

Report from Makang'wa

December 2020

*May you Rejoice
in the
Good News of a Great Joy.
We have a Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Christmas Greetings from all involved in the activities of the Amani Center. This includes the Staff of the Prince of Peace School and the entire Family of the Staff, Guardian Parents, Children and Youth at VIMECHIA

Today, December 14th, we are waiting for the rain to arrive at Makang'wa. There have been storms about the region but they follow the higher hilly areas. A few have dashed across us but travelled quickly. A weather man in Billings termed these 'splash and dash' storms. We want to be soaked!

We thank all who have provided support for the Amani sponsored work this past year. It has been an extraordinary year for millions of people. We pray that the New Year will be blessed with recovered health, a desire for peace founded in God's love, and compassion enabled by wisdom.

Here we rejoice in the academic achievement of the students and staff at the Prince of Peace School, and the achievement of students supported through VIMECHIA. We add to that the achievements of students who commenced their academic life at the Children of Peace Preschools at Makang'wa. Leonard Jackson has commenced study at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro. Stephen Mazengo, who completed a degree in Electrical Engineering (four years) has now gained employment in his chosen profession. Hundreds of students are steadily advancing towards their various goals.

I commend to you the Appeal for VIMECHIA, the Ministry with former street and at risk children. I believe we are still about \$6,000.00 USD short of the target of \$25,000.00 set for 2021. Let us believe that this will be met.

A key battle here involves the state of our vehicles. I purchased the VX when I arrived here in late 2005, reconditioned from Japan. It is 'elderly' and showing the wrinkles! Thank you for the donations towards a replacement. Our chosen vehicle, a Nissan Patrol, was sold by the Church to the Mvumi Mission Hospital. We have been able to obtain a Toyota Highlander, in excellent condition, at a cost a little lower than the Nissan Patrol. Our decision now is to maintain the VX as an emergency vehicle for the Prince of Peace School, and occasional use in towing our small trailer. It will be away with the mechanics over Christmas. Things do work out if we can act with patience.

May God bless you all, and may you experience Christmas Blessings.

*Godson Magawa
Managing Director, ADO*

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***Fr. John.** My special project at this time is the development of Amani Gardens, the extensive landscaped areas around our building here on the hill. Every Friday and Saturday groups come to take wedding photographs. We have also had two children's Birthday Parties. Our aim is to make it more attractive, provide some welcome seating and cover - and then request a 'donation - amount suggested' - for the maintenance of Amani Gardens. There really is nothing like it in the region. This is an aspect of the Transformation Policy of Amni as it is so easy to see the contrast between the thorn tree covered hillside and the beauty of the Garden, which actually incorporates as many of the thorn trees and rocks as we can manage.*



The group at work, creating a long seat, incorporating some large concrete blocks. The women had been preparing the holes for planting more shrubs.

Two of the men are builders by profession, part of our team. The rest of the people are subsistence farmers, all waiting for the rain. It is quite wonderful working with these people. LOTS OF FUN.



That is a peaceful scene.

The completed garden will have distinct areas, each rather different from the rest. All plants are hardy for this region.

Everywhere I have lived I have planted a garden! This one is a little larger.



