

REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

THE THEME IS EDUCATION JANUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Amani Center and all of its associated work. This tree of the Lord's planting has grown substantially over the past nine years. We have so very much for which to be thankful to God, and to generous supporters.

I returned to Makang'wa on December 21st from the visit to the United States. The Australian visit and the USA visit were almost continuous as I had only five hectic days back here before I needed to leave for Montana. I am deeply thankful to *many* people in Australia and the USA for 'over the top' kindness during these visits. I am especially thankful to doctors and hospital staff in Brisbane for the excellent care I received. The P.A. hospital is surely a first rate enterprise.

Now I am missing the cold weather of Montana! If we could have *cold* combined with *growth* life would be great. Here it is hot and humid, but we are thankful as the rains have commenced and the world about us has changed to GREEN.

Two of the significant events during my time in Australia and the USA were visits to two church schools, St. Luke's Anglican School in Bundaberg, Queensland (right) and the Episcopal Day School in Pensacola, Florida (below). Our Prince of Peace school at Mvumi Makulu now has pen pal connections with both schools. In Florida I was invited to give the homily at the weekly all school chapel service and then had the joy of spending forty five minutes with the pen pals. They were overflowing with questions about life in central Tanzania and the home situations of the children. We are thankful to the staff and students of these schools for their encouraging interest in Prince of Peace School. St. Luke's has once again given generous support towards the cost



of text books for the new year. There is now a developing connection with All Saint's Anglican School on the Gold Coast, Queensland. These school 'connections' are critically important for a school such as Prince of Peace, striving to serve children in this region of Tanzania.

January is education month, a high stress month, as most schools and colleges are commencing the new year during the first and second weeks of the month. We have several **urgent** needs this January. *We have three young adult students at Ibihwa Bible/Catechist Training College. The fee is \$373.00 per year. *Secondly, a young orphan lad needs support for secondary school. Andrew (right) has done very well at primary school. He is an enthusiastic student. He lives with his elderly





grandmother who has raised him to be a fine young lad. His basic need is \$396,00 per year. *The third need is for support for two young men at teacher training college in Dodoma, Samwel Furahe and Burton Masaka, (left). These will both graduate to become teachers at the Prince of Peace school. I have managed to gather the basic fee but in this last year of college there are extra charges for block teacher practice, final exams, etc. We need \$375.00 for each student. These young people will be greatly blessed if these needs can be met.

This afternoon, Saturday 3rd. January, I have returned from the graduation celebration of the preschoolers at Children of Peace, Igondola. It was a joyful, noisy, and long celebration! Tanzanians love to have the PA system LOUD. We also recognized Standard VII children who are moving on to secondary school and Form IV students who have passed their national examinations. Yes, it was a great day. And I was presented with a goat as a "Thank you" for support offered! Just as we were leaving the goat broke its lead and ran away through the village. Great fun. (Run, goat, run!)

On the 4th January Prince of Peace school commences the new academic year. This year we reach Standard V, an important milestone in the development of the school. Do pray for God's blessing upon staff and students and the homes of the children. Presently we are waiting for the results of the National Standard Four examinations. We are believing for 'excellent'!



St.Luke's School. The presentation of the check for \$4,500.00, enabling the purchase of text books for 2015.

The Headmistress of St. Luke's Primary School Department is on the left, a most encouraging and effective person.

May the Lord pour blessings upon you as you progress into this New Year. May the peoples of the world seek peace and pursue that goal with deep determination.

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