

Dodoma Children's Multipurpose Project

This wonderful ministry of care with street children of Dodoma was commenced by a concerned group of local people in early 2005. When the Rev. John Naumann and his sister and brother-in-law, Valerie and Ivan Peters, arrived in Dodoma in late 2005 they discovered a group of young adults caring for street children in unfinished houses in the city. The owners would let the people use the house for a small rent and so the children received care, love, food and a safe place to stay. They were deeply impressed by the devotion of the adults to the care of the children and commenced offering assistance.

This 'care' has now developed into the beginning of the development of a Children's Home at the village of Mahoma Makulu, to the east of Dodoma. There the village has donated eighty acres of land for the development of the home and a farm/garden development to support the children. A Board of Directors governs the development of the Home and the care of the children. Currently children are cared for in private homes in Dodoma until the initial building is completed. The care is wonderful. The children are happy – and safe. I have seldom met such a committed group of people as the members of this caring group. When he has food available one of the members goes into downtown Dodoma at night to share food with children who are currently still 'on the street'. This is a grassroots ministry – truly Tanzanian and exhibiting the best of this society. The Rev. John Naumann and the Amani Development Organization assist and encourage the work – but we do not try to control it in any way. The local Board is most responsible. We have raised funds in Australia to assist with the current building program but the need is great, much greater than we can supply from the friends in Australia. The Rev. John Naumann came to Tanzania from Billings, Montana, USA. As Managing Director of the Amani Development Organization he resides at the Amani Center at Makang'wa Village, central Tanzania.



Two recent views of the incomplete first building at Mahoma Makulu Village.



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