

Report from Makang'wa - Special Report



May 22nd 2013 - A woman from the Kikombo Vegetable Project waters her field of Chinese Cabbage. There is a man at the other end of the hose operating a foot operated 'MoneyMaker Pump'. This is an Amani supported project.

This shows just one section of a growing vegetable enterprise. It is a steep learning curve but we are getting there. The village has established its own committee.

Water will soon be flowing for the people of the Chalula section of the large village of Mvumi Makulu. The people were so delighted that they presented a goat to the drilling crew!

This represents a life changing development for the people of Chalula. In the past they have tried a number of projects, but all have failed through lack of water.



The third well will be drilled at Manganag'wa Village and the fourth at Chiwona, to the south of Makang'wa. I learned yesterday that the grape farmers at Chiwona are already making plans to deliver water to their projects.

The visit of the Chamwino District Director was a recent highlight of life at Amani. His enthusiastic appreciation of the work will be most valuable for our future development.

This visit was followed by a visit of a group of students from Msalato Theological College, to the north of Dodoma. As they were leaving they said, "This Amani tree now has strong branches at Msalato, and wherever we are sent in our future ministry in the villages." **Amani is a place for developing a 'vision' of the transformation of life.**

However, all of this development rests on the continuing support from friends in Australia and the USA. We have come so far and yet it still seems like the beginning. I think the fact is, that as we move ahead and try to discern which developments are truly 'village friendly', every discovery is like a new beginning. By 'village friendly' I mean the kind of development that the local person can become involved in and conduct for their own benefit. Currently we are looking into a new way of turning trash into charcoal! That will be 'village friendly', providing a means of income for people, and also 'save the trees'! We are looking into a different way of producing biogas which also produces a readily useable fertilizer, day by day. That would be 'village friendly', and can greatly improve farm production, from even a small plot. The Amani TREE is a TREE of HOPE!

Another aspect of our community development program is the sponsorship support of children and students. This impresses all of the officials who visit. We are able to accept local village people and raise them up to become effective leaders in these communities – leaders with a vision for service! Yesterday Albert and Anna came home after completing their Teaching Certificate Course at St. Mary’s Teacher Training College in Dar es salaam. They seemed to be new people! Their English is wonderfully improved and they are CONFIDENT about the future. However, we do urgently need more education sponsorship support for students. This is an investment in the future of these communities which will continue to bear fruit.

I do ask you to support this work here in central Tanzania. At present our supporting Foundations urgently need contributions for the General Fund, which supports all other activities. For example, last Saturday one of our men went by motorbike to Kikombo to inspect the project and to encourage the people. THAT COSTS! Our life here is full of such matters as we work with the local people. Later today I need to send 30,000/= (\$19-us) to Paul Sinya, one of the former street children, coming home from High School for the holidays. Paul is a wonderful young man, respectful, focused, kind and thankful. Another, Shabani, who has just completed Form VI at High School, needs 20,000/= (\$13-us) to obtain a Birth Certificate so that he can access applications for a Government Loan for University. Shabani is a bright young man..... and on it goes, just like family life when ‘they’ were young!

Do pray about this. Every gift is received with thanksgiving and every gift touches lives with love here in central Tanzania. It may be that the General Fund should be titled the ‘Continuing Development Fund’ for this is exactly its purpose. We do not simply throw money at a project and walk on. We sustain life.

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Abukabari has cerebral palsy. We have provided a little assistance enabling his mother to access medical care in Dodoma.