

Report from Makang'wa

February 2019

Greetings in this new year of 2019.

There is an old saying, "Make hay while the sun shines." Quite true. We have been busy cutting grass, drying and raking and carting into the hay shed. Now commences the labour intensive matter of making the bales! These guys do not need an exercise centre.

The Prince of Peace School has commenced well for 2019. At present there are in 55 Preschool and 292 in the Primary School. The new teachers are performing well. Of course, there are some stress points. This is normal. Thank you to all who support the school and particular students. Education is a lasting investment in the life of a student. Our graduates of the past two years are leading students at the Mvumi Mission Anglican Secondary School. Thankfully, fee contributions from parents have increased this year! This is wonderful for the future of the school however there will always be situations of need. The operation of the school buses is a major expense. Every time you drive on a smooth street, be thankful!



The last Report shared the encouraging results of the Prince of Peace School. Today we have learned that our Headmistress leads the District in English results for Grades VII and IV, the two grades which sit for national Examinations. Grade VII: 17 A and 11 B; Grade IV: 27 A, 11 B, 3 C. Beatrice and two other teachers are to be awarded District prizes for effective teaching. In the photo Beatrice is standing with Erin Merrin, a teacher from All Saints Anglican School, Gold Coast, Queensland.

I have attended the Graduation Ceremonies for St. John's Preschool, Igondola and St. Andrew's, Makang'wa. A total of fifty children graduated to Standard I at the Manakg'wa Primary School. They



are all outfitted with their school uniforms, ready to build on the good foundation laid over the past two years. Of course, these were lengthy celebrations, filled with expressions of faith, hope and encouragement for the future. Such occasions make all of the difficult days melt away! Every such occasion is completed with a celebration meal. Here rice is a celebration food, with a soda to wash it down. This is all part of the Children of Peace Program.

We are entering into a special audit of the Amani finances. This was made necessary as the Government has directed that the financial year shall be January through December. When the process is completed and a special Board meeting has been held, I shall then be free to travel to Brisbane. By the way, the accounts are in balance – all thanks to God – and the generosity of many friends of Amani.

I shall now be flying out from Dar es salaam on the 13th March and expect to be in Australia for at least six weeks. Please contact Clare Carrigan for further information and to arrange for a presentation, my presence at a gathering, or to preach. I would particularly like to have as many small ‘cup of tea or coffee’ type gatherings as possible!



Margareth Elias Daudi, 25yrs, is in need of assistance to attend IBIHWA BIBLE SCHOOL. She will enter the Diploma of Theology Course – 2019-2021. The cost of the entire three year course is 2,400,000/= or 800,000/= per year. (Aud\$477.00/USD\$346.00). She comes highly recommended by her priest and congregation.

Tomorrow, Saturday 23rd February is a special day for Amani. In the morning seventy six pastors and their wives from the Deanery will arrive for a day's retreat at the Center. I expect that their singing will be heard over the village. The hill should make a great 'sounding board'.

THEN, in the evening Abel Petro will arrive home having completed a Masters in Project Development and Management at the University of Dar es salaam. His arrival now enables the completion of the Management Team at Amani. It has been a steady 'walk' to come to this time in the development of the Center and its many activities. Well, it does take time for a tree to develop. Our problem is that we often lose patience and want to force growth!

The Centre Management will be as follows:

1. Managing Director – Fr. John
2. Assistant to the Managing Director – Godson Magawa. Masters in Finance Management. Advanced Diploma in Community Development.
3. Accountant/School Bursar – Dina Menda – Diploma in Accountancy. Certificate in Secretarial Duties.
4. Project Manager – Abel Petro. Masters in Project Management and Development.
5. Office Secretary/Cashier – Certificate in Secretarial Duties.
6. Sam Milawi – Certificate in General Agriculture and general work supervisor/enabler.

Then we have the following people in critical areas of responsibility:

- a. Beatrice Christopher – Principal of the Prince of Peace English Medium School, together with the Staff, Board and Parents Committee. Degree induction.
- b. Emanuel Majuva – Supervisor of the Chicken Project. Diploma
- c. Nicholas Msaki – Supervisor, Dairy and Pig Projects. Diploma
- d. Honest Sume – Assistant with Chickens, and Supervisor of developing the Duck/Rabbit Projects. Diploma

Volunteering for three months: Shukuru Kuwayawaya . Diploma in General Agriculture and Animal Health, but with emphasis on Horticulture and Soil Quality, with the correct use of pesticides and herbicides. In two weeks he has surely made an impact within our activities. He is a 'local', coming from Mvumi Mission. Amani has previously sponsored a brother, Patrick, through Clinical Laboratory Training.

