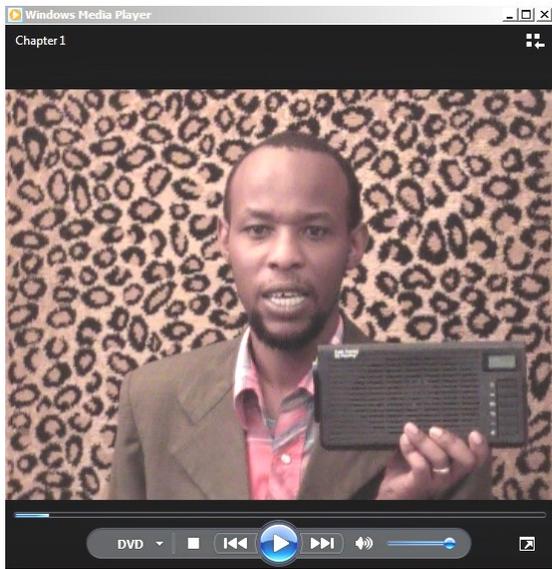




## Update from Tanzania

February 2011

### Proclaimer Training Video Developed



Polycarp Presents in Proclaimer Training Video

One of KCM's core vision goals is to train pastors and church leaders to properly utilize the media resources we place with them. Therefore, we are constantly looking for ways to improve the effectiveness of this training. Our original plan was to personally train them one on one and follow that training up with a written training manual. This method has been relatively successful, but not to the extent hoped for.

Training one on one is good, but it requires a lot of time and requires the person training to make sure to cover all the training topics with each person. It's easy to wind up with a non-standard training experience from one student to another.

The written manual was helpful for back up reference; however we found that just like Americans, Tanzanians tend to ignore the manual.

These revelations caused us to rethink our approach. How could we capture the trainee's undivided attention, minimize training time, and better standardize the training content?

Video is a very powerful medium in the Tanzanian society. Most Tanzanians will walk long distances and then be totally captivated as they watch a video. We have witnessed this time and time again as we have shown Good News Productions videos.

Based on this concept we set about to create videos to train pastors and church leaders to properly use the new recently received Proclaimer MAPD 1200s.

The first step was to plan out and write a script. Once an English script was in place a good method was needed to read it during the video shoot. A good teleprompter software package was downloaded that could scroll the script text on a second display screen located slightly below the video camera. Now that the script was ready we needed a studio. Hum, no studio, so the office had to do double duty.

**Video is a very powerful medium in Tanzanian society**

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#### KCM-TZ BOARD MEETING

On Feb 10th in Arusha, Tanzania, a Board Meeting was held as required by Tanzania law for a non-profit company.

Four out of the five board members were present. A review of KCM 2010 activities was heard as was a review of the financial balance sheet. It was determined that another meeting be held later in 2011 in order to allow Thane White, a newly appointed director, to attend and become acquainted with Board processes and functions.

#### JOIN US IN PRAYING . . .

- For Thane and Charlotte White as they make final preparations to relocate to Arusha, Tanzania and for the swift completion of their Tanzanian residence permits.
- For much needed rain in drought stricken Maasai areas
- For a special person to help KCM with much needed ministries for Tanzanian children and youth.
- 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



## “Oh, Happy Day!”

And that day will be 24 Mar 2011. Well, that's the day Thane and Charlotte are scheduled to arrive in Arusha, Tanzania to begin their new careers as long-term missionaries with KCM. Everything is falling into place



Thane & Charlotte White

nicely, but there remains a few items that must be completed before it can actually happen.

The major item is the Tanzanian residence permit. This document must be in-hand before they can arrive. All of the request paperwork has been submitted and lawyers are following those papers through the Immigration process. The lawyers (called advocates here) are specially trained to make sure the papers don't become stalled and any questions the officials might have can be quickly answered. The permit will most likely arrive in time, but it's still a matter for prayer.

Also, another important need for continued prayer is all the final preparations Thane and Charlotte are currently undergoing. Thane is building wooden shipping boxes to provide segregated storage for their items inside a metal sea container. Final purchasing, organizing, and packing are monumental tasks. Along this demanding work comes all the goodbyes to family and friends. The proper handling of this important responsibility cannot be underestimated.

## Nursery School Water System Tour

As time allows, I have been helping Peter Lukumay with his Nursery School construction project in Ngaremtoni. (See article in October 2010 Update From Tanzania). Peter was recently blessed with much needed funds to dig a water well at the school. These funds allowed Peter to not only dig the well, but erect a concrete water tower with a 800 gallon plastic tank on top. He was also able to install the piping from the well to the tower and a stand pipe with a lockable valve to run water from the tank.

