



REPORT FROM THE AMANI CENTER MAKANG'WA

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'Planting a tree which will bear fruit'

Through

Serving with the village people of Central Tanzania.

Amani serves in a village region with a population of 300,000 people.

Forty Five km north is the city of Dodoma, population c.400,000.

In Dodoma Amani partners with a remarkable group of people in the care of forty seven former 'Street Children'. Presently all children are cared for by 'Guardian Families' scattered throughout the city. In relation to this we are working towards a complimentary hostel and farm project in a village to the east of Dodoma where the people have given eighty acres of fine land. Recently two of the former street children gained Division II in the National Form Four Examinations. They are now in High School! Pictured are the Primary and Preschool children. Transformation.



Obed is a wonderful young village man. He has a mental disability and a speech impediment. In 2006 he would hang around the developing Center in tattered, dirty clothing, the target of many jokes. Amani 'adopted' him. Today Obed is a respected and valued member of our workers, serving in the Grain Mill and the related Pig Project. (Think of pigs in clean concrete stys, healthy and happy! Obed saved his pay; firstly an iron house roof, then a bed, now a wife and 'home'. Transformation.

Amani has a school and farm project at Mvumi Makulu, north of the main Center. Mariam William came to us in 2008 seeking work to support herself and two younger siblings. The three are orphans. Mariam saved from her moderate pay. She now lives in a house with an iron roof and is able to support her brother and sister through Secondary School. She says, "Once everyone thought I was 'nobody'. Now I am 'somebody'! The photograph was taken at a party for the workers of Amani. Transformation.





The Amani Vocational Training Center has a developing Grape Project, growing both wine and table grapes. In 2008 we began to form a team from local farmers to conduct the project under the guidance of the Government Grape research Center and more lately experts from DISTELL, South Africa. These men and women are now expertly trained in the growing of grapes and can now go out into the community advising local grape growers. Two more teams are being developed at Igondola and Mvumi Makulu. Transformation.

At Igondola Village Amani works with a local committee conducting a Kindergarten and Preschool for 130 children and a Saturday Program for 190 Junior Primary children. Amani has sponsored all of the teachers through professional teacher training. Our policy is to raise up the local village people, enabling them to become valued leaders in their communities. About nine km to the north is the new Prince of Peace English Medium Kindergarten, Preschool and Primary School. The school was commenced this year at Mvumi Makulu Village. There are 79 in Kindy/Preschool and 70 in Standard One. It is a great challenge to establish such a school in a village setting but it is happening! The school is an incredible happy place. Now Preschool children gather around a visitor and cheerfully count to 100. "Yes, we can do it!" All Preschool teachers are Amani sponsored graduates. In all that adds up to about 486 children and youth directly involved with Amani Care! To this we may add about 100 youth who are enabled to access Secondary School through our 'Work Assistance' program. Pictured are Stephanie Lyon, a volunteer from New York State and the three Prince of Peace Kindergarten/Preschool teachers. Transformation.



You may be wondering about the handsome couple at the head of this report! Of course it is Stephanie and myself, taken following Sunday worship. If only I was twenty again, but she would make a wonderful granddaughter.

This Report provides a limited 'peek' into the breadth of the working of ADO. I am sure you understand that behind this there is a lot of hard work, days of frustration and disappointment and some seeming failures. YET, God takes it all and turns it into days of blessing, thanksgiving and joy. Thank you for your prayers, fellowship and generosity.

May God bless you day by day.

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