

Amani Review – 2000 to 2017

The Amani Development Organization is a community-related and Christ-centered NGO operating in the Chamwino District of Tanzania south of Dodoma. Working in partnership with local communities, Amani works to develop the local economy and relieve poverty.

Thanks to the many people who have enabled the ‘Tree of the Lord’s Planting’ to grow in Central Tanzania.



Amani activity commenced in the year 2000 following Fr. John Naumann’s Sabbatical in Africa where he spent one month in the area that the Amani Centre is now located. Fr. John, together with his sister Val Peters and brother-in-law Ivan, arrived in Dodoma in October of 2005. Four water wells had already been drilled in the region and a program of student sponsorship commenced. Supporting Foundations in Brisbane, Australia and Billings, Montana, USA were established. The story continues.....

Our initial task was to develop the housing and office facilities on the centre land, equip the well which had been drilled, install water distribution lines and generally commence the development of the thornbush covered land. The land was donated by the local Makang’wa Village. In fact, the local village has donated all land on which Amani has activities.

Arriving in a time of famine conditions seemed to be the worst time to arrive. However it turned out to be the best time! From Australia and the USA funds arrived for the purchase of beans and maize, which is milled and made into ugali, the local basic food.

For 18 months around 100 hundred people came each day to the Centre. They worked for half a day, received a meal of ugali and beans, and at the end of the week received maize to take home for the family. This program placed us in the heart of the local communities and operated on the village principle –‘There is no free lunch’ except where there is critical need. At the end of each week in the Famine Relief Program, about 90 elderly or weak people received food and assistance. This initial activity set the pattern of Amani involvement in local communities.

Achievements over the past twelve years

- **Preschools** have been established at St. John’s Igondola, St. Andrew’s, Makang’wa, and St. John’s, Chiwona. Average annual attendance is 200.
- Local young women were sponsored through Teacher Training College.
- The Children of Peace Primary Program at Igondola helps 100 orphans and homeless children,
- Through the work program, around 80 local students are helped to access secondary school.
- Sponsorships assist students from poor village homes through primary, secondary and high schools and there is ongoing support for professional training as nurses, laboratory technicians, teachers, clinical officers (local doctors), accountants, animal health officers, and in general agriculture and engineering, as well as pastors and catechist training.
- Apart from gaining skills that provide for their sustenance, they now benefit the general community and can also assist with the education of siblings.



Prince of Peace English Medium Pre- and Primary Schools

- Students now number 330, with 16 teachers plus the ancillary staff. All are Tanzanian. It is now the leading school in our Chamwino District, and is highly regarded in the Central Region of Tanzania. The Preschool and Primary School sites are about one mile apart, on land donated by the Anglican Church and local village. Both schools have wells producing drinkable water.
- Amani has also assisted with construction of 2 buildings at Mvumi Makulu Secondary School and financed construction of a recent triple classroom at the Makang’wa Primary School.
- There is accommodation at Amani Centre for students from agricultural colleges on fieldwork at the Centre. These final year students are able to interact positively with local farmers.
- In 2004 Amani welcomed 8 students from ISTOM, School of International Agro-Development, Paris, France who spent three months investigating the grape industry in our region.



WATER

Prior to 2005 four wells had been drilled. One of these was on the Amani Centre land. This is a high capacity well, providing water at the Centre and for a section of the Makang'wa Village.

The USA Foundation established the Five Well Program and 5 wells have been drilled in the past 4 years, providing water for the local village of 5,000 people, including one well at the Children's Home. (Photo: Tanks and people at Mvumi Makulu). Additionally, a long abandoned well at the Prince of Peace Primary School was cleaned and equipped. Amani has also helped 2 communities renovate their wells and establish effective Village Water Committees. All wells produce potable water, highly valued in an area noted for its' salinity.



The water program is the basis of all of our activities. There has been marked reduction in the incidence of typhoid fever and cholera in our region.

HEALTH

As funds permit we assist with emergency health care covering a wide range of needs, including malaria and typhoid fever, and sometimes extreme situations. A family member will often work to cover the cost of medication. In an emergency, there is the large Mvumi Mission Hospital 9 ks away.