Lastly, but really head of the list, is the Board of Directors of the Amani Development Organization.

1. Rev. Canon George Chibwale
Chairman
'Active' retired priest, Diocese of Central Tanganyika.
1. Dr. Richard Ntahonsigaye
Executive Secretary
Retired doctor, Mvumi Mission Hospital.
2. Rev. Canon Emanuel Chamloma
Chair, Board, Prince of Peace School
'Active' retired priest, Diocese of Central Tanganyika.
Acting Dean, Holy Spirit Cathedral, Dodoma.
3. Mr. Patrick Nambuya,
Ward Executive Officer, Makang'wa Ward, sub district. Keenly active in local affairs.
4. Dr. Jerome Bahemu
Principal, VISELE Livecrop Training College, Mpwapwa. Highly regarded in Tanzania.
5. Mrs. Beatrice Kasembe. **Treasurer**
Most recently, until retirement, the Principal of the Provincial Secretarial College, Dodoma.



Thank you for your support for the work here. I shall shortly send a further Report, with input from members of the management team and some of our staff, together with reflections from some local people. I look forward to meeting many of our Australian friends during my time 'your backyard'.

Good News. Last night we received the wonderful surprise of RAIN. The weatherman forecast a 'slight hope' of rain. However we were blessed with an abundance. This is a little late for some local crops but timely for most. This will also bless the school operation as there is a greater hope for a harvest and therefore funds for education.

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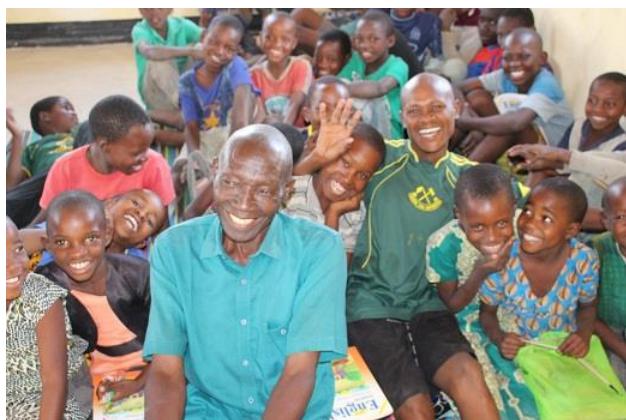
Excerpts from November 2018 Report

The trip to the USA was filled with much travel, meetings with many people, and numerous speaking engagements. I am thankful to the members of the Foundation Board in Billings who facilitated the



itinerary, and to the many kind people who 'loved' me along the way. I recall in particular an occasion with the Senior Citizens Ministry at the Bethel African American Episcopal Church in Pensacola , Florida! It was a fine example of ministry with the elderly: so filled with love, faith and excellent care. I was in the US in the midst of the 'political season'. I found it refreshing to be able to focus on the Good News of the Kingdom of God in the midst of much contentiousness.

PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL. The Standard VII class has done it again this year! They attained position #20 out of 265 primary schools in the Dodoma Region, and once again, 1st in Chamwino District. We congratulate the students, staff and the families for this excellent achievement. This past September, with the assistance of experienced education professionals, we conducted an intensive review of our teaching staff. There have been some changes. We are encouraged by the depth of professionalism and ability expressed in the present body of teachers.



VIMECHIA. This is the new title for the Children's Home Ministry formerly DCMP. I am now hopeful that, during my time in the USA, we shall have the funding for (a) the official survey of the land donated for the operation of the Home and, (b) the establishment of the cement block making enterprise, intended to provide operating capital for the Home. The land survey has been on the 'back burner' as Government officials have assured us that all is secure. However, as the city of Dodoma expands rapidly in every direction, we believe that the survey is now a matter of

urgency. A key person of the staff, Richard Mdachi, is truly professional in his dealing with the administration of the ministry, and is loved by the children.

The Amani Board will meet on December 1st. This will be the second meeting of the newly constituted Board. A significant action will be the approval of the new Constitution of the Amani Organization, as required by the Government of Tanzania. This regulation has applied to all Non Government Organizations in Tanzania. It has been a lengthy, exacting and costly process.