

# Report from Makang'wa

April 2018

Greetings from the Amani Center and the Amani Family.

The rains have moved away. We are enjoying sunny days, literally making hay while the sun shines.



The Prince of Peace School. Classes recommenced on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, following the Easter break. The school environment is attractive following the welcome rains. The local roads, which were DREADFUL during the rains have been graded and rolled. The buses will enjoy smooth travel – for a

while. We are placing increasing pressure on parents to increase fee contributions. This is meeting with some success. We anticipate further strong improvement following the coming harvest. Do pray for the school. The students are a joy.

To the right is John, our Academic Master, with three of the students. John is highly respected and keenly focused.



DCMP – The Children's Home. The activity has now been renamed, by Government decree. It is now the 'VIABLE MEANS FOR CHILD AID' non-Government organization. It will be known as



VIMECHIA. That is quite a mouthful. In correspondence we shall refer to VIMECHIA (DCMP). That will help until we are 'converted' to the new terminology. I have today learned that Young Ben, who leads this ministry, has been diagnosed with typhoid fever. Keep him in your prayers as he now continues through the recovery phase. Fortunately there are others at the Home

who can maintain all activities. On Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> I participated in a meeting of the reconstituted Board of VIMECHIA (DCMP). It was an encouraging meeting. Presently the membership consists of Young Ben, myself, a most competent secretary, a local teacher, the Headmistress of the local Primary School, two local Pastors, the Ward (Regional) Education Coordinator, and a Lay Catechist. This is an impressive group of dedicated people. They are determined to strengthen local support for this work. The future has many challenges but we are encouraged.

The Amani Center is a picture following the rains. We are struggling to make arrangements to manage the coming harvest (maize, sorghum, millet, sunflower), and to gather and process the greatly increased amount of hay, needed for the long dry season. We normally retain the grain from the harvest for processing into flour for Prince of Peace and the Children of Peace Preschools. I thought I had this well in hand but have underestimated the facility required to handle it. We are working on it.



In relation to all of this blessing it is evident that we need increased security for the Center.

The key need is the fencing of our main road frontage. Most projects here spend HEAVILY on security fencing at the beginning of development. We constructed at GATE, with thorn bush fence. The development of our various activities indicates the pressing need for the fence. We have cattle, pigs, chickens and ducks, the Student



House, grape vines and our now producing coconut trees. There are problems with cattle, goats and two legged opportunists. **Our dairy bull is a little 'pushy'**. We do not want to have an injured child.

**For this work we need the following:**

<b>Twenty Rolls of 2m chain link fencing (15m per roll).</b>	<b>\$973.00USD</b>
<b>Fifty Two treated posts.</b>	<b>\$490.00USD</b>
<b>Ten rolls of barbed wire.</b>	<b>\$250.00USD</b>
<b>Cost of clearing the fence line.</b>	<b>\$130.00USD</b>

If this were a perfect world.....! Well, the Ten Commandments became necessary long ago. Contributions to this need will be most WELCOME.

We have been blessed through the presence of visitors. Kris and Steve Hart, Billings, MT and friend Tito, northern Tanzania, visited for three days. I knew the Harts through most of my days in



Billings. It was such a joy to meet again, here in Tanzania, celebrating the present and recalling wonderful days. Steve is involved with a water project in northern Tanzania.

This was followed by a visit from Pastor Paul Masaka and his lovely wife Shukran. Their marriage took place while I was away last year. I have known Paul for some years as he worked here in preparation for

entry into Theological College. He was sponsored through Amani. As you can see Shukran is a beautiful woman. Paul's congregation has grown to the point where they now have two morning services. The congregation is planning a new building to replace the present structure.



I know that people who know Kris Hart will enjoy the photo of Kris joining in the praise, with dance! This was an outstanding celebration at St. John's Church.



Thank you for your support and prayers. May the blessings of God abound towards you.

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