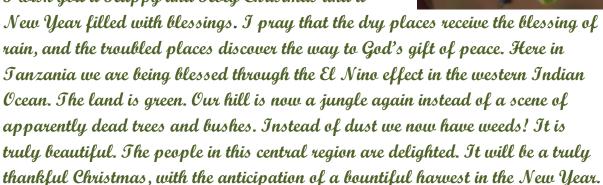
## Christmas Greetings from Fr. John, Amani Center

I wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and a



I did meet many of you during 2019. That was a joy and a blessing. I am thankful for wonderful hospitality and generous friendship. How can I repay that? Maybe the question ought to be, how should I respond? There is an old saying, 'Bloom where you are planted.' Therefore I should reflect your kindness and love within the community here.

I pray that rain will fall over the drought stricken areas of Australia and that the fires will be 'swamped'. I pray that society will once again heed the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father, and in that attitude find peace and a unity of purpose.

I offer you the gift of a flower, found on our hillside. As far as I am aware there is only one such shrub surviving. It is about seven foot tall. I have taken cuttings. We plan for many more.

A Report from Makang'wa, prepared by staff here, will be distributed shortly.

Every blessing. Fr. John