



Report from Makang'wa

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Greetings from the Amani Center.

This past week I returned from my trip to Australia. A key matter was the six month check up following the surgery last year. Thankfully, all is clear! The medical professionals seemed to share my joy. The chief surgeon suggested that faith may have been an element in the healing! That is good to hear.



Many changes are taking place on the Amani lands. The self employment method of operation has moved along very well. The workers who have changed from working for wages to working for their own benefit, with a percentage of income for Amani, are working like 'Trojans'. Vegetables are thriving and the grapes are developing very well indeed. It is encouraging to see all of the hard work done while I was in Australia. (A tomato area.)

We have commenced the early stage of what promises to be a large **Broiler Chicken Project**. The key intent of this is to enable parents of children at the Prince of Peace School to earn the funds necessary to pay school fees. The aim is that eventually every household will have a chicken project, facilitated by the staff at the Center. In fact, this will be a requirement. (The second chicken shed under construction.)



Here at the Center we shall have the improved laying hens/roosters, and shall incubate the eggs, inoculate the small chicks and prepare them for distribution to the homes of the children. We shall also organize the sales. There are strong indications that, if we can guarantee regular supply, we shall gain contracts at hotels in Dodoma. Surely there is much to do but the way ahead is becoming clear. At present we are finalizing the business plan. Currently we have two 200 egg incubators. As the plan has developed it is clear that we shall need two more so that we can maintain the flow of chicks. The cost is \$472.00 each. We would welcome donations. An important side benefit of this is that egg shells are an important fertilizer for the vegetable garden! We do have on staff a young man whose degree course included the care of chickens. He is a 'gem'.

Wilfred Makalanzi, the trained evangelist from our village, is being kept very busy. His sharing of the Gospel is well received. In fact, the requests for his presence are outpacing our resources committed to this work. A pressing need is for funds for Bibles. New Christians do need to have a Bible readily available. This is especially true for Muslims who come to understand the truth about Jesus. There is great joy, serious commitment, and the NEED to have the Bible in their hands.

Wilfred's wife, Selena, is one of the best children's ministers I have experienced. She can minister to a group of two hundred primary age children, in complete control, without raising her voice. The children respond to the evident love of God in her heart! The photo was taken in late January.



Wishing you every blessing in the Lord.

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