



Update from Tanzania

August 2010

KCM-TZ Welcomes Visiting Mission Team

The first two weeks of June became very busy with the arrival of the mission team from Glenn Park Christian Church, Wichita, KS. The eight member team had a rough beginning to their visit with a lost day due to a weather delayed flight and the inconvenience of all their luggage being lost by the airline. They didn't let those difficulties hamper them from jumping into the final preparations for the Naitolia Video Based Teaching Seminar. As the day of preparation time gave way to the two-days of seminars the team was happy to report all was ready and even their luggage made it back to them.



2010 Glenn Park TZ Mission Team

The Naitolia Video Based Teaching Seminar was a great success. Over 150 pastors, church leaders, teachers, and church members attended. After they watched three different videos developed by Good News Productions on the topics of sinfulness, selfishness, and lawlessness they broke up into small groups where team member taught on each topic in greater detail. (Please reference the Special Update released in June available on the KCM Website - keyconnections.org if you are interested in finding out more about the seminar.)



Seminar tent filled with people wanting to learn more about Biblical truths.

After the seminar the men and women divided into two groups and launched into new projects. The men remained at the house and installed a solar panel platform on the roof. As power outages are a fairly normal occurrence in Arusha, the panels help to keep things running. The ladies went to Peter Lukumay's nursery school where they taught the kids some English words and taught some Bible stories using flipcharts. Sunday morning brought ministry opportunities at Peter Lukumay's church in Ngarenaro. Before the church service the team went on a walking tour of the slum. During the service



Tina, Sametta, and Jacob (Translator) teach a small seminar group

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PROCLAIMER SHIPMENT

Over the past six months Faith Comes by Hearing has been working toward shipping 200 Proclaimers to Key Connections Ministries. Recently, we received word that the shipment has arrived in Tanzania and is in the final stages of receiving Customs clearance. Please pray that this Proclaimer shipment can be delivered soon as there are many pastors and church leaders on the waiting list.



JOIN US IN PRAYING . . .

- For Thane and Charlotte White as they work hard to secure needed financial support.
- For a special person to help KCM with much needed ministries for Tanzanian children and youth.
- For Scola as she progresses through the difficulties of pregnancy.
- For clear priorities as we face far too many very good things to do
- For wisdom as we continue to plan and organize this mission

OUR GOALS

- **Provide free and low-cost materials to church leaders**
- **Train leaders to effectively utilize resources**
- **Develop innovative ways for the poor to obtain key resources**
- **Utilize short-term volunteers and teams to meet critical needs**
- **Impart an urgent vision for ministry and evangelism**
- **Support health and development initiatives**
- **Bring unity to believers with Bible-focused materials**

. . . SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:17



MegaVoice Ambassadors Arrive

Key Connections Ministries in Arusha, Tanzania has partnered with MegaVoice International to allow the local people here to listen to Christian evangelistic messages, biblical teachings and instruction, and even the Bible itself through utilizing the MegaVoice Ambassador player. However, while they can be utilized for many purposes our current vision for these players is mainly evangelistic in nature. We currently have over fifty of them and are preparing the audio content so they can be released. We already have about 30 pastors on the waiting list to receive one.



The MegaVoice Ambassador Player

As can be seen from the pictures, the players are small and light and easy to carry, yet built rugged to deal with the harsh conditions of the African bush. Their batteries are charged by a built-in solar panel on the back of the unit. They have a key pad to turn it on and off, control the speaker volume, start and pause the audio, and skip forward and backward through the audio selections. They utilize a memory chip to hold 160 hours of

audio content which is enough for the entire New Testament plus much more. One of the major advantages of these units is the ability to change the audio content as needed by using the Scribe II. This means the end users cannot change the audio content, nor can they use the units for non-intended purposes.

Why is the MegaVoice Ambassador Player important? Two main reasons: (1) lack of available resource materials and (2) non-literacy.

•Lack of available resource materials – unlike the United States where there are large Christian Bookstores filled with many resource materials such as books, videos, reference materials, and study aids, very little is available in Tanzania. Most pastors have a Bible, but not much more. The MegaVoice Ambassador player al-

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Ample Rains, But Famine Effects Linger

Over the past several weeks many of the pastors KCM is in partnership with have come with disturbing news. While they were very grateful for all the famine relief food that was provided during the drought, they report that times are still difficult for the Maasai living in the remote bush. The people have been blest with ample rains; however, it will take several more months for the lingering effects of the drought to finally disappear. Many, many cattle were lost to starvation during the drought. Cattle are a major sustaining part of the Maasai way of life. It will take months for the surviving cattle to recover enough to began replenishing the herds. It will then take another year or two to increase the numbers to a pre-drought level.

Please be persistent in prayer for the Maasai who continue to suffer from the devastating drought's lingering effects.



