Report from Makang'wa

November 2018

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Amani Center.

I am certainly happy to be back at the work here in Tanzania, but I do miss the green grass, the rain, and the cooler weather experienced in the USA. Well, rain and green grass will soon replace the dust here, and cooler weather will return in 2019.

The trip to the USA was filled with much travel, meetings with many people, and numerous speaking engagements. I am thankful to the members of the Foundation Board in Billings who facilitated the



itinerary, and to the many kind people who 'loved' me along the way. I recall in particular an occasion with the Senior Citizens Ministry at the Bethel African American Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Florida! It was a fine example of ministry with the elderly: so filled with love, faith and excellent care. I was in the US in the midst of the 'political season'. I found it refreshing to be able to focus on the Good News of the Kingdom of God in the midst of much contentiousness.

PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL. The Standard VII class has done it again this year! They attained position #20 out of 265 primary schools in the Dodoma Region, and once again, 1st in Chamwino District. We congratulate the students, staff and the families for this excellent achievement. This past September, with the assistance of experienced education professionals, we conducted an intensive review of our teaching staff. There have been some changes. We are encouraged by the depth of professionalism and ability expressed in the present body of teachers. Below are the three top St. VII students for 2018.

Cosmas Timotheo



Rose Sausi



Ivan Chimwago



The school is urgently in need of more student sponsorships. There are currently only ten sponsored students. We have many parents ready to work on the school property in response for sponsorship assistance! Currently, our district roads are in a dreadful condition, resulting in costly maintenance on the two buses. Every student sponsorship assists in the overall operation of this fine school.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT. On my return from the USA I spent one day in Dar es salaam, meeting with Abel Petro, our staff member who is entering the final steps of completing a Masters Degree in Project Development and Management. It was an encouraging day, spent with a highly intelligent and enthusiastic young man. We anticipate his return to the Amani work, hopefully by the end of March, 2019.





VIMECHIA. This is the new title for the

Children's Home Ministry formerly DCMP. I am now hopeful that, during my time in the USA, we shall have the funding for (a) the official survey of the land donated for the operation of the Home and, (b) the establishment of the cement block making enterprise, intended to provide operating capital for the Home. The land survey has been on the 'back burner' as Government officials have assured us that all is secure. However, as the city of Dodoma

expands rapidly in every direction, we believe that the survey is now a matter of urgency. A key person of the staff, Richard Mdachi, is truly professional in his dealing with the administration of the ministry, and is loved by the children.

Children of Peace Preschools.

We have been gradually improving the environment at the Igondola Preschool. There remains work yet to be accomplished and this shall be done as finances permit. <u>Thank You</u> to all who assist, through sponsorship, or through donations to the general needs.

We do now have an urgent need for funds for uniforms for the children. We shall have 15 from Igondola graduating to Primary School, plus 70 in the Preschool in 2019. The basic uniform cost, including a little for pencils, erasers and rulers is \$12.00USD; \$13.00AUD. Maybe this could be a 'Christmas Joy' gift?



The Amani Board will meet on December 1st. This will be the second meeting of the newly constituted Board. A significant action will be the approval of the new Constitution of the Amani Organization, as

required by the Government of Tanzania. This regulation has applied to all Non Government Organizations in Tanzania. It has been a lengthy, exacting and costly process.

We wish you all a most blessed and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with the Peace which comes through Jesus Christ.

We pray for peace in this world, and wisdom for those who make decisions for the nations.

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(Late news: VIMECHIA (Children's Home) has received a wonderful gift, financing the project for most basic needs for the next year!)