A team from the organization which provided the water system funding was coming to Arusha to host some seminars and also was interested in seeing the nursery school water system. Peter had made plans earlier to attend some special educational training in South Africa, so he asked me to fill in and give the tour.

**Peter was blessed with funds to dig a water well**

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## STATE SIDE VISIT FOR 2010 HOLIDAYS

Spending time with family and friends was good, but the weather, well, wasn't so good. I arrived back in Kansas early in December and immediately went hunting for my heavy coat. (Global Warming – what globe are they talking about).

During my time in the States I held a holiday party for the KCM-US Board Members and spouses, gave 6 presentations, attended a mission committee meeting and numerous mealtime get-togethers to give mission updates to supporters.

A significant amount of effort went into video outfitting to support training videos. (See “Proclaimer Training Video Developed” article). I purchased a new camcorder with external audio recording capabilities, a shotgun microphone, a LED lighting unit, and a video editing software package.

Also, an aunt of mine passed away so was able to see many of my more distant relatives at her funeral service.

My return to Arusha, Tanzania was in late January.

## MEET LITTLE MARTY



Little Marty was born to Scola, our house-keeper, in November of last year.

She is a very happy and healthy little girl. Her father's name is Elisante and her older brother is Kevi. The growing family is in the process of building a new house on a piece of land they purchased.



## Proclaimer Training Video (Cont)

Of course, the video had to be in Swahili, but Polycarp had never seen this type of work done before. A sample training video was recorded by Steve with Bob Offringa behind the camera. This sample allowed Polycarp to get the feel for how the presentation style and script translation to Swahili needed to be done. Once Polycarp reviewed the sample video he made the translation and was ready to step in front of the camera.

Polycarp was a natural and in a short time all the raw video footage was shot



Proclaimer Details Shown in Training Video

and ready for post-production. Next came the task of shooting all the still photographs to show and illustrate the various Proclaimer features and buttons as Polycarp was explaining about them.

Bob Offringa volunteered to do the post-production editing since he had a editing package on his laptop. He then began the arduous task transferring all the raw footage and stills to his laptop, splicing all the pieces together to make the basic video. Next he overlaid Polycarp's video image with the Proclaimer feature and button stills at the precise context timing with Polycarp's sound track.

After several draft videos were made and reviewed, the final 18-minute video emerged from Bob's laptop and was ready to begin it's job training pastors to properly utilize the Proclaimer.

In the last few months since the video's completion it has been viewed by many pastors. All have given it high marks.

The ongoing plan is to create similar training videos for all the other electronic media devices. It will be a big job, but good, effective training is foundational to making this aspect of Key Connections Ministries a success.

## Nursery School Water (Cont)

It wouldn't be good for the team to arrive, turn the stand pipe valve, and nothing come out, so the day before the scheduled tour I visited the nursery school site to verify that there would be water in the tower tank for the tour. The teachers said the utility power had been off for quite some time and the tank was empty. I went back home and got my small generator, brought it to the site, and connected it to the electric pump down in the well. The small generator wouldn't even begin to run the pump. I made another trip back home and got a larger generator, returned to the site, and connected the generator. As I was trying to start the engine the pull rope broke. So, most of a day was spent and still no water in the tank.

The next morning, which was the day of the tour, I made calls to see if the utility power had come back on, but no such luck. Now I was running out of time and was fresh out of usable generators. I ran over to the hardware store and bought a fairly large generator that I was sure would provide adequate power for the pump. I arrived at the site with high expectations, connected the generator, but it wouldn't power the pump either. So, a pump repairman was called. He climbed down in the deep well and pulled out the pump. After inspecting the pump the repairman said there was a bearing problem.

**God had a chuckle over this one**

By now it was time to go back to town, meet the team, and lead them to the nursery school. Almost two days of work and three generators later, there was still no water in the tank. Feeling rather defeated, I left the repairman working on the pump and headed off to bring the team.

When I arrived back as the site with the team I was surprised to learn the repairman had reinstalled the pump and the utility power had come on just long enough to fill the tank.

The team toured the school, turned the valve, took pictures of water running out, and left with smiles on their faces, It all worked out in the end, but it sure wasn't my doing.

Do you think God maybe had a good chuckle over that one?

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LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

## A Personal Update

Sharing is probably one of the major aspects in the marriage relationship. You share a house, a car, friendships, your time, and your hopes and dreams. In some special cases you get to share much more as Marty and I did with the development and operation of Key Connections Ministries. With Marty's passing that aspect of sharing was also lost; a house, a car, and a mission all to myself.

All that's about to change though. Soon Thane and Charlotte will be here to join me and I can return to the sharing mode again. That will be a good thing.

As you consider what God has given you to share, are you doing it in a way that's pleasing to Him? After all, He has shared His creation and even His Son with you.

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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