



Amani for Africa USA Foundation

"I am Planting a Tree which will bear Fruit"

October 24, 2017

Greetings,

Board of Directors

Ralph Spence, President

Fr. John Naumann, VP

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I have enclosed a copy of Fr. John's October Report from Makang'wa which includes information from his Australia visit. He references an event there in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination which gathered old friends and brought back many memories. Included in this information is our invitation to the celebration we will hold here in Billings on October 16th. In addition, I have provided a copy of Fr. John's current visitation schedule while he is in the USA. As previously reported, he is beginning his visit in Virginia and Florida and then heading west to Montana.

10/23/2017 Schedule

USA Visits

10/27 – Friday (arrives in Charlottesville, VA)

10/31 – Tuesday (Fly to Pensacola, FL)

Montana Visits

11/3 – Friday 11:52 pm (arrive in Billings)

11/4 – Saturday 11am drive to Gardner – (packing party)

11/5 – Sunday – Gardner (9:45 study 11am service) back to Billings @ 5pm

11/7 – Tuesday – 1pm – Community 7 Interview

Evening 5:30pm - Amani Board Meeting

11/8 – Wednesday ?? - Interview with Lynn Turner Fitzgerald

11/9 – Thursday – noon - Lunch with friends

11/10 – Friday – lunch with friends

Evening – Black Tie & Blue Jeans

11/11 – Saturday – Attending Jeanette Rankin Award Event

11/12 – Sunday – 9am – New Hope Fellowship Church – Laurel 1st and Main

Sunday – 3pm Service Holy Spirit Anglican Church Billings & Evening presentation

11/14 – Tuesday – 6pm Water Well Dinner at Jakes (for \$3,000 water well funders)

11/15 – Wednesday – 5:30 Potluck at Anglican Churchin Sheridan, WY

11/16 – Thursday – Fr. John's 50th Anniversary – Billings Petroleum Club (see invitation)

11/18 – Saturday – Drive to Butte

11/19 – Sunday – Service in Butte, Montana

11/20 – Monday 7pm – Anglican Group Presentation in Boise, ID

11/23 – Thursday – Thanksgiving

11/24 – Friday evening – Gathering with friends

11/26 – Sunday – Open

11/28 – Tuesday 12:00 – P-Club Lunch

Evening 5:30pm – Amani Board Meeting

11/30 – Thursday 7:12am (depart for Tanzania)

Please contact me at <ralphspence@gmail.com> with any questions you have about Fr. John's visit. Please reserve your seats for Fr. John's Anniversary part by November 10th and let us know if you would like to be a Sponsor for the celebration. Also, we are still adding things to the calendar, so please get back to me ASAP to set up a time for him to visit with you or the group you represent.

Ralph Spence

President – Amani for Africa USA Foundation

You are invited to an evening of Great Fun, Food and Reflections

***Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of
Fr. John Naumann's Ordination to the Ministry***

Thursday, November 16th

***The Billings Petroleum Club
on the 22nd floor of the Doubletree Inn – Downtown Billings***

6:00pm - The evening will begin with no-host cocktails

7:00pm – Dinner will be served

7:45pm – Stories and witness about Fr. John's ministry

8:30pm – Fr. John's reflections and Amani update

\$25 - Individual seats

\$500 – Silver Table Sponsor – 8 seats

\$1,000 - Gold Table Sponsor – 8 seats

***RSVP by Friday November 10th to:
Deanna Enrich at 406-245-9424 or email dlenrich@gmail.com***

***Make checks payable to the Amani for Africa USA Foundation
And send to Amani USA - 100 N. 27th St., Ste. 305 - Billings, MT 59101
-OR- Pay at the Door***

“Business Casual Attire”

All proceeds go to the Amani for Africa USA Foundation Dinner

Underwriters & Table Sponsors will be announced at the Dinner

REPORT FROM MAKANGWA

OCTOBER 2017

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Brisbane, Australia. It is overcast here this morning, with welcome rain in the forecast. My initial days here were simply HOT. However, the welcome is WARM! Every day has been occupied with various activities. Yesterday, October 1st, there were two simply wonderful Services at St. Barnabas', Sunnybank. The new Rector, Fr. Stephen Hooper, is 'alive'! The parish seems to be on tip toe in anticipation of a faith filled future. Of course, as this was also a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of my ordination, many friends had gathered.

In the evening there a celebration of a Folk Mass, somewhat similar to the evening celebrations we had many years ago. Many members of the original music team had come together to add joy and praise to the worship. IT WAS SIMPLY SPLENDID! What a joy to gather with many friends of years ago – and to discover that the friendship is as strong as ever. The years seemed to melt away. Well, we all advance at the same pace but it is amazing to find that the 'teenager' of years past is now a grandparent!

The present St. Barnabas' congregation is rather international in its composition. It is always a joy to see people of differing racial identity drawn together as 'one people' through faith in Christ. Of course, my special joy was to share fellowship with the Sudanese members! This week is only the beginning of my time in Australia prior to flying to the USA. I do ask you to pray for God's blessing upon these coming days, thanking God in advance for the blessings he shall provide. We do not come before God as 'beggars'. We come as 'loved children', sharing concerns with a LOVING FATHER.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers. God has poured blessing upon the Amani Work. Recently we were inspected by two security men from the Tanzanian Department of Immigration. They were unfamiliar with Amani and its activities. After perhaps an hour and a half of inspecting documents and asking questions they said, "How is we have never heard of this before? We have never seen anything like this in the manner through which communities are blessed and involved! If we have some time could we come and volunteer here with you?" There it is! God said, "I am planting a tree which will bear fruit." What a harvest!

Every blessing,

John Naumann

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