

Report from Makang'wa

July 2016

Dear Friends,

This earth is a wonderful place. In Australia you are COLD. In the USA you are HOT. Here in Tanzania we are DUSTY. I guess we all have to take our turn. We offer warm thanks to all who responded to the education needs indicated in recent Reports, and to all who continue to support the children and students. I hope that this Report demonstrates clearly the value of your contributions. There are still ongoing needs. I have indicated several throughout this Report.

On Sunday, July 24th, we attended the Ordination Service for a number of people from the Diocese. This was held at Msalato Parish Church, to the North of Dodoma. **Paul Masaka**, a young man sponsored through Amani, was among the ordinands. Paul is a Pastor and a Gardener – a man after my own heart! It is an inspiration to see a young person moving into the exercise of their life's calling. The road ahead will not be easy. Most the Pastors live in poverty but that is a life style shared with the members of the congregations. Paul will NEED to be a Pastor **and** a Gardener/Farmer. He has written a letter of appreciation for the sponsorship received.



Praise the Lord! My name is Paul Masaka, from Mvumi Mission, Dodoma Region, Tanzania. I am an Evangelist and Pastor to be. I thank all who assisted me, at the College of Evangelism, with fees for three years. Now I have completed the course in theology. So thank you to all who assisted me, assisting a person who you do not know personally, yet you have treated me like a member of your family, and a relative in the Church. For myself, I do not have anything with which to repay you, but I pray that God may bless you and increase to you the decrease which you experienced for my sake. May God bless you greatly.

*With thanks.
Paul Masaka.*

Samson Milawi has completed his Diploma in General Agriculture at Mati-Ilonga College, Morogoro. Samson gained a Certificate in General Agriculture 2013-2015. We are not yet sure of what the future may hold for him. The Government here is 'broke', therefore they are not employing many of these young people. He will probably work here for a time until the future becomes clear. Samson writes:

*I am very proud of being sponsored under the Amani Development Organization. I sincerely deeply thank the Director of ADO, Father John, for his strong support during the whole period of my studies. I have written him in the Good Book of my life. ADO has supported me from 2013 to 2015. I am so thankful for the support of many people.
God bless ADO. God bless Father John.
Samson Milawi.*



Shabani Mwangoda, a young man who has grown up in the care of DCMP (Dodoma Children Multipurpose Project), has recently graduated from University with a degree in Community Development and Finance Management. Shabani was in the initial group of street children we met in Dodoma in late 2005. He is a credit to himself and to DCMP. Currently he is on a work assignment. I shall have some information from him for a future Report.

This is the traumatic time of the year here at Amani. It is the time for annual reports and the audit of the finances of ADO. The auditors have this week received the necessary documents. Later this year Dina completes her Accountancy Course in Dodoma. She will then be moving back to the Amani Centre. I look forward to that time. Among other matters, Dina will be intimately involved with the finances of the Prince of Peace School. **Rachel Paul** will be returning to the same college to continue with her Accountancy Course. Rachel comes from a most troubled family background. Stephanie, (USA) was her initial sponsor. Rachel is a SUCCESS story. We are proud of her. Rachel writes:

Dear Sponsors,

I am writing to thank you for your generosity in giving me support in my studies. I was so happy, and deeply appreciate the fact that I was selected to receive sponsorship support.

I am studying accountancy and according to my good results in this year I have the chance to continue with a second year of studies. I hope that you will be able to help me to achieve my goals, just as you have helped me in the past. Thank you for your generosity and support. I promise you that I shall study very hard and eventually offer something back to you and others.

Sincerely,

Rachel.

(Continuing sponsorship need: US\$350.00;Aud\$468.00 October 2016)



One evening, about a week ago, we received a surprise visit from the Head Doctor of the Mvumi Hospital Eye Department and a group of students, including two men from South Sudan. They had arrived for a 'picnic' at the Centre. The doctor knew of the work done in preparation for the All Saints School visit. They had brought a goat with them and intended to have a barbecue! It was a rather chilly and breezy evening but that did not deter them. This was a farewell gathering for the students who were returning home in two weeks time. With great skill they rigged up a barbecue 'arrangement' and cooked the goat! I hosted three of the women in the house. They found the evening too cold – and 'fresh' goat was not to their liking! I do agree with them.



In this recent photo I am with the Doctor and the two men from South Sudan. They are receiving the quarterly contribution from the Carr Foundation, Brisbane, Australia.





Gilbert Yohana, from Makang'wa Village, is one of the young people sponsored through Amani. He has progressed through Children of Peace (Primary), and Students for Peace (Secondary and High School). Gilbert has gained Division 1 in the National Form VI examinations! This places him in the top student grouping in Tanzania. He attended the Government High School at Iringa. Congratulations Gilbert and warm thanks to all who support these young people.

The Tree of the Lord bears excellent fruit. Gilbert is our third Division 1 Student this year. We anticipate that he shall receive a Government Loan for College, but will still need study and personal requirement assistance.

(Estimate for 1st year: US\$250.00; Aud\$335.00).

Our local Pastor has a nineteen year old daughter who has a medical complication related to her heart. She is receiving medical treatment from a Mission Hospital which specializes in this area of care. The need is for USA\$87.00;Aud\$115.00.

Kenneth Sausi, the man who operates our Oil Mill, has a nineteen year old daughter, Joffrey Ezekiel, in secondary school in Dar es Salaam. We need USD\$190.00 for this semester.

Joffrey is able to stay with a relative in Dar and so avoids hostel fees. She is doing well academically.

And lastly, the Revelation Anglican Church (grew from the 'church under the baobab tree') now has a football club! There are twenty-two lads in the club. Kenneth Sausi (Oil Mill) and Weston Ndahani (spray irrigation) lead the club. They need football jerseys (green). We are keen to encourage these lads in their participation in the church. Many congregations are almost entirely female. Kenneth and Weston are working to reverse this trend at Revelation! It will cost USD\$133/Aud\$176 to provide jerseys. The guys will work for them here, but I do need to be able to finance that work. Therefore, we need a sponsor for this work.

This is a long Report. Congratulations if you have made it to the conclusion! We wish you many blessings in the Lord and extend out thankfulness for your generosity. 'Amani' is well known and highly regarded in central Tanzania because of your kindness!

Fr. John

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