



REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

SEPTEMBER 2015

DEAR FRIENDS,

THE GREETING ACTUALLY COMES FROM BILLINGS, MONTANA. I ARRIVED HERE LATE IN THE NIGHT ON FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER. THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH LAST SUNDAY.

It is a change to be in a green land after the months of dust and wind in central Tanzania. But... the wet season is coming and all will be green once again. These have been difficult months at the Amani Centre. Hunger is present in the villages in our region once again. I have almost come to dread the mornings at the daily gathering and prayers 'at the well'. Many women and some men come seeking work, maybe for even one day, to relieve the need for a few more days. The situation is especially sharp as I have come to know most of the people over the past years. How does one refuse a neighbour? We must believe!



The work of equipping the new water well at Igondola is progressing steadily. The photo shows the progress on the water tower. Soon the large Amani Cross and the Igondola water tower will be the significant landmarks in the immediate vicinity. The tank will contain 20,000ltrs of sweet water. Our existing pump line through the area will now become a distribution line. Many homes are considering installing a water meter on a line connecting to their home. Times surely do change. A Water Committee is being established to bear responsibility for the operation of the new well. Amani will be represented on this committee. I expect that when I return in late October water will be flowing from the tank.

I also anticipate that the Male Teachers Accommodation building at Prince of Peace School will be completed. My photo is not up to date as the courtyard/security wall (foreground) has now been constructed. The young men are anxious to move in. We are thankful to the Anglican Men's Society, Diocese of Brisbane, Australia for this generous gift. This will enable the teachers to be in close communication with the school. It is a common thing here in Tanzania for extra tuition to be offered on Saturdays and in a portion of the holiday times. The children love this opportunity and the teachers welcome it.



We do have a most pressing need at the Prince of Peace School. We lack the funds for the purchase of the text books necessary for the first semester in 2016. These must be ordered very soon to ensure that they will be at the school in time for 2016. The cost is 9,000,000/=, which converts to \$4,188.00USA or \$5,955.00Aud.

In January we commence the first Standard VI class. This is a significant step for the school. The children are very keen and HAPPY.

The chicken project is moving ahead 'steadily'. We are encountering what may be the normal difficulties in establishing a local industry! The parents are MOST enthusiastic, however dealing with the business community has its moments. The Government has also delayed the opening of the university semester until early November, following the national elections. This long delay has greatly impacted the market. Dodoma is becoming an education center. There are many thousands of students in the regional universities and colleges.

I share a photo of a primary age girl who urgently needs surgery on an ankle. There is a large growth developing. It is painful and will require surgery. The estimate is set at 260,000/=, (\$121.00USA or \$172.00Aud). Her name is Happiness David. Maybe we can put a lot of joy, with thanksgiving, into the life of this girl named Happiness.



On a weekly basis we have people coming for assistance with some medical need. Frequently, it is simply a request for the return bus fare to enable them to access the hospital in Dodoma. The problem is usually, spend the money on 'food or a bus fare'! Happiness has a much greater problem, one which her mother is certainly unable to address without assistance.

I ask your prayers for God's blessing on this visit to the USA. There will be many opportunities to share on the work of Amani in quite a number of differing settings. Pray also for God's blessing on the work of the Australian Foundation as they conduct two fundraising functions in October.

We offer warm thanks for all who enable this work to move ahead through your prayers and support. Believe me, the people are deeply thankful. (I regret that many people recently received emails, purporting to come from me, but in reality came from whoever hacked my email. Please note my new email address- johnnaumann472@yahoo.com.)

Every blessing.

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In Australia Hearts for Africa Foundation supports Amani through Global Development Group which is a Supervising Group, responsible to the Australian Government for the distribution of overseas aid. Amani is project No. J783. Global is also supportive through the offering of advice and the provision of networking contacts.



Many people will not be familiar with Ross Dunning, the new president of the Hearts for Africa Foundation, Brisbane, Australia. Here we are in sunny Brisbane. I have known Ross and family through all of my years of ordained ministry. We have matured together.