
Kibidula News

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Rejoicing in Blessings!

By Barry Mosier

At the end of 2004 we held a special banquet with our lay missionaries to rejoice together in God's blessings. We had the privilege of distributing special gifts of cash, books, and handouts to each of our 28 sponsored missionaries. However, this time we added cash gifts for each wife in sealed envelopes as well as toys for the children. After our meal we had a special prayer of consecration for the year 2005. It is amazing how much enthusiasm a little gift can generate!

More than this, we took time to recount some of God's blessings for the year 2004.

Let me share a few of them with you. Through the blessings of God our lay evangelists and Bible workers:

-Conducted 38 evangelistic efforts

-Baptized 352 people and prepared 224 more for baptism

-Worked in 73 un-entered villages

-Trained 40 members to share their faith with others

-Constructed 11 new churches in un-entered areas

In this same spirit of rejoicing in God's goodness, let me also share a few of the additional blessings of God here at Kibidula in 2004:

Publishing: In this "year of evangelism" 3 containers of literature were distributed across Tanzania (thanks to Light Bearers Ministry) representing 264,000 sets of Bible studies. We completed the translation of several books in

Swahili and are in the process of printing them. Across Tanzania, God helped us sell 63,679 truth filled books and magazines representing almost \$90,000. The Lord also opened the way to ship 84 boxes of books to the Congo, 76 to Uganda, and 151 to Kenya. He also helped us to get 2,500 Bibles out-mostly to new believers. The book ministry in prisons resulted in 80 prisoners baptized.

Evangelism Training: It was a thrill to see 39 people graduate from our lay evangelism training program. Our students helped conduct 2 evangelistic efforts during their training that resulted in 42 baptisms. This year our lay training sessions are already full and the interest is still growing.

Agricultural Training Program: (REACH - Kibidula) In August of 2004, twenty students started our agricultural training program. Two of these young people were baptized in October and others are now studying God's Word seeking His will in their lives. The new cafeteria and classrooms will soon be complete and will be a blessing to all of our training programs.

Bicycles: In 2004, 152 front line gospel workers received bicycles that were funded through this program. In addition, ASI approved \$100,000 for bicycles for workers in war torn countries of East Africa. These bicycles will be given out in 2005.

Primary School: The construction of our English Pri-

mary school was completed and we have just about finished all of the steps for government approval. Currently, it is operating on a small scale with only a few students, but interest is very high as we await approval.

Roofs Over Africa: Thanks to this program about 500 churches and schools in Tanzania and Uganda received iron sheets for their roofs. We have never distributed this many sheets in one year.

United Staff: It is hard to measure the blessings that come from a staff that is united together in seeking God's will. God seems to bring us the right people at the right time for the work He needs done. Maybe God is calling you to His Tanzanian vineyard?

We just don't have enough space to list everything that God has done for us this past year. We just want to praise His name and say thanks to each of you as our prayer partners and donors for your encouragement and support in 2004. Surely, Jesus will come soon. Let us unite together with Him in finishing the work



Barry Mosier

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What's Been Happening Lately?

- During January we planted 30,000 trees, mostly Eucalyptus. We now face a challenge of protecting them from annual fires.
- Kibidula successfully conducted its annual board meetings. We thank all our board members and visitors for attending.
- In the month of February about 150 youth from the surrounding villages came to Kibidula for a special youth Sabbath! What a big blessing it was to all the youth and to the staff as well.

Introducing our Short Term Volunteers...

By Andrea, Joshua, and Nathalie

For the last few years Kibidula has been enjoying the privilege of having short term volunteers come to Kibidula for about a year at a time to assist in all the different projects happening at the time. Last year was no exception and it is our pleasure to introduce to you these young people who have dedicated themselves to mission work here in Tanzania.

“My name is Nathalie Frauchiger and I’m a teacher from Switzerland. Because the Wabers and Riederers were looking for a teacher for their children, I came to Kibidula to teach them. As a teacher it is really interesting to have a look in home schooling and I enjoy it. I planned to stay for six months but it will end up being seven months, because I really like it here. I had the possibility to spend time at Lake Malawi, on Zanzibar and in Zambia. Hopefully a game park will be added.

I really liked experiencing the different cultures and wouldn’t have missed the time I spent here for anything.”

