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Update from Tanzania

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A Brighter Future for Them



Ngaremtoni Nursery School Kids

Over the past ten months a long-held dream of Peter Lukumay's has become a reality. And that dream was to one day provide the young children in the area close to his childhood home with a good head-start on education and a chance for a brighter future.

The 25' X 46' structure provides four rooms. A 17' X 24' classroom is located in the structure's center with a 12' X 17' kitchen area at one end and two 7' X 8' bathrooms at the other end. At this point neither the kitchen or bathroom areas are developed. But, the classroom is fully functional and is currently in use. The spacious blackboard and colorful wall art makes for a wonderful learning environment.

A pit latrine is almost complete. A water well has been dug and a water tower completed. We are very excited about all that has been accomplished, but there are still many things remaining to be done. The yard area needs to be cleared of construction debris, ground cover added, fencing installed, and a small playground with equipment will be added made possible by Marty's Memorial Funds.



Classroom (showing front area with blackboard)



Classroom (showing back area with a proud Peter Lukumay standing in the background)

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

Please continue to pray for this project in order that more kids like these can have a chance for a brighter future.



Exterior view of nursery school.

OFFRINGAS

It has been so good to have the Offringas back in Arusha over the last month and a half. They have been very busy preparing for and conducted two seminars and distributed many copies of the Ministers Manual books in Swahili. This week they are conducting a prayer walk around Arusha.



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 (due mid-Nov.)
- 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



MegaVoice Ambassadors Progress Report

After the units arrived with the mission team all of our existing audio files had to be converted into a format that the MV Ambassador units can read. This turned out to be a big job, but MegaVoice had provided a software package specifically designed for that purpose. Since the unit does not have a display screen like the Proclaimer, another feature is provided called audio tags. These tags are very short audio recordings which announce the up-coming audio selection name, section, and chapter each time the listener presses a selection key. This tag allows the listener to easily track his progress through the audio selection or to find another audio selection. Swahili audio content has been prepared and Maasai content is in progress.



The MegaVoice Ambassador Player

Several units have been released to coordinators for testing and evaluation purposes. The units are being evaluated for reliability, ease of use, and appropriateness of audio content. Hopefully, the evaluations will return favorably and the remaining units can soon be released to do their intended evangelistic work.

Carrying cases have been developed and made by Polycarp for all the recently received units. They are made from rugged materials and intended to protect the unit from dust and rain as well as providing a reliable and easy way to carry the unit.

Five More Saber Player Units Arrive

A recent test and evaluation period for the combination flipchart/Saber has concluded with very favorable results. This next group of five flipchart/Saber set will soon be prepared for placement.



The flipcharts provide the visual media containing pictures centered around a teaching theme such as the creation story, Noah and the flood, or the life of Jesus. The Saber supports the flipcharts with audio teachings and explanations of the pictures. When turned at a relatively slow speed, the hand crank dynamo provides continuous supply of power without the need for batteries. A distinctive sound tells the presenter when to turn to the next flipchart picture. It

may not seem very high tech to a person who grew up in the West, but in the bush areas of Tanzania this flipchart/Saber set is on the order of magical and completely captures their undivided attention.

Provides audio support for flipchart pictorial teachings

SHIPMENT OF 200 PROCLAIMERS ARRIVES!



Thanks to all of those who prayed that the shipment of 200 Proclaimers would be received soon. They have been in transit for nine months.

The waiting list is long of pastors and church leaders who want to use these Proclaimers. They know these units will help strengthen their congregations through listening to the New Testament in their "heart" language. Polycarp has already begun contacting waiting list pastors to make arrangements for training and placement.

I was also pleased to discover that these units are a newer version than what we've used before. The most noticeable change is a larger solar panel. The display has been improved for easier reading and the operating system has been improved for easier use and better reliability. It will be interesting to hear what pastors will say about these newer version units. Watch for a future report.

WHITES



Thane & Charlotte White

Lots of prayer and hard work are beginning to pay off. Thane and Charlotte are just a short hop away from having all their needed support raised. Soon they will be announcing their departure date, making all the final preparations, and heading to the airport. But please keep praying and if possible help with the last bit of support to get them over the hump.

Namalak & Nadede

Peter Kukan, Nadede's father, recently came to Arusha to receive funding for Namalak and Nadede's next school term. He reported that both girls were doing very well, learning a lot, and enjoying their time in school. Their lives now are immeasurably better than what might have been.

