanzania in 2005. He now lives at the Amani Development Center where he provides spiritual leadership while sharing the skills learned on the farm in his youth.



Fr. Naumann covers personal expenses from his savings and pension while the ministry of The Amani Development Center is funded through donations and supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Montana.

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 approximately 37,000,000. The central region of the nation is semi-arid. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many of its people live below the World Bank poverty line.



Dodoma, the capital city (population approx. 200,000) is located in the center of the semi-arid central region.

The Amani Development Center is located in this region, south of the city in the Mvumi, Makang'wa and Rift valley regions.

Contributions

The Amani Development Center ministry is supported by foundations in the USA and Australia. The administrative and management cost has been less than 2 percent of all expenditures. Tax deductible donations can be sent to either of the following:

The Amani for Africa USA Foundation
4311 Loma Vista
Billings, MT 59106

or

Hearts for Africa Foundation
P.O. Box 8160
Sunnybank, Q. 4109
Australia

For more information go to:

<http://www.amanitrust.homestead.com>

The Amani Development Center



The Amani Development Center is a community-related and Christ-centered ministry in central Tanzania.

The ministry includes - Water Resources, Agricultural/Horticultural Development, Education, Social and Spiritual Development, Health and Nutrition.

Activities are community centered with the goal of developing healthy communities that are closely involved in planning and operation.

The immediate aim is establishing basic sustainability. The long term aim is to develop a continuing capacity for expansion of operations within Tanzania.

Developing Community Water Wells

There is abundant water deep in this semi-arid earth. It costs about \$30,000 to drill and fully equip a borehole. Wells are drilled on land donated by local communities. Local groups provide security and monitor water use.



The benefits of uncontaminated water are far-reaching. The cycle of cholera is broken and the incidence of 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.



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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 \$8 and when used effectively two Kits can maintain a household of seven in vegetables through a twelve month period.

It will take time for some people to learn how to use the kits effectively. Training seminars are being conducted in every community where the kits are introduced.



School Nutrition Program

This photograph is from Mvumi Makulu Primary School. The teachers and students have harvested the vegetables and greatly expanded the area of their garden.



The school projects provide food and excellent exposure to the drip irrigation systems for the children, teachers and parents. Income from the sale of produce also can be used to support the operation of the schools.

Local Outreach through Gardening

Last year contact was made with a group of AIDS survivors/supporters. These people are now ready to commence a large garden project at Mvumi Mission. The Amani Development Center provides the kits and the expertise to assist them to develop an excellent garden. Their aim is to provide families



good food for their own needs and to have produce to sell for family income. In this photograph we see group members and the house garden.

We are also planning a Garden Project with a group of single mothers. The plan is to give them use of a plot on our Center for about two years to 'model' what is possible. The women are expected to work at the Center for three half days as their response to the gift of water, but also to give them further experience in the operation and maintenance of the Drip System.

Education

Land for the Mvumi Makulu School and farm was donated to the Amani Development Center by the local people. Income from the farm will assist with school finances and help parents with fees. The Amani Development Center will provide water for both the new school and the farm.



It is an English medium Primary School under the direction of a board composed of parents, representatives of the local church and the Amani Development Center.



Ministry With Orphans

The Amani Development Center assists the local Parish Church with the care

for one hundred and fifty orphans and children from very poor households. Members of St. John's Church work to provide cooks for food, the committee to manage the program, homes to house the orphans, men to construct buildings and women to care and love each child.

Sponsoring Students

We can now sponsor students through High School and College Degrees or Diploma Studies. Prospective students, like Albert Keneth Ng'hambi, will be introduced through newsletters and Internet pages giving supporters an opportunity to consider the need. Fr. Naumann knows these students personally and all have been interviewed and come with recommendations from schools and from pastors.