“My name is Joshua Carpenter and I arrived here at Kibidula from Tennessee, USA. By the time you read this, I will already be gone. I arrived at Kibidula in June of 2004. Most of my time here I worked on the construction of the new cafeteria and school buildings. I also got to help with a couple of evangelistic series, not preaching (God gives us different talents) but helping with A/V stuff. It was great to get into a village and connect with the

people. I’ve also had some opportunities to travel while I was here. I went to Arusha, Dar Es Salaam, Lake Malawi, Lusaka, Riverside Farm in Zambia, Victoria Falls, and Zanzibar. So much fun! I would like to say thank you to the Kibidula staff for their love and support during my stay. I also want to thank all of you for your interest, support, and prayer that help make this mission possible. Asante! (Thank you)”

“Lawrence: His eyes twinkle mischievously as he grins in a half-bashful way. He extends his hand and whispers, “Shikamoo,” (I hold your feet) respectfully. I can’t help smiling back as I take his small hand. We sit on stools around the African-style coffee table and review his homework. In between math problems, we laugh at the newly-hatched chicks running around. We have a lot of fun together and it’s easy to forget what Lawrence has been through. As a poor hungry orphan he used to run away from school. He’d go out into the bush and catch any wild animals he could and roast them for food. When he’d return to school he’d get beaten for giving a wrong answer so he kept away. Things are looking up now that he’s living with a church family. Food is not a problem anymore—school is. He’s so behind that the village school won’t take him. After our lesson is over, Lawrence takes my basket and opens the door, “Thank you!” he says. Eleven years of hardship have taught him something



Joshua, Nathalie and Andrea during a health seminar they participated in at the Mukamba SDA Church.

beyond reading and math. I feel honored to work with a young man like this. I’d stay in Africa just for Lawrence.” - Andrea

Joshua returned to the United States around mid March and we would like to thank him for the hard work and the role he played in the mission during the past 9 months. We wish him God’s peace for his plans for the next year.

Nathalie will be returning to Switzerland after being with us for 7 months. We really appreciate the effort and energy she puts into teaching the staff children of our Swiss families and also her participation in outreach, etc. Nathalie, we wish you the best as you continue to follow His guidance during this year.

Andrea is a volunteer teacher in our Primary School and will stay on for an indefinite period. So far she has proven to be a tremendous blessing to us all by her constant energy, compassion, and bright ideas for development in different areas. We thank her also for her contributions.

Kibidula would like to encourage other young people who might be interested in serving at overseas missions to contact us right away! We are always in need of young inspiration and lots of energy and new ideas. Please contact Naomi at the OCI head office in Collegedale, TN for more information (details on last page or call 423-400-2496) or contact us directly by e-mailing us at: kibidula@maf.or.tz or riederer@maf.or.tz.

Our Mission Statement:

Kibidula is a supportive ministry of the SDA Church. Being a culturally and socially diverse team, it is our mission to be united and empowered through Christ and to joyfully serve the individual needs of every person we come in contact with, through interdependent cooperation with God and each other. This we accomplish through:

****Education***

****Evangelism***

****Health - and Community Services.***

God Answers Prayers

By Watson Kijovele

Jeremiah 33:3 - "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

1 Kings 3:7-9 - "I am but a little child" Solomon said, "I know not how to go out or come in. Give thy servant understanding..."

These two texts show how God is ready to answer our prayers especially when we recognize our condition and realize that we are too weak to depend on ourselves. Total commitment to Him is an assurance that we fulfill the words of Jeremiah 29:11-13. God has thoughts of peace towards us. He will hear us if we seek Him

with all our hearts. God is waiting for us to search for Him and He will **answer** our prayers, will **show** us **great** and **mighty things** which we know not.

A Personal Experience

During an evangelistic series we conducted, many people decided to follow Jesus and be baptized. But when the time came closer to be baptized many of them dropped their decision. Out of the initial 23 candidates only 7 remained. We, as an evangelistic team, experienced some frustration and discouragement but I remembered the promises of God that if we ask Him He will do it. Early one morning during devotion we read Jeremiah 33:3. We prayed: 'God, now is

the time for you to fulfill your promises; great and mighty things we don't know. In faith we place ourselves as an empty box at your feet in order for you to fill us with your presence and make us into Your likeness.' God heard our prayers and the number of people to be baptized rose again from 7 to 23.

A Lesson

Do you believe in God? His promises? Do you?

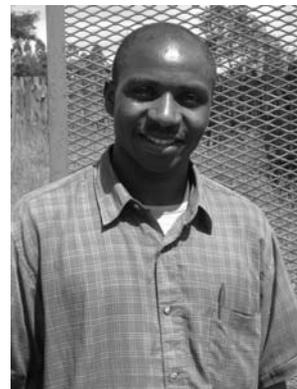
Remember this:

A.S.K.

Ask - Seek - Knock

(Matthew 7:7-8)

A.S.K Him now!



Watson Kijovele



Thomas Riederer

We are just about to start our primary school and have run the REACH-Kibidula Agricultural Training School for three quarters of a year now. God has blessed! Many of our students have found a closer walk with the Lord. They are still struggling in many topics of our course but they have found joy in service. They have started a school choir and assist on a regular basis in church service.