Through Amani, The Carr Foundation from Brisbane, Australia has substantially supported the Eye Dept at Mvumi Hospital, enabling poor village people to receive eye care.



A close relationship has been developed with staff at the Department. Twice yearly they conduct 'schools' for students who come from clinics across the nation. Each group comes to the Centre for a self-provided barbecue (goat) and celebration. As a result, Amani has friends spread widely across the nation.

Here the Head Doctor is receiving the gift of a Tonometer, donated by the Carr Foundation, in the presence of two students from South Sudan.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Development started during the Famine Relief Program, 2005/06. People cleared the thorn bush that covered most of the land. Trenches were dug for water lines, the main entry road was prepared and many trenches were dug for the initial grape project. Most of the landscaping work around the housing and offices was also done at this time. It really is *'of the people, for the people'*.



The Amani land is a conservation area. We protect the forested area and encourage the local people to do the same, and to plant trees on their own land. To this end, a Tree Nursery was developed by Gordon Matthews, from Laidley, Australia.

- The Amani Centre has planted several acres under grapes and further acreage is under grape development at Mvumi Makulu, the site of the Prince of Peace School. The main grape varieties are Makatupora Red and Chenin (wine), Black Rose, Makutopora White and Muscat Italia (all table grapes).
- A further 33 acres of land are available for general agriculture at the Centre and 8 at Mvumi Makulu. Our land is mostly sandy loam, lacking in useful nutrients. We are now discing harvest trash into the soil, adding manure and have an expanding area supported by spray irrigation. Key crops are maize, sorghum, finger millet and sunflower.
- Two years ago we introduced the Self Employment Program. Local people grow grapes and vegetables that are sold at local and regional markets on land and water provided by Amani. Growers receive 60% of sale and Amani 40%.
- We also have a developing Dairy Project designed to assist an expanding local market for fresh milk. To assist in this, we have a young man, Nicolaus Nsaki, on staff, who is a graduate of VISELE Agricultural College, and proficient in the care of cattle, pigs and chickens. With the purchase of an efficient chaffing/silage machine, we are able to process hay, maize, sorghum, millet and other crops into valuable animal fodder. This is transforming the care of cattle through the long dry season.
- Our expanding pig project can accommodate fifty pigs. There have been problems with disease but we now have that well under control and



through the connection with VISELE we have developed a pilot Hydroponic Project, producing excellent feed stock for pigs.

- Two years ago we commenced a chicken project and now have seven sheds and are in the early stages of restocking. Nicolaus has proved to be a blessing as we go ahead.
- A Grain Mill and an Oil Seed Processing Mill at Amani services the local communities.

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

We have developed a professional relationship with the VISELE LIVE-CROP SKILLS TRAINING



CENTER at Mpwapwa. The principal, Dr. Jerome Bahemu, is a highly educated woman and has become a close friend of Amani. For the past 3 years students have come from VISELE to fulfil Field Work Assignments and this has now developed into a formal relationship. Dr. Jerome is now an official advisor to Amani. There will be a steady flow of students (self funded) plus, at the most, 3 volunteers, recent graduates, on three-month renewable contract periods. Dr. Jerome will be involved in the supervision of volunteers as the reputation of VISELE is central to the program

MINISTRY WITH FORMER STREET CHILDREN

Dodoma Children Multipurpose Project (DCMP)

Details of this ministry are presented on a separate document, but additionally.....

Staff at the home has extended care to young people at the adjacent village. These are youths who have failed to progress to secondary school. They receive tuition in basic Math and Kiswahili, in the care of chickens and horticulture and Christian faith and ethics. On the left: 'Young' Ben who heads the DCMP Family.



ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Apart from the Amani Board which has oversight of operations, we have developed an effective central Staff. Some of our staff has received professional training through Amani. Godson was the first young man I commenced sponsoring following my sabbatical visit to Tanzania in 2000. Dinna was sponsored through Secretarial College and Business College. Others have received partial sponsorship or shall be assisted in further professional development.



Godson Magawa is the Chief Staff Assistant. Godson has an Advanced Diploma in Rural Development and Planning and a Masters in Financial Management, the last gained at Vasa University, Finland.

