

Chickens at the Amani Center

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Chickens and Children



Most parents of children attending the Prince of Peace English Medium Primary School struggle to pay the very moderate tuition fee. This will be double true as we move through this year of 2015. The last wet season was a failure resulting in crop failures. Later this year there will be a struggle to put food on the table let alone pay school fees.

This leads us to think of chickens! We have devised a plan whereby every family with a child at the Prince of Peace School will be required to participate in a chicken project. The project will operate in this manner:

- At the Amani Center we shall incubate, inoculate and develop chicks to the three week stage.
- The chicks will then be distributed, on an arranged rota, to the individual families, 15 to 20 chicks to each home.
- The family will receive the chicks and the feed necessary for five weeks of development.
- At eight weeks the broiler chickens will be ready for market.
- We anticipate five groups of parents with about 28 families in each grouping.
- Within this program we anticipate producing between 400 and 500 broilers each week!
- With about five production cycles per family per year this should enable a family to meet the annual fee for one child. Some parents want to raise more!
- Here at the Center we shall have a reasonably large scale chicken production enterprise. Fortunately we have on staff a young man trained at Agricultural College in the raising of Chickens. He has just now successfully raised the initial trial run.
- We are excited about this program. The parents are most enthusiastic. There are many details yet to be worked through, but we do sense God's leading in this.
- Now, the chicken manure/sawdust mixture from the sheds will be wonderful manure for the Vegetable Project. Egg shells from the incubators are also an important fertilizer for the soil, especially in our soil here at the Center.



We are hopeful that through this program we can model to other village communities how they can strengthen and develop their communities. We may become the Chicken Capital of Chamwino District! There is also a strong demand for eggs, but that is another story.

The Prince of Peace School is developing into the leading Primary School of this District and one of the truly bright spots of the Dodoma Region. We are now 'top' school of the District. Our warm thanks to supporters of the school. We would never have reached this stage without you. Now we must move, step by step, to cover our basic operating expenses. That is an exciting prospect.



These are some of our initial 'ladies' at eight weeks. They are averaging out at 2kgs. We lost only one chicken through the eight weeks. We are thankful for Emanuel, our chicken expert!

Last night, June 5th, we received a further three hundred day old chicks. These will be raised through the initial three weeks early development stage and then be moved into our sheds.

In about six or seven weeks we expect to be ready to distribute the first batch of young chicks to the first Prince of Peace family grouping. Do pray for God's close guidance and blessings as we move along. No doubt there will be challenges along the way. They will be simply part of the learning process and we all experience raising chicken – in large numbers.



Here we see Abel, one of our Staff members, with a willing helper, working on our three level chicken transporter, designed to fit into the back of the twin cab. When in full production we shall certainly need something larger than this. Below is the Amani Cross, glowing in the light of the setting sun.

Every blessing. John Naumann, Managing Director, Amani development Organization.

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