

REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

August 2014

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Amani Center. It is two months since I have sent out a Report. I apologize for this. It was partly due to the unreliability of the internet in relation to attachments (timing out), and to my bout with the flu in July.

Much has been happening. I understand that Ralph Spence has posted the original Report on the web page and now Ken Keith in Australia is preparing a Newsletter for Hearts for Africa which will cover much of the content of that original report. Preparations are being made for my visits to Australia and the USA later in the year. I shall be in Australia September 25th to October 27th and in the USA November 13th to December 19th. I shall have much to share as I move about during these visits.

The Prince of Peace School is progressing well. We are financially stressed but academically joyful! Standard IV Ward (district) examinations were conducted last week. POP students occupy eight of the ten top results. Staff and students are greatly encouraged. The new classroom building is practically completed. Following the arrival of the container, organized by Southport Rotary, the classrooms are impressive with improved desks and chairs, the Library has been set up and looks very fine indeed, the store room is filled with classroom and office supplies, the computer room has computers and now waits for the installation of computer desks, offices have desks and filing cabinets, and, and, and..... . We are most thankful. Electricity has been connected. Children can now participate in educational programming via the TV monitor and materials provided by the Opportunity Education Foundation.!

Progress continues at the Home for former street children at Mahoma Makulu. Funds have been sent from the USA for the drilling of the water well and the provisions of all pumping and electrical control equipment. This represents a great step forward. When water is available we shall plan for the installation of a drip irrigation vegetable garden. The chicken project will shortly receive its first residents! At present seven secondary school lads live on site. Some others who, with guardian families in Dodoma (attending school), come on weekends to help with the development of the progress of 'their' home. Through the regular monthly contributions from Australia we are able to provide for the basic needs of the children and students.

Our enthusiastic friend Obi, who works with tourism in northern Tanzania, continues to interest visitors to Tanzania in the work at Mahoma Makulu. He has recently been with

a group of young adults from England who are involved in a ‘Volunteer Camping/ Development Project’. Groups come to take part in prepared development projects. They are totally self-supporting, finance the project, plus pay the salary of a local building supervisor. Does this seem too good to be true? It is now almost certain that a pilot group will come in February to prepare the way for a Project Group to follow later. Obi and Young Ben make a great team, together with Allen, the volunteer from Italy, who will be with us for two years. The enthusiasm of the children and students for the Home Project speaks well of the care and love received through this work. This is THEIR HOME!

This week we finally managed to get the first area of our Spray Irrigation Project in operation. As we cannot purchase the usual irrigation piping here, we have needed to be innovative, however the system works well. The local comment is, “It is just like rain.” My hope is that this can be extended to another section within the next two weeks. The present drip irrigation system is being moved to the grape project areas. The plan is to eventually have all grape areas on drip irrigation.

There is so much more to share but I shall be able to do that in person when in Australia and the USA later in the year.

We do have several pressing needs. There are now only two people in teacher training college. All others have graduated and are now teaching at POP school. Anna Chimbui and Albert are commencing their final year of study at St. Mary’s College, Dar es salaam. The first semester of their final year commences mid September. They each need \$457.00US or \$490.00AUST for this semester, with a further contribution needed in January, 2015. They will graduate at the end of May that year. The benefit of our intentional sponsorship program for selected students is evident in the excellent achievements of the students at POP.

Another need is for \$411.00US or \$441.00AUST to cover the cost of maintenance on existing buildings at POP. This is for painting of the heavy traffic areas of the four initial buildings, and also to provide positive secure positioning for all doors. Both of these tasks are necessary..

God bless you and thank you for your generous support and prayers for the work here.

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