

# Report from Makang'wa

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Greetings from the Amani Family.

What does constitute a family? There is the 'core' membership, and then the more immediate relatives. Next there are the cousins, and various members of the 'family circle' through marriage relationships. Then there are the many friends who have become very much 'family' through many shared experiences. AND THEN – there are those to whom we are bound in the family of Christ. Experience teaches us that these relationships are not to be understood in numerical order – 1 to 6. No! They tend to overlay one another in an amazing gift of relationship.

I clearly recall a time, many years ago, when a young man, ministering in a non Anglican community, called me 'Brother John'. I knew that was no off- hand greeting. He did mean, "You are my brother in Christ." Truly!

*The Amani Family is a 'family' within the context of all that I have expressed. This means that it is wonderfully affirming and caring. We do share joys and sorrows, hard work and 'sodas', and sometimes the stresses which mark family life. It is quite wonderful. Therefore, this greeting comes from many people.... the Amani Family. This family remembers you in prayer, every morning.*

To the Australian readers of this Report I am thankful for the letter which has been distributed from the Hearts for Africa Foundation. I commend it to your prayerful consideration. The Prince of Peace School is the pride of Chamwino District and a joy to the local communities. The photo is of the certificate presented recently to the school. It reads as follows:



**CHAMWINO DISTRICT  
THE FIRST WINNER FOR BEST SCHOOL IN  
THE DISTRICT  
FINAL EXAMINATION IN COMPLETING  
PRIMARY EDUCATION – 2017  
Hard work in passing EXAMS  
IT IS POSSIBLE.**



Now here is GOOD NEWS. Two of last year's Grade VII graduates continue to shine. Shukran Sausi led all applicants, from broadly across Tanzania, in the entrance test for entry into the DCT, Mvumi Mission, Secondary School! This is a large school, highly regarded across the country. Eight Prince of Peace graduates gained entry, all who applied.



Anitha now attends Kilakala Secondary School, Morogoro, one of the leading Government Secondary Schools in Tanzania. She is either first or second in all tests at the school. Prince of Peace graduates at the local Mvumi Makulu Secondary School are the leading students in Form 1. Our school is achieving a bright reputation in Tanzania. *We are proud of these VILLAGE students.*

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we shall welcome a group of staff and students from All Saints Anglican School, Southport. This will be second visit from this school. Last year's group of students have committed to a complete Primary Sponsorship for one of the students! The girl and her mother are truly thankful. On this visit, among other activities, the All Saints group will be visiting six local families in their homes. I do believe that 'neighbours' will join in the occasion! Joy must be shared. The afternoon will conclude with a celebration at Children of Peace, Igodola.

Shortly after you receive this Report, through generous donations, we expect to receive the improved Ayrshire heifers. I referred to this need when visiting last year. Yes, it has taken some long while to reach the goal here. It is most important that we improve the quality of the dairy herd. We shall receive an increased income from the sale of milk, and also provide a much improved experience for the Field Work Assignment students coming now from three Agricultural Colleges. We are favoured for this activity as we offer a wide range of educational opportunity, with cattle, chickens/ducks, pigs, grapes and general agriculture. We also have strong relationships with local people involved in these activities. Under staff leadership the students become involved with the local people and share needed knowledge. This is becoming an increasingly important aspect of our presence here.

The harvest is abundant this year. The hay making is almost completed. The shed is FULL of bales. Have you smelled the 'perfume' of baled hay! No wonder the lads and lassies gathered at the hay stacks! Now comes the harvesting, thrashing and winnowing of the grains, all by hand.



The children are beating out the seed from sunflower heads. This is good drumming practice!

These children are from a Children's Choir at



the Revelation Anglican Church. Does anyone recall the church which commenced under the baobab tree? The congregation has flourished. They have strong and dedicated leadership and a vision for their life. The Book of Revelation is a Book of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Yes, they have a vision for this life.

We offer work opportunity for such groups, enabling them to obtain items necessary for their worship and witness. These lads are bringing in the last of the sunflower harvest from this field. There are two more fields yet to harvest.

The sunflower will provide cooking oil for the Prince of Peace School and supported local Preschools. The 'mashuda', the cake produced from the pressing process, will be used as a feed supplement for our animals and chickens. It is expensive to purchase. The grains will become porridge and Ugali for many children.

I have been informed today that the Women's Unit, at the Makang'wa Village Clinic, will be dedicated by the Minister of Health at a date to be set in July. This will be in conjunction with the great national Freedom Torch Celebration. Amani provided all cement and concrete blocks for this lovely building, and assisted with the plastering of the building.

There is so much more which could be shared but that will need to wait until the next Report.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and fellowship in this wonderful work.

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