

Report from Makang'wa

May 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Amani Family. We are a growing 'family', spread over a number of villages in this central region. It is the cool season and slightly dusty at times. From sleeping on top of the sheets I now sleep under, with a blanket! Quite cosy! The first item in this report is an appreciation letter from Gilbert Simon Yohana, a young man sponsored through Students for Peace, St. John's, Igondola. Gilbert has completed Form VI, High School. He is hoping for a Government Loan.

Amani Centre Organization,



P.O.BOX 2094, Dodoma

Dear Sponsor,

I am a student sponsored by the Amani Centre Organization. I am happy to say, lots of thanks for supporting me in my studies. Now I have completed Form VI, studying in the Irgnga Region, and am waiting for the results which will be announced in July. I am hoping for good results, so if God wishes I shall commence university in October. So, thanks very much for help in my studies. God be with you and bless you more.

Yours faithfully,

Gilbert Simon Yohana.

Aloyce Massangu (R) is another of the 'grown up' Students for Peace young men from the program at St. John's Church. He is third born in a family of five. The father deserted the family. Aloyce has just completed his National Service Training, a compulsory program for those who complete Form VI. Aloyce wished to join the Army but was not successful in his application. It seems that this is a popular choice for many young people, but the applicant needs to have sponsors present at the interview! Aloyce wants to enrol for a course at VETA, the Vocational Training Institute in Dodoma. He would do well. He has a wonderful disposition and is a dedicated and thankful young man. Fees depend on the course one is accepted into, following an interview. However it is about 1,200,000/= (USD\$752.00; Aud\$552.00) per year for a two year course. The 'Pint Club' refers to blood donation! He is a sober young man.

I must share some wonderful news. The Anglican Men's Society, Province of Queensland, Australia, has announced a gift of \$20,000.00Aud towards the completion of buildings at the Children's



Home (DCMP) at Mahoma Makulu. "Thank you, members for this generous gift!"

We also offer a big "Thank you" to the Board and Friends in Brisbane for convening and supporting a most successful Dinner Function.



Salome Willson is a young woman from Makang'wa village. The family is poor. Her mother, a widow, is one of the women who come here, from time to time, for Relief Work (Family education) assistance. Salome has her heart set on becoming a teacher. This is quite impossible unless we can gain some sponsorship assistance. She is an attractive young lady, with a determined spirit. Her hope is to attend the Capital Teachers College in Dodoma. The annual fee for a two year course is 1,250,000/= (US\$575.00; Aud\$575.00) Mrs Willson will work at the Amani Centre in response for the sponsorship. She understands that the only way of 'escape' for her daughter is through education. Salome is a bright young woman, well worthy of support.

Frola Mussa is a wonder! She is about five foot of seemingly endless energy. Flora is nearing forty year. She is a widow. Her husband died in 2010 after suffering through a long illness. I knew him well



as he worked at the Centre. There are three children. Flora is one of the original people involved in the Vegetable Project at Amani. She clearly understands that a person must work to have a reasonable life. A visit to her home is most instructive. It is surely simple but well ordered, clean, and peaceful.



Flora is a dedicated member of St. John's Church. She sets an example to all of us. Yes, her 'garden' is large, and productive. The two sons work with her. This is a happy family. The child she is holding belongs to another person with a garden at Amani. Flora's garden provides most of the green vegetable eaten at the Prince of Peace School.

Weston Ndahani is one of our most dedicated workers. He is married. Weston and his wife have three children. He is the third of a family of five children. Weston was raised in a single parent family. His mother died when he was quite young and then his father moved to live in Dar es slaam. He has actually been a 'parent' for many years. Weston did not attend school! However, he is one of those naturally intelligent people who can comprehend a situation quite readily. He operates the spray irrigation system at Amani, is now the main operator of the pump of water at Amani, and also assists with the operation of the Oil Mill. He IS a busy young man and is dependable. If he had received a normal education he would be in some professional occupation. However, there is no one in this immediate region who operates a spray irrigation system. That is a profession!





Lastly, we are in the midst of preparations for the visit of twenty students and five staff members from the All Saint's Anglican School, Gold Coast, Queensland. The visitors will camp at the Amani Centre and be involved at the Prince of Peace School during the day. Our two friendly dogs can hardly wait! The photo was taken at a preparation meeting at the school.

May God's blessing rest upon you, and upon the activities of Amani.

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