

Report from Makang'wa

October 2013

Dear Friends,

I do need to say, "Greetings from Billings, Montana." I am here until November 22nd, fulfilling deputation work for Amani. The schedule has filled in quite rapidly since arriving. This year it includes a four day trip to Pensacola, Florida, where good opportunities good friends have arranged to speak in a variety of venues. So far, the time here has been blessed.

However, my mind is very much focused on the Amani Center where the generator and submersible pump on the well failed two days before departing for the USA. This has been a most difficult time for the people at Amani and also the village which receives water from the Amani well. Wonderfully, the maintenance staff at Mvumi Mission Hospital have been most helpful. As I write this water is being pumped, using a pump loaned from the hospital. We expect to have the new pump installed by the end of the week. I am deeply thankful to the staff at the Amani Office for their capable handling of this situation. May God bless them!



Prior to the installation of the pump people were forced to return to gaining water from the river sand, contaminated water. This reminds us of the blessing of water from the tap!



We do need some special gifts to assist with this unexpected event. The basic cost of \$3,900.00 has been met, however there are costs in addition to this. From the information I have received I estimate that to be approximately \$500.00. If this need speaks to your heart we shall be thankful. If we should receive in excess of this amount the remainder will be dedicated to Amani Water Projects.

The Prince of Peace English Medium School is preparing for an official inspection! Many matters need attention. Among there is the requirement for 'private' schools to have pocket badges for every student. These can be made in Dodoma. The total cost will be \$400.00. This will provide us with some extras for the incoming class in the new year. Additionally, we are now required to have a school flag. Its design will relate to the 'badges'. The cost for this is \$190.00, which includes the cost of the extra flag pole. Contributions to these needs will be greatly appreciated.

While I am in the USA work is moving ahead on the installation of the new 2" water line in the village of Mahoma Makulu. This will convey water from the old village well to the home for former street children, and then on to the village primary school. The village clinic is included in the project. This will be the first time for many years that the village has had access to clean water. As I was preparing to travel typhoid fever was prevalent in the village.

When the water is flowing we can then move ahead with the completion of the initial building at the Children's Home. We are also planning to establish a Chicken Project at the home site. The water will enable this plan to move ahead. The home project does need locally generated income! Meat chickens are much in demand and provide the best means towards meeting this goal. We estimate the cost of establishing the project, including the cost of initial feed stock, to be close to \$4,000.00. This covers the initial building, feed store and reserve water tank. (Yes, the Amani Center experience has taught an important lesson.) Again, gifts toward this project will be much appreciated.

In January we are very hopeful of welcoming three visitors from Italy to the Children's Home site. A new friend of this work, a young Tanzanian man who is involved in tourism in northern Tanzania, is encouraging people to develop an interest in the care of the children. It is most important that we broaden the support base for this work in Tanzania.

It is Saturday evening here. The weather has been splendid and the fall colours just wonderful. Tomorrow I drive to the east to make a presentation to the congregation at Forsyth. I HOPE to return to Billings before a rain/snow event arrives. After the many months of dust at Makang'wa I will really not mind the rain and even some snow.

May you be blessed through you work and care each day. Thank you for generous support for the work of Amani and the needs of the people among whom we live.

Tonight, I am also most thankful for the Amani Family in Tanzania and their dedication to the Amani vision.

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