



Report from Makang'wa

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Dear Friends,

Home again! Firstly, I must thank many friends and family members in Australia for your kindness and generosity during my stay in Queensland. Wonderfully, the retina event in my right eye had settled before I arrived in Brisbane, therefore the specialist could tell me what 'had' happened – and sent me away greatly relieved. I am thankful for the love and care of many people.



In connection with eye needs I was able to bring back with me a Tonometer (for measuring the pressure in eyes), a gift for the Eye Department of the Mvumi Mission Hospital from the Carr Foundation in Brisbane. Then, when I arrived at the Centre I found a large carton of spectacles, sent from Billings, Montana. The staff of the Eye Department are thankful for these gifts. The two men with the doctor are students from South Sudan. One Anglican priest and two Sudanese medical students later provided the starting power for the Eye Department vehicle. Flat battery!

The early rains were abundant. As you can see (top), the maize is as high as Caleb's eye. The hay shed overflows with loose hay. We have commenced baling the hay. This will make room for much more, and also provide exercise for these two men! But, sadly, the later rains have failed and all is now very dry.



A great deal has happened here in recent months. We are surely thankful for the staff at the Prince of Peace School. In the national examinations held late last year the students scored #14 position out of 750 schools in our Dodoma Region! This is wonderfully encouraging as we are a village based school yet the students scored up in the top level of the city private schools. This demonstrates what can be accomplished in Tanzania, by Tanzanians. Thank you to everyone who assists with support for the school.

There is more good news. Our Children of Peace Preschoolers at St. John's and St. Andrew's,



Makang'wa gained 100% pass rate in the national test for entry into Grade One, Primary School. Our teachers are truly dedicated. Graduation at Preschool is a colourful event!

While in Queensland I was able to visit St. Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg. The Primary section supports the Prince of Peace School with the cost of text books. This is done through an annual Spell-a-thon. Two classes there

are also pen pals for Prince of Peace students. In late June of this year we shall welcome a visit from twenty five staff and students from All Saint's Anglican School, Gold Coast, south east of Brisbane. There are exciting times ahead.

We now have a new water well drilled for the Prince of Peace school. The growth of the school, and the developing local community, make this a necessity. About six weeks ago our school wells (Primary and Preschool) were the only source of clean water for the large surrounding village community. Power surges had knocked out the pump at the village well. As I type this we are in the midst of another lengthy experience of power surges in the district. My driver's refrigerator has been damaged. As the surges commenced late at night people woke in the morning to discover the problem. Currently, we are still waiting for TANESCO, the Government power authority, to connect power to the new well.

This next week we expect to have our first LARGE sale of chickens. We pray that the buyer does not change his mind! In the photo you see a few of the 1,320 chickens ready for distribution to Prince of Peace homes. Probably next week we shall be conducting meetings with Prince of peace parents,



discussing our success and failures in the raising of chickens. We have 1,250 ready for market. Our Toyota VX, the motive power for the chicken trailer, has now done 326,000km. It is in good order mechanically but the 'body parts' are in urgent need of maintenance. The rough roads do 'shake, rattle and roll' our vehicles. It is much more advantageous to

refresh and strengthen the present vehicle than to consider a replacement. **It will cost about \$1,850.00US/\$2,340.00Aud to achieve a good result.** Gifts towards this need will be a blessing to the work here. (Apart from the chicken project this vehicle is used for emergency care (pregnancy, critical illness, and death circumstances), education related activities, transport for brides to their wedding, and the entire gamut of Amani transport needs.

All of the people involved in Amani send their greetings and their thanks for your prayers and kind support.

Wishing you every blessing in the Lord.

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