

Report from Makang'wa

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The photo was taken one morning last week outside of the Office. Every morning people come with letters from the Village Offices seeking work for food or for some other relief.

Dear Friends,

How should I begin? There is so very much to share. We are 'buried' in the work at present. As I sat down to write the draft of this letter our secretary Dinna said, "There is a young mother waiting to see you. She has just been diagnosed as HIV positive and has been advised to cease breast feeding her baby. She has four children. Her husband refused to be tested and has run away. The doctor has sent her here. She needs work for two days a week to access milk and other needs for her child." She also has three older children! What can we say? We are stressed financially and yet..... ! I find that I cannot turn such a mother away. She is now left to care for the family in the midst of this developing food crisis. If the next wet season brings use rains still the present situation will continue into early 2011! I know this seems to be a recurring theme in the Reports but maybe this is why God has put Amani in the midst of these wonderful yet needy people. Just to make you smile..... Some Rotarians from Spain visited Arusha recently and have expressed strong interest in Children of Peace. After returning they sent an email to our Uni. student, Ndilito, in Arusha saying that an elderly woman was going to collect money in her 'piggy bank' for the children. The question was, "What on earth is a piggy bank?"

Related to the stresses here is the closing of our Tuition Programme at Igondola. Local people are not able to contribute even the small monthly fee – and we cannot operate without some local contribution. However the Children of Peace programme continues to develop and strengthen. Two weeks ago we celebrated the Graduation of our two sponsored local women, Doris Jackson and Leah Mundo, as certified Kindergarten/Pre School teachers. With Pendo that make three Amani has sponsored so far. We expect to sponsor a further two for this next academic year. Óur' Doris topped the class this year!

World Water Day, Billings, MT has sent a gift of \$1,850.00 to install fascia boards, rain water guttering and necessary fittings to convey water from our large multipurpose building to the large water cistern. This will enable a good supply of clean drinking water for Children of Peace.

As the food shortage deepens the porridge provided daily to the children is ever more important.

To close this first section of the Report I have included two photographs of our most recent visitors from Australia, Clare Carrigan and Antoinette Shaeffer. Clare and Antoinette immersed



themselves in the activities of Amani. In the first photo they are seen with Joyce Lazaro, leader of the Children of Peace Saturday program. In the second Clare is doing her impersonation of an Emu, in full stride. We heard that later children were seen doing the 'emu walk' on the way home!

Dear Friends, we are in urgent need of gifts for the **General Fund**. This Fund undergirds all else that Amani does. Without it everything would cease. Today as I type this in the office I should be at a village to the north of here celebrating communion. However on the way home from the Graduation yesterday a tire began to collapse. How else can I explain it! We arrive home but today we are stranded until I can replace the tire. It is foolish to go anywhere without a reliable spare. These are the things which 'happen'. The car is necessary for EVERYTHING we do and is funded through the General Fund. I mention this to emphasize that the Fund is FOUNDATIONAL to all Amani activity. Please search you 'piggy bank'.

With thanksgiving,

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