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Kibidula News

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Mission Aviation at Kibidula?

By Jason Fournier

That's strange. If Kibidula had a mission aviation program, one would think they would have read about it by now in our newsletter! Actually, the key word there is *had*. You see, back in the early to late nineties, Kibidula actually did have a medical aviation program. We had built a "homebuilt" Zenair STOL CH-701 which flew from village to village in our area doing medical and gospel work. When the medical work closed the airplane was all-but-forgotten in the hanger. And that's how it stayed for six long years – until this year.

Somehow the Lord impressed upon our hearts that this airplane is here for a purpose, and that the time had come to step out in faith and get it ready for that purpose. We will keep you updated from time to time as to how the work

is going on it, but for now here is what is happening:

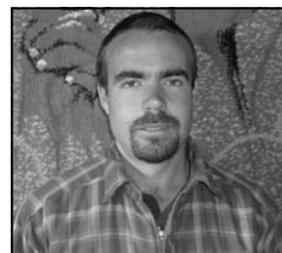
April 2005, we managed to get the hanger doors open enough to see what was inside. We found the hanger occupied by owls, lizards and rats, all of which had done a good job of camouflaging the airplane. The airplane was partly disassembled with parts spread around the room amongst the garbage. There were also rat and wasp nests all through the airplane. Day one was spent in sorting through the stuff and cleaning the airplane.

A week later we (Ben Vinson and I) began taking a hard look at the aircraft to see what parts we might need. Over the weeks and months we ordered a new exhaust system, new propeller, new landing gear and brake parts and did some extensive sheet-metal

repairs. The wings and tail are now securely attached and it also boasts a new windshield.

As the airplane nears completion, we are turning our attention to the runway (which is covered in long grass and termite mounds especially designed to take the landing gear off of the most sturdy airplanes) and to legal matters such as pilot certification, runway certification and aircraft certification. But primary on our prayer list is how to effectively use this small airplane for the furtherance of the gospel and to bring glory to God's name.

Please watch and pray with us as the Lord continues to show us the way forward in this new chapter of Kibidula Mission Aviation.



Jason Fournier

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Day 1: This is what we found when we opened the hanger.



Both Jason Fournier (lying down) and Ben Vinson are commercial pilots and A&P Mechanics.



The Zenair STOL CH 701 as it looks today.

What's Been

Happening Lately?

- Kibidula is happy to welcome back the Mosier & Waber families from furlough!
- In August the Kibidula Agricultural Training Center opened its doors to a new intake of 19 new 1st year students and welcomed back its 2nd year students.
- Kibidula conducted an evangelistic effort to reach loggers that have been renting part of our land for a few months. We pray that lots of seeds were sown that will result in a rich harvest.
- We are happy to inform you that Kibidula is in the process of setting up a new website. Please visit us online at:
www.kibidula.org

Bringing Hope to a Town Full of Witches

By Robert Onsare Tinega

“Everywhere there are hearts crying out for something which they have not. They long for a power that will give them mastery over sin, a power that will deliver them from the bondage of evil, a power that will give health and life and peace. The world needs today what it needed 1900 years ago.”
MH, 143

Sumbawanga is a town located in the Rukwa valley in the west of Tanzania. It's name means 'dump - witches.' History has it that it is a town where the government dumped witches from all over Tanzania. With your imagination you now can see that it is a place inhabited by the Devil; where people live in fear. Sacrificial offerings sometimes include their own children... it is better for one to die so that the rest of the family may prosper.

It was in Sumbawanga that we were scheduled to hold an Evangelistic effort for 3 weeks during the month of August. Despite all the obvious challenges and obstacles in our way we had a good attendance of 600 people every night. The figure kept rising until there were about 1, 400 people present on our closing night. We were hardly 4 days into our program when surrounding charismatic churches planned to counteract our meetings. They hired more than 15 taxis (one taxi can seat up to 30 people in Africa) in town and played very loud music and called the people from town to attend their meetings. We were almost sure we would lose our audience because of all the exciting dancing and strange talking in tongues. As church after church started to hold its

own public meetings it soon had the whole town in a confused state. I am thankful for the encouragement my fellow workers gave me when they told me not to fear. We united in prayer and earnestly poured our hearts out unto God. Eventually it reached our ears that people were saying amongst themselves: *“If you want to dance go the charismatic meetings, but if you want to listen to the clear word of God then go to the Adventist meetings.”* Praise God!

Among the crowd attending our nightly meetings there were many demon possessed people. Sometimes it took hours of earnest prayer and singing praises to God before the sufferer would be freed from the bondage of evil. Seeing these poor people coming to their senses, their eyes clear once again and an intelligent look lighting up their faces I realized what Jesus talked about when He promised us the power to drive out demons if we are intimately connected with Him in His service.

We had a unique opportunity to reach hundreds of upper class residents of Sumbawanga who wouldn't come to the meetings. One church member offered to help film and broadcast the nightly meetings on television! While watching TV in the comfort of their own homes, we were able to reach people who would otherwise be unreceptive to the truth.

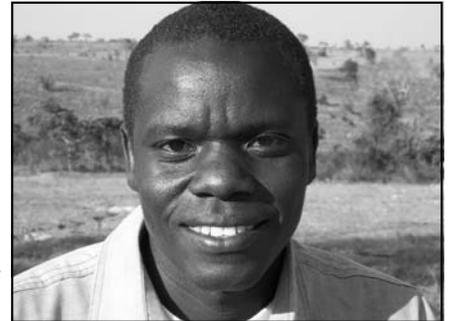
One night a man came to me and said: *“I have been attending these meetings and the Spirit of God has convinced me to give my life to Jesus Christ. I am a witch just like my parents were. I have struggled*

much the last few days.