James Panga (right) is my driver and assistant in mostly 'everything' when I am in Dodoma. He has been with us from the very first day.



Dinna Menda is our Accountant. Dinna was sponsored through Secretarial College in Dodoma and then, after several years as secretary at Amani, was sponsored through the Business College in Dodoma. Dinna is in the photo on the back page, with Pastor Paul. Paul spent time working at the Amani Centre before going to Bible College and spent holidays with us. He is 'one of us'.



Grace Haroldy is the office secretary and trained at Secretarial School in Dodoma. She handles all weekly and monthly pays, and is the first person people see when they come with various needs.

Nicolaus Nsaki, (right) a graduate of VISELE, supervises all activities related to cattle, pigs and chickens. He also assists local people with the care of animals and chickens. Nicolaus is knowledgeable and confident in his work. He is A key staff member in the direction and supervision of the Field Work Assignment students and the Volunteers.





Abel Petro, with a degree in Community Development from Sokoine University, Morogoro, is a Staff Assistant. He is highly respected at Amani and in the local communities. Abel will go to the University of Dar es salaam in September 2018 to gain a Masters in Project Management.

Samson Milawi, (right) recently graduated with a Diploma from Morogoro, is now supervising the basic farming activities. He has introduced an intensive composting project and also guides the development of pasture grass area. He has a challenging task as we strive to improve the quality of our centre land soil, which is mostly a sandy loam. Soil testing is being done at Sokoine University of Agriculture.



Wilfred Makalanzi, a trained evangelist, is now sponsored through Amani for his ministry which is expressed in many regions of this country. His ministry is greatly blessed and he is much in demand. It is a joy to have the privilege of supporting this ministry.

What do I do?

Apart from general oversight of all Amani activities I am still a Priest of the Anglican Church. On almost every Sunday I shall be preaching, celebrating Holy Communion and frequently baptizing people assisted by Caleb Dobogo, who interprets. When Caleb is not available Abel Petro assists. He is a dedicated Christian and is fluent in English. (He understands me!)

Caleb Dobogo is the Headmaster of the Prince of Peace School. He has guided academic development for the past eight years. Caleb is in two of the photos below: interpreting, and assisting at the Baptism.

Additionally, we assist with the construction of many church buildings. Through work opportunity we assist congregations youth programs and women's programming.

Life within God's Call is filled with JOY, and much fellowship in the Gospel.

Fr. John.



Left: Pastor Paul, sponsored by Amani. To the left of Paul is Dinna, our accountant.

Clockwise right: 1. Sunday School Teachers with new Bibles. 2. Administering Holy Communion. 3. Preaching, with Caleb interpreting. 4. Baptizing – with the cooking pot. That seems to be the tradition here..... maybe because it will not break!



EVANGELISM REPORT

AUGUST 2017

Reporting on the Ministry of Wilfred Makalanzi.



Dear Friends,

Praise Jesus Christ our Savior. I pray that you are all well. I am well and thank the Lord God for his blessings on this ministry. The following is a brief report on recent ministry trips. In May I was ministering in the Deanery of Mnase at Makoji Parish. People from seven parishes gathered, together with 38 choir groups! The key theme of the seminars was based on First Corinthians 4: 1-2. The overall

theme was ‘Ambassadors for Christ.’ Related to this was a teaching on the Gospel of Salvation, speaking from Ezekiel 3:10-11. About 1,500 attended the seminars and the large worship gatherings. Approximately 800 of these were teenagers and young adults.

In July I was in the southern highlands, in the Mbeya – Mbinga region. The teaching and preaching was greatly blessed. About 540 people received Jesus Christ as their Savior. Days were spent teaching and encouraging the people who came to believe in Jesus.

For the first eight days of August we conducted a crusade in the Mkonze area of Dodoma Town. This was followed by a large gathering of people at a village in the south east region of our diocese. I ministered there for eight days.

Everywhere the Gospel is preached and the Way taught there is a wonderful ‘harvest’ of thankful people. Praise be to God as he pours blessings through the proclamation of His Word. Please pray for God’s blessings on the ministry in the Mara region of Tanzania, from mid September through October.

Yours in Jesus Christ.

Wilfred Makalanzi.