Pray for those still affected by the devastating drought

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ARUSHA

I'm sure many of you are sitting around wondering what's been happening to my mission field stomping grounds called Arusha. Well, okay then—maybe if there are two or three of you, then this sidebar is for you.

Stoptlights—Yes, Arusha now has two stoptlights installed within the last two years. They work reasonably well, but caution is warranted because you're never quite sure if the other driver has ever seen a stoptlight before. I'm not sure if they actually move more traffic than the old "intimidate the other driver" method, but they have definitely lowered the stress level.

Medium Rise Buildings—Lots of new buildings are going up all over town. Most are in the five to six story range, but they take a very long time to construct.

More and more cars—the roads and number of parking spots stays the same, but more cars hit the roads everyday. When we first arrived most vehicles were SUV type, but now most are sedans which they call "saloon" cars here.

More and more stores—when we first arrived in 2000 it was necessary to make regular trips to Nairobi, Kenya to stock up on important items that weren't available in Arusha. But, now most everything within reason is available here. No Walmart though.

WHITES



Thane & Charlotte White

Thane and Charlotte continue to work hard at support raising. They are traveling all around meeting with many churches and groups to share about the mission work in Tanzania. We hope it won't be long until the proper amount of support is raised and they can buy their airline tickets.

Ambassadors Arrive (Cont)

allows the Pastor to learn the material first, then pass it on to others in the area so they can listen and learn.

•Non-literacy is a significant obstacle to the local people's ability to learn the Bible and Biblical teachings. For Tanzania, the literacy rate stands at 69.4% compared to 99% for the United States. However, in the remote bush areas of Tanzania where Key Connections normally works, the literacy rate is much, much lower. The MegaVoice Ambassador player allows these non-literate people to hear the Bible and Biblical teachings in their own "heart" language.

Available Audio Content for the MegaVoice Ambassador player

•Words of Life – This is a collection of songs, stories, and teachings designed to be both evangelistic and biblical instruction in nature. We have this audio available in the Swahili and Maasai languages. 80 minutes.

•God's Story – This is a overview of the Bible from the creation story in Genesis to eternity in Revelations. It is intended for believers and non-believers to better understand God's word. We have this audio available in the Swahili language 80 minutes.

Field Production System



The Field Production System consists of the Ambassador player and the Scribe II.

intended to teach the New Testament story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We have this audio available in the Swahili language.

•New Testament - We have this audio available in the Swahili language.

Future Audio Content for the MegaVoice Ambassador player

•We are working on having additional audio content available in the coming months.

•God's Story – In the Maasai language

•The Story of Jesus – In the Maasai language

•New Testament – In the Maasai language

•New Testament (Book of Mark) – in the Barabaig language

•New Testament (Book of Mark) – in the Sonjo language

Restoration Ministries Maasai Books – in the Maasai language

•The Story of Jesus – This is an audio version based on the Jesus film. It is

Visiting Team (Cont)

Connie, Ricky, and Stan each gave a short sermon. Verni and Carol taught the children's church.

Following a very busy week of ministry projects the team went on a two-day safari to the Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater wildlife parks. They reported seeing all of the "big five" animals.

It was a wonderful blessing to have the team here to see and experience the ministry work of Key Connection Ministries in Arusha, Tanzania. It was a highlight for me to see the team members getting to know the Tanzanian people and developing friendships. The pastor at Naitolia re-

cently reported that many new members were added to the church as a result of the video seminar and he requested more video seminars in the future. God used this team to touch many lives in Tanzania

through their efforts and gifts. I also believe that the lives of the team members were touched by the Tanzanian people they befriended and the experiences they will remember as they think back on their days in Arusha, Tanzania.

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Stan and Ricky installing the solar panel support platform



Connie, Carol, Verni, and Tina teach at the Ngarmetoni Nursery School



Connie gives her part of the Sunday morning sermon at Peter Lukumay's Ngarenaro church while Polycarp translates

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A Personal Update

Things that bring a smile:

Skyping with family and good friends

Taking late afternoon walks in my beautiful backyard

Sipping on a good cup of coffee first thing in the morning

Sharing lunch and good conversation with missionary friends

Watching little Rachel Marty grow into a young lady

Hard work that's rewarded by success

Spend a little time thinking about things that make you smile.

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Because of the call,
Steven McFarland

REGIFTING?

It's a trend around the world and we think it has merit! Does your church have glass communion cups or trays no longer in use? Do you have a good digital camera that has been set aside for a newer model? Or a working laptop computer you have replaced? Consider giving those items a new life — in Africa! We know many people who would be greatly blessed by those items. If you would like to re-gift, just e-mail us or call Teresa, our US administrator, at (620) 763-2595.

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