

# Report from Makang'wa

February 2021

Dear Friends,



This Report commences with the report from **Evangelist Wilfred Makalanzi**. He was recently teaching and preaching in the Ruvuma-Namtumba region of southern Tanzania. (You can google that.) He ministered in three locations. Wilfred presented seminars in the mornings – topics such as ‘Who is Jesus’, ‘How to offer your life to follow him’, and ‘The person and work of the Holy Spirit’. He preached later in the afternoons. Wilfred reports that about 460 people made a commitment to follow Jesus. Local pastors are completely supportive of this ministry and have the responsibility of nurturing the new believers. The provision of Bibles is a critical aspect of this work. Two households in the USA, one in Arizona and the other in Texas are the key supporters of the ministry. This is a shining example of the development of the Christian Faith in Tanzania. Our joy is to enable people such as Wilfred to be about the Lord’s work. At present he is unable to respond to all calls.

**The Prince of Peace School** has commenced with pleasing enrolment numbers for 2021. There are 298 in the Primary School, and fifty three in the Preschool. This incredible wet season is causing great difficulty with the operation of the school buses. Road maintenance work was largely ignored during 2020. We are surrounded by hills which produce a fast flow of water in the wet season.

Warm thanks to the family of Col Hayes, Brisbane, who have generously donated towards the renovation of ‘Col’s Place’, the activity building previously erected in his memory. The recent gift will enable the necessary maintenance work, plus the expansion of facilities for the children.

**The Thrift Shop** in Brisbane is a key provider of financial support for the operation of the school. It is moving ahead strongly into this year. The school community is deeply thankful to the volunteers (24) who conduct the operation of the shop. If anyone reading this, residing in south east Queensland, knows of anyone moving or downsizing let them know that the donation of items in good condition can achieve so much for children in Tanzania.

*The following is a letter from Beatrice Christopher, the Head of the Prince of Peace School.*



*Greetings to all of our friends, Mr. Helen Keith and all volunteers, Hearts for Africa Thrift Shop, Brisbane. We love you all.*

*My appreciation goes to all of you. In fact, you have put a smile to many of our pupils. They are happy, thankful and are praying for you always. They are also studying hard and humbling themselves to be good, aiming higher every year.*

*May Almighty God bless you abundantly, give you love and peace, with good health for your families, especially at this time of the CORCONA. Let the Lord be the protector in your families.*

*With love to all. Greetings from the teachers.*

*Yours faithfully,*

Beatrice Christopher.

I came across this statement from Frederick Douglas (1818-1895). He escaped slavery and then developed a remarkable life as an activist, author and public speaker.

***"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."***

**COVID-19.** Unfortunately this is now present in our immediate region. This presents many challenges for the local village communities, and for the Amani activities in this area. We shall take all precautions possible. Godson, our Managing Director, is presently in fourteen days self isolation. He has not been diagnosed with COVID but was unwittingly in close contact with a relative who is positive.

**Here at the Center** the new crops for the season are thriving, and so are the WEEDS. It is a challenge to achieve the necessary work between the heavy falls of rain. We are not complaining! We are blessed. People who remember my garden in Billings may be pleased to know that those long yellow squash are 'coming along just fine'. There are many tomato plants, all volunteers from the last season. What a surprise awaits us. "Are you one of those, or one of them?" They seem to rest during the long dry season and then spring to life. We are busy performing some necessary maintenance and renewal work on the Center buildings and water systems. If anyone needs some calcium we can ship it to you. It clogs the water pipes, setting like stone. Gardiner USA? The landscaping project will take a pause for maybe eight weeks. That will give time for the plantings to develop and enable us to 'take a second look'.... and concentrate on other matters as we deal with COVID-19.

**On a wet morning the Saturday Primary Program** commenced for 2021 at St John's Church to day, February, 13<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and sixty three children attended. There are eighty eight girls and seventy five boys. I understand that they shall need more staff! Selina Makalanzi, the Leader, is a trained Children's Worker and also a trained Catechist. What an opportunity and what a challenge. I believe the Lord is up to it. The photo shows Selina with two visitors from Australia a few years ago.



Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the blessings of God ever rest upon you and be welcomed in your hearts.

Godson Magawa  
Managing Director, ADO  
John Naumann  
Pastoral Advisor

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