

Report from Makang'wa

March 2017

Greetings, with thanksgiving, from the Amani Family. Please note that Page 1 is an overview of Amani activity. Pages 2 and 3 provide current information.

I sometimes wonder how many people understand the broad 'footprint' of Amani activities in this Central Region of Tanzania.

Many thousands of people depend daily on clean water received from wells drilled by Amani. Many more come to Amani wells when pumps fail at other community wells.

Approximately 650 children and students are supported through Amani, covering education school uniforms, food, housing, and some medical care. At present eleven young adults are supported in college level studies.

This year of 2017 there are 331 students attending the Prince of Peace Pre and Primary School. Additionally, a further 182 children attend Preschool at St. John's, Igondola, St. Andrew's, Makang'wa and St. John's, Chiwona.

The Amani Centre provides work and self employment opportunities for eight households in grape projects and twenty one vegetable projects at the Centre site and at Mvumi Makulu.

Our Relief Work program provides income opportunity for poor people, mostly the elderly and young mothers.

The Children's Home at Mahoma Makulu is totally supported through Amani. Currently, there are 36 children and youth in the primary program, and a further thirty two from the adjacent village involved in the football club, and in the Vegetable Garden and Chicken projects.

Many people receive quality eye care through the Carr Foundation/Amani partnership at the Mvumi Mission Hospital Eye Department.

Through support from the USA we support the Evangelism Ministry of Wilfred Makalanzi, formerly foreman of the Amani Centre.

A Student House at the Amani Centre provides accommodation for university students fulfilling their Field Work Assignment . It seems that we shall now have two groups each year. Nicholas, the Supervisor of animal health and care at the Centre, is also housed there, adjacent to his 'charges' - cows, pigs and chickens.

If you 'read between the lines' you will understand that all of the above offers a limited glimpse into the breadth of the Amani activities.

Current Highlights.

Prince of Peace English Medium Pre and Primary School

Grace Church, Cismont, Virginia donated funds towards the provision of text books for Prince of Peace Standard VII students.

These students are the initial Standard VII

class for the school. Thank you, Grace Church. Other text books were financed by gift from St. Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg, Australia; the Hearts for Africa Foundation, Australia; and the Amani For Africa Foundation, Billings, MT. Thank you for generous support.



The Children's Home (DCMP), Mahoma Makulu, Tanzania.



Building work progresses at the Home. There is a wonderful spirit of volunteerism in the hearts of the teenagers at the home. During the coming two weeks work commences on the Activity Room Building. This building, financed through the Anglican Men's Society, Province of Queensland, will house many activities, among which will be a tuition program for older teenagers and young adults from the adjacent village, young people who failed the National

Examinations. The key emphasis will be on English, Kiswahili, Mathematics, and living a Christian Life. Some of the lads will also be involved with the contractor in the building of the new structure, learning skills along the way. Here we see 'the labourers in the tomato patch.'

Sponsorships.

Four of our sponsored students have gained Division II in the National Secondary and High School examinations. More results are yet to come through. I expect to have more details in the next Report. It is a gift to see the joy on the faces of these students when they know that hard work has received its reward.

The Drought – then came the Rain!

The wet season failed to arrive late last year. Our great valley and the surrounding hills were barren. Then, in late January, we received the first rainfall. The early rains are meant to soften the land so that it can be prepared for planting when the next rain comes. This happened in mid February. Here in this region life is essentially connected to the land. This means that the Amani Centre



shares in this reality. However, we have the Spray Irrigation Project! Some of our crops are a SEASON AHEAD of local farms. The rain was timely as we had almost emptied our hay shed and hay supplies were unavailable in the region. Now the cattle are content and milk supply has reached a record level for the Amani Center.

BUT, there is a critical scarcity of food in the villages. Prices have also increased to the point where the basic staple food, sembe flour, has risen from 20,000/= for 25kg to 39,000/=. Sembe is the flour from white maize. Many families are eating only one meal per day. Our Relief Work Program is a crucial matter to the lives of many people. People cannot eat grass! The situation will become more critical over the coming three months. This situation has adversely impacted the operation of the Prince of Peace School. Apart from the need for **Tuition Sponsorships** (see www.amanidevelopment.org) we need **Lunch Sponsors** for students @ \$6.00Aud per month, or \$5.00USD. This would mean that a student will receive two meals per day, including at home. I pray that 200 people may find it in their hearts to support Lunch for a child for the next three months. It is difficult to study on an empty stomach!

Recently the children's choir from St John's Church came to greet me, and to receive their 'reward' for spending a day cleaning weeds on part of our farm. They are preparing to record a CD! With them is the pastor, Pastor Silla.



The Youth Choirs dance as they sing!
Recently I preached at St. Luke's Church, Makang'wa. Cathy Lease, Colorado, will remember the 'roof'. Well, it was an open space when she visited, but a promise was fulfilled.



Warm thanks to all friends of Amani from the Amani Family here in Central Tanzania. Did God say. "I am planting a tree which shall bear fruit?" or was it a FORREST?

The key to the growth is the love of God, expressed through hearts such as yours, and

the daily involvement of many, many people here.

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