In the early months of 2008 Marty's heart was touched and stirred to action by the plight of these two young girls. They were growing up in a village where their grandparents lived, because their parents were serving as missionary church planters far out in the Tanzanian bush. At least with their grand-

parents they would be able to get a low level education where none would be possible where their parents lived. However, they were in danger be-



cause they were reaching the age when the common cultural practice in their grandparents village required young girls to undergo FGM. Their parents were strongly against this practice, but were helpless to protect them. Their only hope was to get them into a higher education boarding school away from the dangers of the cultural practice.

This is where Marty entered the picture and began making contacts to raise the required support to cover the boarding school tuition fees. With the needed funds, Namalak and

Their parents were helpless to protect them.

Nadede were able to leave the danger behind them and begin getting a good education that will prepare them to continue the church planting work of their parents and much, much more to further the Kingdom

of God. By investing in the Tanzanian youth of today we are planting fertile ground where the Tanzanian adults of tomorrow are equipped to meet the cultural, political, and spiritual challenges they must surely face.

If your heart is stirred to action, like Marty's was, then please help us with the on-going funding requirements for Namalak and Nadede to continue their education and for other Tanzanian youth who need this type of support.

10 Years and Counting

I seem to recall Marty writing a milestone report card in the early days of our East African missionary life. So, after 10 years it might be appropriate to do it again.

As I reflect over the last 10 years, my initial thought is that it has been an extremely rough and rocky road filled with all manner of struggle, hardship, loss, pain, and disappointment. I believe these last ten years could be rightly characterized as requiring "tenacious perseverance" to overcome what seemed like overwhelming odds.

Then I turn my thoughts to all of the accomplishments and good things that have happened; new friendships, new experiences, a new language, a new culture, Tanzanian churches established and strengthened, hungry fed, cold clothed, visitors hosted, resource materials placed, and miraculous "key connections" established. These were just some of those good things.

Much credit goes to the incredible financial supporters God has provided. 95% of them have stayed the course through three changes in mission organizations and three different mission visions.

Below is a listing of some accomplishments over the last 10 years on the mission field:

- (7) Short Term Mission Teams with 38 members hosted
- (13) Visiting families and individuals hosted
- (2) Interns hosted
- (6) Buildings designed and project managed (4 houses, 1 student dormitory, and 1 nursery school)
- (11) Chicken coops installed at widow's homes in the bush
- Bunches of goats given to widows in the bush
- (2) Oxen with plow given to a widow in the bush
- (7) Famine Relief Projects
- (782) Resource material items placed
- (8) Seminars held in the remote bush
- (5) Medical Clinics (1 Dental, 1 Vision, 1 Children's health check-up, and 2 Prenatal care and midwifery)
- (1) Family recruited to full-time foreign mission service (Currently in support raising process)
- (2) Mission organizations established (1 in Tanzania, 1 in USA)
- (2) Water Projects
- (1) TESL Training class
- (11) Countries visited
- (1) Solar power system installation at bush pastor's house
- (62) Maasai blankets given out
- (1) Maasai baby delivered (By Charlotte White & Marty)

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A Personal Update

One of the things that has really hit me in the grieving process is the utter feeling of powerlessness. As the event unfolds around you, the realization comes that you have absolutely no power to make any difference. It then seems an easy step to say, "Well, then if I couldn't make a difference in that situation, then I can't make any difference at all. Why even try." As we look at our world today with all of its wars, disease, hunger, etc. we see the magnitude of the problems and compare that to our meager ability to help. We might be tempted to say, "Why even try—what I have to give won't make any difference anyway." We rationalize that since we can't make a big difference, we will sit back and not do anything. It's good to remember when it comes to doing God's will He can make a little go a long way. (Matthew 14:17)

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.

YOUR RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for the many kinds of support. We want to be sure that you are getting accurate and timely receipts. If you send a financial gift and fail to receive a receipt within three weeks, please call Teresa, our US administrator at (620) 763-2595 or e-mail us at mcfarland@bol.co.tz. All donations should be made payable to Key Connections Ministries and sent to PO Box 266, Thayer, KS 66776. Please note any designations. Again, thank-you for your generous support — we pledge our faithful stewardship of your gifts to make a real difference in many lives.



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