

Fr. John Nauman Amani Care

Fr. John Naumann was raised on a farm near Toowoomba, Australia. He graduated from St. Francis Theological Seminary in 1966, served in a series of

Anglican churches in Queensland, Australia and arrived at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Billings, Montana USA in 1989.

In the year 2000, John Naumann, spent four weeks of a sabbatical in central Tanzania. For John, the experience was life changing. During a time of prayerful reflection he understood the Lord to say, "I am planting a tree which will bear fruit." Ever since, these words have been the guiding light for his ministry of care.

The **Amani Development Organization ("Amani")** was formed as a result of John Naumann's vision to relieve poverty and is registered as an NGO in Tanzania. It also operates as **Amani Care** (to emphasize the abiding nature of its work) and **Amani Vocational Training Centre** to distinguish this significant aspect of its operations. After retiring, John moved to Tanzania in 2005 and now lives at the Amani Vocational Training Center where he is CEO/Managing Director and provides spiritual leadership while sharing the skills learned on the farm in his youth.



Fr. John lives on his savings and pension at the Amani Vocational Training Centre. Foundations, public donations and church groups fund Amani. It also has modest sales of its own agricultural products.

Tanzania covers an area of 945,087 sq km (364,900 sq miles) stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Great Lakes region in the west of the country. The population is approximately 37,000,000. The central region of the nation is semi-arid. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world.

Many of its people live below the World Bank poverty line and in this subsistence economy, average wages are US\$15 per week.



Dodoma, the capital city (population approx. 200,000) is located in the center of the semi-arid central region. The Amani Development Center is located south of the city in the Mvumi, Makang'wa and Rift valley regions.

Contributions

The following Foundations in the USA and Australia support Amani Care. Both are low cost organizations with administrative and management costs of less than 3 percent of all expenditures. Tax deductible donations can be sent to either of:

The Amani for Africa USA Foundation

4311 Loma Vista
Billings, MT 59106

or

Hearts for Africa Foundation

P.O. Box 8160

Sunnybank, Q. 4109, Australia

Email: info@hearts-for-africa.org

Donations: BSB 034041 A/c No 22-6300

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www.heartsforafricafoundation.org

Amani Care

www.amanidevelopment.org



Amani Care is a community-related and Christ-centered NGO in central Tanzania devoted to the Relief of Poverty.

Its programs cover – Care of orphans and others, Water Resources, Agricultural/Horticultural Development, Education, Vocational Training, Health and Nutrition, Social & Spiritual development.

Activities are jointly planned with a community where people are not comfortable with handouts, but willingly work for Amani in return for personal benefits received, and join as volunteers on community projects such as supplying water or building a school for Orphans.

The immediate aim is sustaining basic human needs; the long-term aim is to facilitate an improved quality of life that can be maintained by the local community. The Tanzanian Government has described Amani Care as a role-model for other NGO's .

Developing Community Water Wells

There is abundant water deep in this semi-arid earth. It costs about \$30,000 to drill and equip a borehole. Eight villages with tens of thousands of people, rely all year round on clean water that has been funded/provided by Amani.



The benefits of uncontaminated water are far-reaching. The cycle of cholera is broken and typhoid is greatly reduced. Eye infections in children practically disappear because sufficient water exists for proper hygiene. Mothers no longer have to spend long hours walking to a distant source of water.

Drip Irrigation

Drip irrigation is being introduced to help families and communities raise vegetables to improve their nutrition. A system using buckets with attached hoses helps families raise gardens using relatively little water. Each kit costs US \$8 and when used effectively two Kits can maintain a household of seven in vegetables twelve months.



Amani Vocational Training Center

Amani is a registered vocational training centre and the heart-beat of Amani's work is to relieve poverty through teaching improved methods of farming, irrigation and building construction. About 100 acres of land are now being cultivated to grapes, other fruits, vegetables and grain. Over 1000 native Tanzanians have received training and work at the Center through programs supported by village leaders.

Famine

Food is always in short supply and famine is prevalent. Amani has expanded its school nutrition program through supplying AIDS survivors/supporters and single mothers with irrigation kits, access to Amani's water and training to enable them to provide for their families and earn income through sales. In this photograph we see group members in the house garden. Beneficiaries of this system, where appropriate, provide volunteer work at the Center in return for the gifts of water and other opportunities.



Education

Better education is a key to defeating poverty and Amani is currently developing two schools in two separate villages. Land for the Mvumi Makulu School and farm was donated by the local people. Development of the farm to sustain the school's operations and provisions for providing water are complete and the school will open in 2010. Amani is also sponsoring the further education of local students who will teach at the school. Extra school classes to be funded by Amani will be added each year. It is an English Medium Primary School under the direction of a board composed of parents, Amani and community representatives.

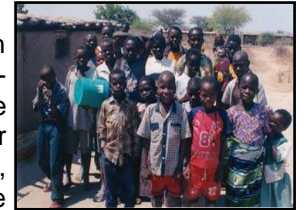
School Nutrition Program

This photograph is from Mvumi Makulu Primary School. The teachers and students expanded their gardens with drip irrigation and harvested the vegetables for improved nutrition and sale to support the school.



Caring for Orphans

Amani is partnering with the local parish church (St. John's) in another school at the Igondola Center, Makang'wa, to care for over 200 orphans and children from very poor households.



St. John's Church provides a committee to manage the program, volunteer cooks and staff, homes to house the orphans, men to construct buildings and women to care and love each child. Amani has funded the development of the Meeting Centre and its conversion to a kindergarten and school to open in 2010. It has also been sponsoring the training of future teachers, will fund additional classes and other projects such as processing oil seeds and farming. The profits from these projects will help sustain the school.

Supporters of Amani can sponsor a orphan child for pre-school or grades 1-2 at school for a yearly cost (depending upon exchange rates) in the range of US\$80-\$100 or (A\$100-A\$120). Please check the Amani web pages or e-mail for more information.

Sponsoring Students

Amani supporters, can now also sponsor orphans through High School and College Degrees or Diploma Studies at a yearly cost in the range of US\$270-\$900 (A\$330-A\$1,100). Prospective students, like Albert Kenneth Ng'hambi, will be introduced through newsletters and Internet pages giving supporters an opportunity to consider their need. John Naumann knows these students personally and all are recommended by schools and/or local leaders. Please contact us for further information.