Whenever I wanted to come to the meetings I would be restrained by the power of the charm I am wearing. I had no peace. I forced myself to come. Now I want to give it all up. Right in front of all these people.”

We prayed for him and during the night I decided I would have to burn his charm at the next opportunity. The next day he came again. During the meeting he stood up and said that he had brought another witch with him and that he wants to ask his friend to also give up his practice of witchcraft and follow Jesus. The friend slipped away through the crowds and disappeared. After the meeting, however, we got together with this man and burned his charms. He told us some amazing things regarding the powers of the charms he used. For people not living here in parts of dark Africa it would sound totally unbelievable, but it is true. Only after the fire did its job could the man relax and realize that the charm is useless in the presence of a life hid in Christ. This man is just one of many whom we prayed with and for. The people of Sumbawanga need our earnest prayers. *“Let none turn away a soul who leaves the service of Satan for the service of Christ.”*
MH 178.

The Lord really blessed the meetings and we praise Him for that. 104 people started keeping the Sabbath of which 85 were baptized. Thousands of people are waiting for the hope that can only be found in



Robert Onsare Tinega

“Everywhere there are hearts crying out for something which they have not...”

Jesus. We need your prayers and support to continue working in these strongholds of the Devil.

Global Evangelism Efforts in Tanzania

By Ben & Pam Vinson

In July we had the opportunity to go to Mwanza, a city on Lake Victoria in the North of Tanzania. Barry Mosier, who is in charge of the Kibidula book dept., was away on vacation in the states. He asked us if we would go in his place, to provide Bibles and books for the Global Evangelism Efforts that were to be held in Mwanza and Musoma {Global Evangelism (GE) is an organization that puts teams of layman (everyday people) together and takes them to various countries to spread the gospel.}

Our trip began with a nine hour bus ride from Kibidula to Dar es Salaam, then on a two day, two night train ride to Mwanza. This was quite the adventure, as we had never been on a train that long or traveled by one in this country. We had beds to sleep in which helped a lot. The country side was beautiful!

There were about 50 people that came with GE to do 16 nights of meetings. They did 13 simultaneous evangelistic efforts in Mwanza and 10 in Musoma! God really blessed and there were over a

thousand that gave their lives to Christ, and 577 were baptized just in Mwanza! In Musoma the numbers were around the same!! God is Good!

We were able to provide the GE team with 1,037 Bibles and many other books. This was very helpful to the SDA church there as they are unable to get Bibles. There is a severe lack of Bibles in this country. Unless you are an organization that is able to buy in bulk, with money upfront, it is hard to get large quantities of Bibles. Even with these advantages it is still a challenge! We praise God that we can be a blessing to others in this way!

We stayed in Mwanza with the team and REALLY enjoyed the fellowship we shared with them! What a blessing it was to be able to speak in "American" English, hear news from the States, hear songs sung in English during morning worships, and be loaded down with goodies (everything from trail mix with M&M's to Duck Tape)! The GE team was not only a blessing to us but also to Kibidula as

they willingly brought our much needed airplane parts from the States.

Our trip back to Kibidula went well! It was much easier coming back, as we knew what to expect, God brought us safely back with none of us getting sick, or having anything stolen.

We praise God that we are able to be a part of His world wide family in spreading the gospel!



Ben & Pam Vinson



Baptisms in Lake Victoria

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.*

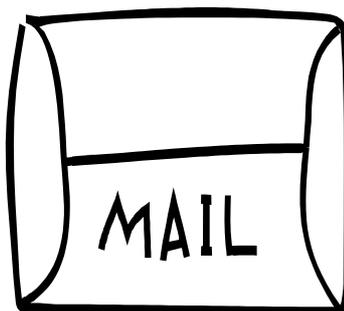
Current Kibidula Projects You Could Support:

- \$20,000 - Dormitories for Agricultural 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.
- \$3,000 for tree planting for future timber industry.
- \$6,000 for installation of consistent satellite e-mail system on campus.

Please Send All Donations To:

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Apison, TN 37302
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Thoughts from a Group Leader at the Kibidula Agricultural School

By Matokeo Mwakilembe

"I thank God that I am here at Kibidula because I learn many things. Also, I would like to give thanks to people who are my fellow workers in this Kibidula Institute by the co-operation we have especially in being ready to learn under our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God also for the good participation we have as group leaders. Each one of us is ready to learn from one another. In this way we live interdependently. We have 14 students in their second year and 19 in their first year. They are obedient to their leaders. They learn much from us and we learn from them. This is simply like this because we depend upon each

other.

It is my hope that God will continue to bless us here at Kibidula and also other plans in the future which Kibidula has for these students. Most of all, we need to humble ourselves in order that God may manifest many things and teach us."

Matekeo is one of 6 group leaders participating in the Kibidula Agricultural Training Center program. Each group leader is responsible for a group of 5 - 6 students. He accompanies his students in their work and classes and assist them in learning.



Matokeo Mwakilembe



Kibidula Agricultural Training Center -
1st & 2nd Year Students and their group leaders.