

# Report from Makang'wa

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Dear Friends,



Greetings from far away Tanzania. The welcome rains have moved away for the present time. Now all is hot and SUNNY. Late December through January are high stress times here, with the commencement of the new school year in early January. Thank you to the many people who offer generous support to students. In the midst of this activity I celebrated my Birthday. This was a 'surprise party' arranged by staff here and the teachers of the Prince of Peace School. Prayers, singing, dancing – and FOOD.

Our Prince of Peace School performed well in the 2017 National Examinations. Standard VII topped the Chamwino District and gained place VII in the Dodoma Region. They have set a high bar for the classes now following. At this time there are six children needing sponsorship to enable them to continue at the school. These are from single parent or 'orphan' situations. We are truly thankful for every gift. **To sponsor: \$210.00USD for a full sponsorship; \$100.00USD provides a partial sponsorship.**



This photograph was taken at the Graduation Ceremony, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017. The guest of Honour, our local MP, is fifth from the right. Parents 'decorate' the children following the presentation of the Graduation Certificates. The Headmaster is my interpreter.



As you can see, this was a joyful occasion. We are blessed through the dedication of our teachers – and the students! Work continues of the construction of the Security fence at the Preschool. Six aluminium frame windows have been installed in our Primary School classrooms. There are six yet to finance on the WINDY side of the classrooms. After ten years of operation we also need to replace two classroom doors in the initial class building. Windows @ \$170.00USD each, installed. Doors (strong timber, strong lock) @ \$140.00USD.

### **THE MVUMI HOSPITAL EYE DEPARTMENT**

I have been in discussion with the Director of the Eye Department. Through the generosity of the Carr Foundation, Brisbane, Australia we have been able to provide annual financial support for many years. This support enables regional village people, mostly elderly people but also many children, to receive quality eye care. It is a central aspect of our community support. The Director has requested me look into the possibility of gathering funds to provide a **Huvitz Autorefractor Keratometer**, available in Tanzania, costing USD\$5,400.00. The hope is to be able to pay **one half** of the total as soon as funds permit and then to complete the purchase within six months. This equipment would greatly enhance the ability of the Department to serve more effectively the specific needs of individual people. I do understand that there are 'horses for courses'. It may be that this need will speak to someone receiving this report, or you may know of someone who you believe would have an interest in this need and ministry.



We do have a close relationship with the staff and students at the Eye Department. This honours the intention of the Carr Foundation. The photograph to the left is of staff and students visiting the Amani Center. To the right graduating students are receiving certificates. Dr. Savage, a long term volunteer from England, is on my left. He is heading up the appeal for the equipment. His wife, Dr. Angela Savage, is a development facilitator at the Mvumi Hospital.

***Good News: 14.02.2018 I learned by phone today that the total cost of the equipment has been donated! Give praise to God!***

Thank you for your prayers, interest and kindness.  
John Naumann.

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