

Kibidula News

October - December 2004

Warmest Wishes to all our relatives, friends, supporters, donors and readers! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Kibidula Staff - November 2004

Back Row: Marybeth, Barry, Sylvester, Ashery, Fulgenzio, Jean-Luc, Watson, Joshua.

3rd Row: Anita, Helena, Inga (visitor), Matokeo, Philip, Ezekiel, Mathias, Tim, Doris, Ellen, Ronnie, Antionette.

2nd Row: Thomas, Upendo, Unity, Happy, Dina, Eric, Robert, Christoph, Nathalie, Jared, Jason, Twalisa.

Front Row: Komana, Nathan, Ben, Pam, Pendo, Ariane, April, Livia, Brian.

This picture was taken on the last afternoon of our "Masumbo Weekend Retreat" which was held at a camping ground called Masumbo, just past the town of Iringa. For weeks, prior to the camping trip, preparations have been made taking a special look at our need of the Holy Spirit, the Promise of the Holy Spirit to aid us in our work, etc. Our goal was to arrive at the retreat and be ready as much as possible to receive a special blessing of the Holy Spirit. Well, words cannot describe the blessings we have enjoyed as we opened up to one another in love and prayed together, ate together, played together, wept together and as we came together and drew closer to one another in a bond of unity and Christlike love. Surely this must have been something like what the disciples experienced when Christ bid them to wait in Jerusalem until the Comforter would come to empower them for their task. We are so thankful that God used the weekend to show us our need and to draw us to Him in prayer. We've learnt that we must pray more and talk less! Kibidula is making it a habit to have a retreat weekend twice a year so we can put aside our busy schedules for a while and focus all our attention on Christ and one another. What a blessed union! What a fellowship! What a joy divine!

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By Students from the European Bible School



Kibidula has been blessed by the presence of students and staff members from the European Bible School in Norway. Once a year, they come to help share Christ’s love in the villages surrounding Kibidula and to help on campus where they can. Kibidula says: “Thank you EBS for sending your students here every year. It sure is a blessing to us all.”

Here’s what the Students say about their experience here in Africa:

“Africa is great! You could never describe it if you haven’t experienced it. I’ve learnt that you don’t need too much to be happy.” **Margareta (Moldova)**

“I have enjoyed working with the children, teaching them simple things and appreciating their nice company. I also realized that it is not all about money and comfort and in life. The blessing of giving is much bigger than the joy of receiving.” **Roxana (Austria)**

“For me, personally, the time at Kibidula, and especially during the week of outreach in the village of Ndolezi, was such a time of learning and personal profit. It was a very nice experi-

ence that God was willing to use me to reach out to other people, to tell them about His love for them personally; to see that person slowly opening up and in the end is interested in hearing more about Jesus and wants to study His Word.” **Manuel (Germany)**

“It is a nice place to taste the Mission Spirit.” **Mikus (Latvia)**

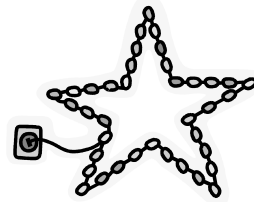
“This was, and will be, one of the most important experiences of my life.” **Michelle (Mexico)**

“The teachers have encouraged us to be more patient, spiritual, and humble. Something about this humbleness. I wasn’t so humble before but now I feel so much nearer to the people who needs to know and hear about God’s love for them.” **Alejandra (Mexico)**

“Frogs, Flies and Snakes can really change people’s hearts! After arriving at Kibidula we all settled into our rooms and the first frog jumped at me! I was really impressed by the simple, yet relaxing, environment we were going to live in. Simple country living is definitely a blessing. During our 3rd week here ‘flies’ started bothering me. I realized I had some obstacles in my life that slowed down my spiritual growth. God really spoke to my heart and I learnt to deal with these ‘flies’. My group went to the beautiful village of Ndolezi and that’s where I saw the ‘snake’! I realized how much sin has degraded our planet. People need the Lord! I want to challenge whoever reads this to consider coming in contact with ‘frogs, flies and snakes’! God has really changed my life through these experiences.” **Jose (Mexico)**

“I need God! Only the Creator God can recreate a love in my heart for other people and a desire to help them instead of shunning them as worthless. God, please give us your love. Teach us to be creatures of Your purpose. Amen.” **Luke (USA)**

“I really enjoyed the experience of teaching people during our evening meetings. think I discovered my talent for teaching and I think I will do something about it.” **Monika (Poland)**



Top: It is quite fitting that the students, arriving from Norway, traveled with a bus called 'Scandinavia' when they arrived in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Below: The students attended classes every week-morning and did some physical work in the afternoons.



Hey guys! Are you playing in the mud again??

Students helped mixing mud and putting it on top of the ceiling boards in the new Agriculture School for insulation.

Bottom: Children come to listen to God's Word every Sunday and they had a lot of fun while the students taught them some new songs, etc.



The students were divided into 3 groups and went to different villages for a whole week where they preached, taught, sang, prayed and a whole lot more.





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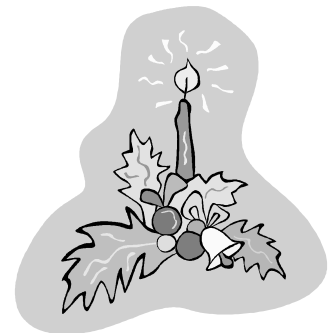
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- \$40,000 - Dormitories for Students.
- Gift Bible Fund - \$ 4 per Bible.
- Translation and Publication of Swahili Literature and Books.
- Lay Missionaries in un-entered areas - \$60 per month.
- Tuition for needy students at Kibidula Training Center - \$100 per student.



Top Left: Hundreds of applications for roofing sheets arrive at Kibidula from church members who cannot afford to roof their simple, yet very precious, church structures.

Top Right: Hundreds of churches have been roofed in three countries over the last few years and the people are so grateful! No more leaky thatched roofs in the rainy season!

Kibidula is honored to be part of a wide spread program where funds are provided by very generous donors from the USA specifically to roof hundreds of churches across the world. During the last few years Kibidula, with God's help, protection and blessing, has been an instrument to provide needy churches with roofing sheets that will last many more years than the only other roofing material available: grass. Kibidula wishes to convey our heartfelt thanks to the donors for allowing us to be a part of this program. Let's take a look at what was accomplished during 2004.

In Uganda, East Africa

133 churches were roofed but we received **192** applications with more coming in.

In Tanzania, East Africa

390 churches are still in the process of being roofed after receiving **418** applications with more coming in.

In Malawi, Southern Africa

300 applications have been received and more are still coming in.

We pray that God will provide funds to assist these church members in Malawi.