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# Kibidula News

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## "Lord, Please Send Us A Doctor!"

By Anita Riederer

This has been our prayer here at Kibidula for more than one year. We are still praying.

As I started to write this article I wanted to include many of the terrible tragedies and heartaches people endure in the surrounding villages, some I have witnessed personally, to give a real honest but tragic picture of the medical needs here. I was reminded by my husband, however, that our mission is not to point the finger of blame at anyone, or put down a medical system that has its 'shortcomings'. Instead, our goal is to offer something better!

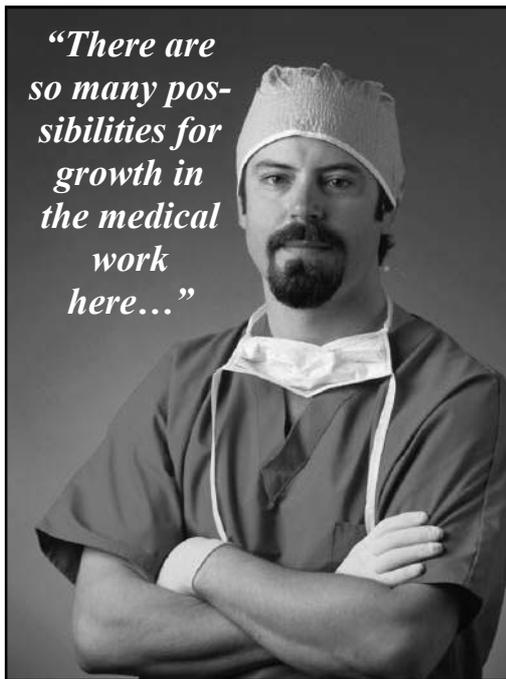
What would this 'better' medical service look like? If we provided unbiased, superior medical care in a loving, compassionate way it would be a great blessing, but it would not be enough. More than addressing only the body, we need to point our patients to the true Physician Who can cure both body and soul, and heal all our

sin-sick conditions.

Because of the impact of superstition, along with a belief in the power of witchcraft (it can be to blame when AIDS creeps into the home), many have acquired a learned helplessness and not taken charge over their health.

By teaching that they do have choices which in-

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clude diet and lifestyle changes, many will be able to see positive results in their health.

As in the West, people have learned to depend

more on multiple colorful tablets easily available, over making the harder choices to change bad habits, and some of their old ways. While some health problems are directly related to poor nutrition or lack of food, others in towns and cities are reaping the 'advantages' of a higher economic status. A lifestyle center could be the place where instead of the learned 'quick fix', a 'better fix' is offered. This would include introducing everyone to our Personal Friend, Jesus Christ - the permanent solution and source of everlasting life and health.

There are so many possibilities for growth in the medical work here, and the needs are endless, but we have to stop dreaming and start this work now!

Are you the one called to come?

Please keep us in your prayers.



Anita Riederer

### *What's Been Happening Lately?*

- Mosier and Waber Families are on furlough until beginning September.
- Ben & Pam Vinson, Andrea Santos & Stefano Kasiri will represent Kibidula in Mwanza where Global Mission will launch multiple Evangelistic efforts for about 3 weeks.
- The last month we have done a lot of fire-breaking around Kibidula in an effort to protect the thousands of trees we have planted earlier this year.
- In August the Kibidula Agricultural Training Center will have its 2nd year intake of students.
- **We would like to make an appeal for \$600 to pay for a mastectomy operation done on a needy 19 year old girl who suffered from incredibly large tumors. Please help us help her and others like her who are in desperate need. Thank You!!**

*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:*

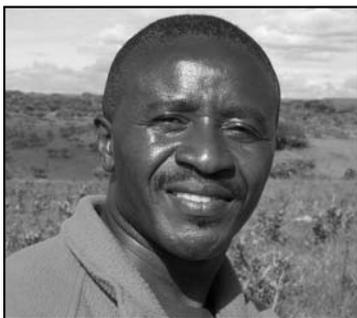
*\*Education*

*\*Evangelism*

*\*Health - and Community Services.*

## Kibidula Evangelism Training

*By Sylvester Temboh*



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*Lay-missionary training School graduation held in April 2005. 25 happy students graduated. Kibidula is now readying itself for the next intake of students in July.*

In April 2005 again 25 Evangelism students have graduated from the Kibidula Lay-missionary training school. This 4 months course has equipped them with many skills and ideas of how to do evangelism. Although they were very diverse in age, culture, and tribal background they all had the burning desire to share the Gospel with their fellow country men.

"I owe it to God to share the Gospel with others and I haven't done my part yet" one said upon arrival to the course. Another student comments: "A former student from Kibidula has come home to our village with Jesus in his heart and I would like to be blessed as he was blessed at Kibidula!"

These students look to us in their hope to get an education that prepares them to become missionaries. We realize that we ourselves need God's power to make us, the teachers in this program, able to pass on from our experiences with God. We all need a closer and closer walk with Jesus. The most central in our teaching is to lead our students not to look to us but to direct their eyes upon Jesus, the Master Teacher.

"Now as never before, we need to understand the science of true education. If we fail to understand this,

we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God." Christian Education, August 1897.

This science of education has to do with knowing God. Acts 4:13 says: "... and they took knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus." We are so glad that Christ is the Teacher of our students.

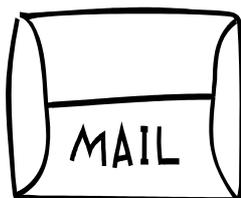
During the past 4 months of Evangelism training, our students and teachers had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 48 people in response to their work in the Matanana village. The work of going door to door and inviting the people to Bible studies and a public effort were blessed. The seeds that were sown germinated by God's creative power.

Now again we are just starting a new training session and have over 40 applications for this course. Unfortunately we are not able to accept them all. Every week I receive phone calls and letters from people requesting to attend our program. Others ask us to come to their part of the vast country of Tanzania to open a similar school. Unfortunately we cannot do it all! Please join into our prayers to ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest.

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### Current Kibidula Projects You Could

#### Support:

- \$40,000 - Dormitories for Students
- \$4.50 per Bible - Bible Gift Fund
- Translation and Publication of Swahili Literature.
- \$60 will sponsor 1 Lay Missionary in an un-entered area for 1 month.
- \$200 will sponsor a needy student for a four month Evangelism training course at Kibidula Training Center.