

Changes at the Amani Center.

This is a season of change here at Amani. The first major change was through the introduction of an expanded spray irrigation system at the Center. We were about four weeks late in getting the system installed but the effect on the areas watered is remarkable, as we believed it would be.

Here we see maize which received water much too late. Much of this will become fodder for the cattle. That means it is not a total loss but we would prefer to have the grain. Because the spray line points are in place now we can plant another crop here a little later in the season. The next two photos show the results when the water is applied in a timely manner! There will be a good harvest of grain and fodder for the cattle following the harvest. This land will also be reworked for another crop.



Later we shall also be able to connect to the new main water lines for a pasture for the cattle.

Although we were too late to save all of the maize and sorghum this year, next season we shall be well prepared and be assured of an excellent harvest.



Currently, we have three hard working young guys busy making bales of hay from the large amount of grass harvested. We hope to have about 700 made by mid next week. This is surely labour intensive work but when compared with the cost of a hay bailer it is the economic way to go. And, these guys do not net to go to the exercise club.



We are surging ahead with the plan to change much of the operation here to a self employment basis, with a percentage of all sales coming to Amani for supporting the work with children, and general operation. There is enormous enthusiasm, and it really does seem the right time to be doing this. Very much has been learned along the way. This change will impact, in a most positive manner, the lives of many families, apart from the



support for the children's work. Is 'win - win' the term? There are now seventeen groups registered and still more interest. The photo is of the initial information meeting.

With thanks,
Fr. John