

Report from Makang'wa

January 2022

Dear Friends,

Greetings from all here at Amani, and the Ministry with Children Team at VIMECHIA.

We enter a new year with hearts filled with hope, or maybe a hope moderated by an awareness of the situations which surround us. I find that it is vitally important to maintain a clear focus on the life set before us. It is January 9th as I write these words. So far the 'new year' is looking depressingly like the previous year! John, you need to correct your focus!

Here at Amani I can relate daily to many people. There are the children, in large numbers. Then the students, all intent on making progress in life. There are young adults and young married people, working day by day to develop their lives. And on we go until we reach the seniors of whom I seem to be one. They have dedicated 'everything' to bring their families to this point in their lives. Through so much they have maintained a clear focus. A great truth of life is to keep the mind's attention set on the daily responsibilities. In these days of 24hr news we can become like a leaf in the wind! We know where such 'leaves' end up. Surely, we are made for greater things than that.

In this Report we want to draw attention to the opportunities presented through the Ministry of VIMECHIA. Jesus did say, "The poor will always be with you." In other words, WE shall NOT fix the world. Oh yes, sometimes the UN seems to lean that way! Observe! The Lord's attention was upon the individual. But, that individual lives in a community! Get it! 'Change the world, beginning with me.' Young Ben, as we still name him, says time and again, "We must care for the generation." He means the present children and youth, encouraging them to grow into fine men and women. That is the daily dedication of his life – 100%. And this is the life of dedication lived within the VIMECHIA community.

The need for financial assistance is urgent.

The total Annual Budget is: USD\$23,510.00; Aud\$32,730.00.

This includes education, clothing, health, food requirements, general operation.

It is a thin spread over 63 children/youth and op. costs.

We are therefore sending this URGENT APPEAL for assistance.

God bless you for reading this message and caring for the children.

Every gift blesses many lives.



Children in the Activity Room.

The JOY is contagious.



A lad with his tree now 'bearing fruit'. The young people love to grow a garden'

The young woman is from the adjacent village, collecting water for her home.

The VIMECHIA well is a great blessing to the community: homes, school and clinic.

The banana tree needs a prop!



A group of mainly older youth. Most of these are usually away at secondary school.



May the blessings of the Lord rest upon you and your home.

Fr. John and the Team here at Amani.

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