In the process of studying the basics of true Education we have discovered that we are called to train our African youth to become "co-workers with Christ". This task is enormous. There is hardly any Adventist vocational training in Tanzania and Kibidula offers the potential to accept this challenge and move forward. With God's help, we can do it. Let

The Call of the Hour

By Thomas Riederer

us stay inspired with the promise:

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come--the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" Ed.271

What does this rightly trained all involve? The history of our church might bring the answer:

"The work that the laborers have accomplished at Madison has done more to give a correct knowledge of what an all-round education means than any other school that has been established by Seventh-Day Adventists in America. The Lord has given these teachers in the South an education that is of highest value, and it is a training that God will be pleased to have all our youth receive." Manuscript Releases vol. 11, 182

Yes, this type of work they did at Madison we would like to get engaged in more and more! It was a work study program that trained young people in many manual skills and prepared them

to be self-supporting missionaries. Time is short! We need to open up many lines of training to the African youth, who are willing to work but have no money and nobody to teach them. I believe that God has set aside this 2000 Hectare (4,700 Acres) farm for his work in educational lines. The land need to be developed! The work expanded. For this we need the help of many more people who share this vision with us -- the vision to train these many young people who are eager to learn!

There is need for training in various vocations: agriculture, carpentry, mechanics and many other lines of industry. There are so many possibilities for expansion and room for many creative ideas. The ideas have spun even as far as to start a training school to prepare young Africans as missionaries to the first world. I believe that the future of the world lies in Africa, if Africa only took on the challenge and prepared itself for a service in love to the rest of the world. Not for conquering the world through power, but through selfless service, as Christ did!

Here at Kibidula we have a united team, eager to follow God in whatever He asks of us.

If we look at the task, at the resources needed, personnel needed we could despair, but we trust that the Lord's hand is not short. Never before in my life have I felt such a strong calling to move ahead with the work, never before have I understood the need of our time and the urgency of the hour to move ahead and proclaim the gospel of our soon returning Savior. Can we wait?

I would also like to invite you to take up the work wherever you are and train the youth, not for a work in respectful conventionality, but for co-operation with Jesus Christ in proclaiming the gospel to a dying world.

Current Kibidula Projects You Could Support:

- \$40,000 - Dormitories for Students
- \$4.50 - Bible Gift Fund
- Translation and Publication of Swahili Literature
- \$60 - Lay Missionaries in un-entered areas
- \$100 - Tuition for needy students at Kibidula Training Center

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Cheap Beer

By Barry Mosier

Yes, the rainy season brings not only life to the crops, but plenty of opportunity to brew beer. The local Hehe villages are experts in producing beer from corn and bamboo. They also love to consume it. The current price is about 5 cents per liter (quart) and even the very poor manage to waste the little money they have on this curse. Beer haulers fill their trucks and bicycles each day from the mass production in the little villages to provide for the larger towns.

Unfortunately, most men and women drink beer each day until they are drunk. You can imagine the results. As the beer removes all their inhibitions, AIDS is passed freely from one to another. Nearby Lugoda Hospital now records 38% of people in their active reproductive years as being HIV positive. Unwanted children are born into overcrowded and poverty stricken homes and are destined to become orphans. Fetal Alcohol syndrome affects many of these unfortunate children. It is so sad. Just last week I got an emergency call at 3am to transport a poison victim to town. On arriving at the home, I found that a woman had gotten into a drunken argument with her husband and then drank a very poisonous pesticide to kill herself. She was conscious, but unable to

walk alone. I got her and some relatives into the car and raced to the hospital, giving her charcoal water to drink along the way. By God's grace, she lived, but is walking with difficulty and not able to think clearly yet. She is 3 months pregnant. What will happen to this unborn child???

In February, Robert Onsare organized a special youth Sabbath in our new and nearly finished cafeteria to warn area youth of these dangers and help them commit their lives to Jesus. We were thrilled to have 150 in attendance. Sylvester Temboh recently organized each family here to give health talks in area churches to inform people of the consequences of bad health habits. In our upcoming evangelistic effort in Matanana our evangelism students and staff will give special health presentations each day to show people a better way of living. More importantly, we hope to introduce them to Jesus, so that through His power, they may be lifted out of degradation and sin.

Last year in the height of the beer season, a 47 year old mother conceived her 10th child. She and her husband were known as heavy drinkers in the nearby village of Kisada. The hospital had warned her not to become pregnant again,



Little Darling - Andrew

but these things just happen when you are drunk. Since she had not taken their advice, the hospital declined to help at the time of her delivery and she didn't come to Marybeth for help. After giving birth to a little boy on November 26, 2004, she quickly bled to death on the dirt floor of her hut. A baby without a mother to nurse him is doomed in the village, so some people from Kibidula went to see what could be done. The grief stricken and bewildered father gladly handed the baby to her. After a week or so, little Andrew came to live with us and we plan to adopt him as our own. We hope he never touches a drop of beer.

These tragedies make us long for Jesus to return. Thank you for your prayers and support for our team here at Kibidula as we seek, with God's blessing, to raise people out of sin and degradation...one life at a time.