

REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

June 2014

Greetings from the Amani Center.

Life is SWEET! This past wet season there was an overabundance of wild flowers. This brought joy to millions of BEES! We have had them in the windmill, in the various sheds, in one ceiling and in the crack in a large rock behind my bedroom. They are not aggressive. One night two men robbed the hive in the storage shed at the house and delivered to us some of the finest honey you would wish to taste. It is almost clear in colour and VERY SWEET! Therefore we have honey, grapes and some figs. No, not spoiled, just blessed.

In this Report I want to highlight for you some of the students supported through Amani. These are representative of a wonderful group – or crowd – of children, teenagers and young adults. I had included photographs but the internet here has been troublesome for weeks now and simply does not like photographs, at present.

Two Standard Four students at Prince of Peace have set a high standard. Shukulu Sausi gained eight A's in the recent examinations. Close behind was Mariamu Nghambi (R) who gained seven A's. The entire class passed the examinations. We are most thankful for our students and for the TEACHERS. The teachers know that this year, with our initial Standard Four class, is a critical year for POP.



Next I introduce Alpha Ndal. Alpha very recently completed Form VI national examinations. He is a very bright young man and is most thankful for the sponsorship assistance received through Children of Peace/Students for Peace. He came with the supervisor of that program, Emanuelli Mundo, to present me with a chicken!

Lilian Andrew and Vincent Ng'onyo have completed their courses at teacher Training Colleges. Lillian has her Certificate and Vincent his Diploma. They commence teaching at POP in July. They will be followed later in the year by Furaha Menda, John Leonard and Ashery Athanasio, all with Degrees in Education. All of these young adults have been sponsored by Amani. Your contributions represent an amazing investment in the lives of many young Tanzanians who will be taught by these dedicated young adults.

Mnasse Mwano has completed his basic course in animal husbandry at Visile Livestock Institute, Mpwapwa. He is also an 'Amani' student. Mnasse will now take oversight of the dairy and pig projects. This is a large responsibility, involving care of the animals and the oversight of two groups of workers.

Aloyce Masangu, one of the Children of Peace/Students for Peace High School students. He has completed Form VI and is now in the process of applying for a government loan to attend university. It is quite a privilege to see these young people develop from childhood years to late teens.

Paul Sinya has also completed Form VI. Paul is now about to enter Seminary to study for ordination as a priest in the Catholic Church. Paul is one of the most clearly 'called' young men I have every met!

Last evening, June 29th, I learned that Julius Lubeleje, Mvumi Mission Laboratory Assistant Training School, has been appointed to a Government position in a community to the west of Makang'wa. This surely makes all of the struggles to support these young people through their courses so very worthwhile. Some years ago a young 'Amani woman' said, "Once I was nobody, but now I am somebody!" This is surely true of Julius. He is so very appreciative. Frequently, over these years of preparation, I would receive a text message, "Have a nice breakfast' ,or 'Have a nice lunch', or 'Goodnight.'



Anna Chimbwi is progressing towards the completion of a Diploma in Education at St. Mary's Teacher Training College in Dar es salaam. She will return to Prince of Peace School as a greatly valued teacher. Her young son, who is home with Dad, is growing 'like a weed'.

On a personal note, the book which I have written titled, "Say Yes: our life becomes a pilgrimage lived in the love of God", is now available on line. It may be purchased through the following contacts:

<https://www.createpace.com/4648934>.

This offers the best return for Amani. In Australia, if that does not work for you, try Amazon.com or Fishpond.com.au.

Thank you all for such generous support for the work here. We are truly humbled by your love for this work. At present we seem to be in the season of 'things wearing out', but maybe that is the result of eight and one half years of steady activity! I have just had another tooth removed. Is that another sign? Strangely, it did not want to leave. Have you ever felt sorry for the dentist?

Every blessing.

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