

Report from Makang'wa

December 2019

Dear Friends,

We wish you the Joy and Peace enfolded in the promise of this Season. Advent overflows with promise for all who anticipate the love of God in their lives. Absent of that it is simply a time of 'spending' and of immersion in the troubles of this world. The word Amani means peace. A large Cross marks the entrance to the Amani Center. What more can we say. May the message of PEACE, proclaimed by angels, and affirmed by Jesus, be your continuing gift, day by day.

Warm thanks to all who facilitated my recent journeys in the USA. Thank you for your generosity and your love for the people here. Through all of its programs Amani touches the lives of thousands of people. Godson and Abel will reflect on some aspects of this work.

I am striving to relate to my new life here. It is a significant change. My aim is to care and to support – and not to interfere. The staff are working well to ensure continuing progress and development. About three weeks ago I realized that I have fully recovered from the surgery received in Brisbane earlier in the year. I was surprised that recovery took so long. Maybe I was not an obedient child! Now I can work in a field, wielding a hoe, and know that life is fine.

Fr. John, Pastoral Advisor, ADC

The following Report was prepared by Godson Magawa and Abel Petro.

COW PROJECT: All is doing well. We now have one bull and twelve cows and heifers. Five cows are currently in production. There are nine calves. Milk production has been reduced because of the dry season but now the rain has come it will increase. Feed for the cattle presented a big challenge this year. We were irrigating pasture grass, millet and maize. This is a costly matter.



PIG PROJECT: This project is doing well. At present we have twenty- two pigs. Two sows will produce litters in about three weeks. Four pigs have piglets (15). Soon we have to decide how many young pigs will be retained. Our goal is to be selling twenty pigs after every three months. We shall have five sows devoted to producing piglets. This will increase our income. The photo shows a sample of the pigs. We expect to sell the large pigs in March, and the smaller ones in June.



GRAPE PROJECT: There are two areas, one at Amani centre and the other at Prince of Peace School. Production at the Center was reduced last year due to the shortage of rain. The Makulu (Prince of Peace) grapes did very well. In future we shall have a supply of Dawa in store, prior to pruning, so that there can be no delay. The vines are now doing well. We anticipate a good harvest in early 2020, with further improvement later in the year.



CHICKEN PROJECT: At present, there are 120 hens laying eggs, with a further 280 expecting to start laying eggs in March 2020. At the end of December, we shall add a further 300. Later we plan to add some local chickens. The fluctuating price



for eggs presents a challenge. In order to fit the market, we need to have about 500 layers at any one time.



VEGETABLE PROJECT: Currently we have onions and melons, with tomatoes now being planted. The project is in the care of three people, one with a diploma in Horticulture. Two of the people work two weeks on and two off. The workers receive 30% from sales and



Amani 70%. Amani provides land, seed, water and pesticides. The trial watermelon project is doing well. We expect no less than 150 melons, with a sale price of 3,000/= per melon. We anticipate receiving 450,000/=.

CEMENT BLOCK PROJECT: The project commenced in June, 2019. We started with 1103 bags of cement. Each bag produces 30 blocks. The blocks are watered for five days in order to 'cure' them. In the beginning, we made 3,090 blocks. So far income is 2,500.000/=, with an expenditure of 1,545,000/= for cement and 412,000/= for labor. (Total expenditure of 1,841,000/=).



Our blocks are well received as they are strong! We expect to sell many more after April 2020 as many people will have income from crop production after harvesting this season.

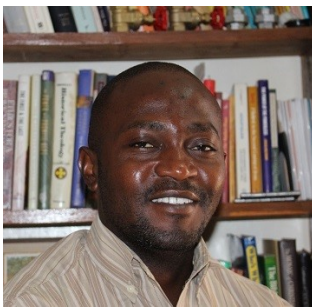
PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL: The school is the leading school in Chamwino District. In 2019 there are 337 pupils and 17 teachers. In 2020 we anticipate 400 pupils. We also expect an overall increase in fee contributions. The new Pig Program has commenced. This is designed for the low-income families who struggle to contribute fees. Each family/student receives two piglets from ADO, to be raised for six months. At sale the income will be directly deposited into school account after deducting capital for providing two more pigs.



Thank you for your support for the varied activities of the Amani Development Organization. Our next Report will feature the community outreach activities of Amani.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and blessed New Year.

Godson Magawa and Abel Petro.



And all of the staff of the Amani Development Organization.

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