



Report from Makang'wa

November 2014

Dear Friends,

Greetings from crispy, cold Montana. After the days of heat, strong wind and dust in Tanzania this cold, clean air is most welcome. It is a joy to be back in Montana once again. So far I have experienced clear roads.

I express my thanks to everyone for your prayers and support when I was dealing with the cancer in my left arm while in Brisbane. It was an experience of being caught up in the grace of God and the love of many people. The care I received from my primary doctor, and the surgeons and staff related to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, was first rate. I have to report back in six months for a check up.

I had five hectic days in Tanzania before travelling to the USA. The Amani team were handling matters very well. The power line to the Amani Center was almost completed. While I am here power will be connected to the well pump, the workshop, the grain mill and the student house. If funding permits it will also be connected to the oil mill. This will benefit our basic operations.

Drip irrigation has now been installed in two of the grape sections. I expect that, before the next dry season commences, we shall have a third large section completed. Pasture grass, together with spray irrigation, will be installed in two more areas, providing fodder for the cattle through the dry season.

The well (#3 in the Five Well Program) is now providing water at the Children's Home, and for the people of the adjacent village. There is much joy and thanksgiving. I expect that we shall soon be able to install drip irrigation for a vegetable garden at the Home. I am also hopeful that the remainder of the aluminium framed windows will be installed in the large building by the commencement of the wet season. The staff and children are so happy with the progress of 'their home'.

There are a number of pressing needs which we hope to address as quickly as funding will permit.

1. The Cattle Project development. We need funds to cover the expansion of the spray irrigation lines. We are planning to put in improved pasture grasses. **Cost: \$2,200.00.**



2. Weaned calves for beef. The ones we had bought are doing just fine. We need to purchase a further 12 if possible. **Cost: \$90.00 per head.** They will sell for c. 900,000/= or \$520.00.

The photo shows the first day of spray operation. We cannot buy the usual spray lines therefore we have to be innovative.



(L) The overflowing hay shed, extended this year.



(R) The first of the 'weaners', looking pretty!

3. Children of Peace Preschool/Primary needs.

Thirty preschool children will be entering primary school in 2015. We have to provide uniforms at **\$15.00 per child.** (\$450 Total)

130 preschool children also need uniforms at **\$11.00 per child.** (\$1,430 Total)

We did not provide uniforms for all children last year as funds were limited but we really must provide them this year. The photo placed at the head of the Report – the Rev. Carol Sims with COP children, earlier this year. Note: no uniforms.

4. Two improved milling machines for the two grain mills @ **\$550.00 each.**

The introduction of electric motors means that we can use increased capacity machines providing a higher output per unit of power. Our old machines are rather 'tacked together' from long use.

5. We are seeking funding for the purchase of a tractor drawn slasher. This will enable us to break down the residue of maize, sorghum and sunflower and return the trash into the soil. Our hope is that some of the local farmers will see the benefit in this and turn from the present system of clearing all residue and burning the trash. **Cost: \$7,200.00.**

6. Chicken Project. We are hoping to establish a broiler chicken project at the Amani Center. This is intended to be both a fundraiser for the ongoing operation of the Center, and also a training project for local young adults who may then establish their own enterprises. We have now on staff a young man who has agricultural college training in the care of chickens. The cost of the initial building, to house 300 chickens, is **\$8,000.00.**

I have listed a wide range of Amani needs and funding opportunities. If any of these appeals to your heart send tax deductible gifts to the address below. Thank you for generous support and prayers. I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year lived in the love of God.

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