

Report from Makang'wa

May 2017

Greetings from the Amani Family. Everyone here is thankful for your love and generosity expressed

On March 6th we welcomed ten students from Visele Livecrop Agricultural College, Mpwapwa. They arrived to fulfil a two month Field Work Assignment. They were a deeply dedicated group of young adults who quickly endeared themselves to our workers and to the local village community. While here they also formed an Amani Football Team. We miss them!

A key activity was the setting up of the initial hydroponic system, providing processed grain for the pigs. It has been a most positive period. Truly, the Student House is now very quiet!



However, we have received a letter from the Sokoine University of Agriculture, requesting us to provide Field Work placement for two groups of students this year: July 17- August 18 and August 21 – September 22. These are final year students.



They will be most welcome at the Centre and in the community.

Trevor and Penny Fuelling, from St. Bartholomew's Church, Toowoomba, Queensland are up to their elbows in positive involvement here. They are a blessing, enabled by generous support from their home congregation. Book shelving has been installed at the Prince of Peace School; the school library has been organized, and staff and students are being carefully instructed in the purpose and the effective use of a library. At the Centre the tree nursery has a



new shade cloth cover; new welded iron gates are being installed in a number of areas to provide security from 'wandering cows'. Trevor and Penny are both amazing 'encouragers' and 'tutors'. The locals LOVE THEM!

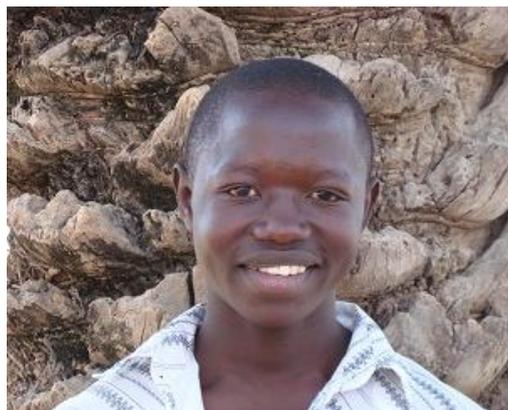
Easter II: Trevor and Penny with children of St. John's, Chiwona.

Soon, appeal information will be sent out in Australia, seeking support for the DCMP – Children’s Home.

This is for funds to support the basic care of the children: food, education, health care, water and power. Material will be distributed to congregations in the Diocese of Brisbane, and will also be available to individual people. This appeal will bear the endorsement of the Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Dickson Chilongani. [Shabani](#)

[Mwangoda](#), one of the original street children, has been selected to be the sole Tanzanian youth representative to the

International Youth Leadership Conference, Warsaw, Poland, June 24th – July 4th. *What a wonderful witness he is to the worth of DCMP.* He has progressed from the street, through the steps of basic education, to the gaining of a University degree – to being a national representative in Warsaw. This conference is convened by UNESCO. In the photo we see the young Shabani, 15 years, in 2008. Can you perceive the future in his expression? The trip is all expenses paid, however he has to cover VISA costs and personal travel expenses upfront, to be reimbursed in Warsaw. A gift of \$80.00USD would be welcome. He would then have some spending money while in Poland.



St. John’s Anglican Church, Igondola is experiencing a season of growth. This is the home of Children of Peace, however there are many more children now involved in the congregation. The Children’s Choir provided joyful and inspiring music at the Easter Day worship. Now they need our encouragement, which translates into UNIFORMS! A little encouragement goes a long way in the life of a child. A gift of \$8.00, by conversion, provides a uniform for one child. There are thirty four in the choir.



Thank you for taking the time to read through this Report. I hope that you found it encouraging. We do need Good News in our daily lives. I recall being asked to preach at the Catholic Church in Red Lodge, Montana some years ago. When I asked Fr. Keane about this, he remarked, “The congregation needs to hear Good News. You have Good News.” Now, although they had a debt on their new building they donated money to build the new Catholic Church in Makang’wa!

There is very much happening here. Maybe you can read between the lines. The photographs on the next page may provide additional insight.

With thanks,

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TANZANIA



Visele students, together with Trevor and Penny and some staff members.

We provided a farewell dinner and celebration. Tanzanians do know how to enjoy one another in a most wholesome manner. We did have great fun, with prayer and singing.

They discovered the traditional hats I was given when, some years ago, I was inducted into the Sotho tribe in South Africa. That day I was given the name 'Peacemaker'. I guess that must be a translation of the word 'Christian.' Well, there are beautiful people all over the world. These two guys are surely among that company.



Dancing with the Village Chairman and a Water Committee member at a gathering in connection with the Igondola water well and water line project. I suspect that I was 'moving'. I would not call it dancing, however the crowd was impressed!

I have selected these photos to offer an insight into the JOY one finds in Tanzania. Food is scarce, and there is illness, but there is JOY. I hope there is JOY in your life. It is found in Jesus, in the attitude of thanksgiving.

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