

Kibidula News

October — December 2005

News:

- Antionette and Jason Fournier have a new baby girl - Emily. Congratulations!
- A group of Americans lead out in an effort in a Muslim village. Read their report in the next issue!

Yet a little while...

By Thomas Riederer

„For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come, and will not tarry.“ Hebr. 10:37

Just a few days ago, we were happy that finally the rains had come. However there was not only rain, but hail falling on our tin roof. It was so loud, that you couldn't even understand someone screaming in your ear next to you! At the same time some of us also felt the earth shaking. Just after the hail-storm, the children went outside to build a snow man! What a rare excitement! Later we heard that the earth quake we felt had a magnitude 6.7 with its center in the Lake Tanganyika area just a few hundred kilometres away.

“We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. ... The calamities by land and sea ... forecast approaching

events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great

celebrating the first Advent of Christ. Are we forgetting that now in the time to prepare for His second coming? Let's not be asleep! Let's not say with



Helena and her first Snowman

crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.” 9T p. 11

Are we aware of what is happening in this world? These days of the month of December the Christian World is

the evil servant: “My master is delaying his coming”. Matth 24:48

Let's all join hands together in spreading God's Love to everyone around us, while it is still day!

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Hope Survives Lightning Strike

By Barry Mosier

Debora Kibiki gazed out the door of their mud hut in Matanana village. It was raining. Little brother Tumaini slept on her back in a sling.

Suddenly the peace was shattered as lightning struck the grass thatch roof. The force of

had passed. Unfortunately my wife found Debora dead. She must have died instantly from the lightning strike.

I arrived from a trip just a few moments later and as I stared in stunned disbelief at the body of Deborah, Marybeth let out

As I drove my mind was in a spin, trying to comprehend this latest tragedy. With AIDS and malaria and other diseases reaping their daily toll, these poor villagers seem accustomed to tragedy. Here in Africa, Satan's scepter of death continually stalks the land.

How could this happen to this innocent young girl? How easy it would be to despair. However, as I drove the Lord reminded me of the Swahili meaning of little Tumaini's name—"hope". In spite of tragedy, Hope still lived. Praise God for Hope! At all costs we must keep Hope alive!

What about our hope in the coming of Jesus? Has lightning struck and killed our hope? Has your hope been burned or the boring drudgery of daily life slowly suffocated it? Let us be continually "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." *Titus 2:13*

Let us feed our hope with God's Word daily, strengthen it through prayer, and multiply it by sharing it with others. By the way, Tumaini is doing well. Can the same be said of your hope and mine?



Burned house

the strike threw Deborah and Tumaini out the door. The rest of the family sought to escape the blazing home. Gathering their senses from the confusion, they realized that eleven year old Debora was not breathing. Not knowing what to do, they sent someone by bicycle to fetch my wife.

By the time she arrived at the house where the family had been taken, nearly half an hour

a shout of hope, "He's nursing!" Sure enough, the mother had offered her breast to little Tumaini and he was nursing with vigor. By God's mercy, little Tumaini was still alive, although the side of his head that lay against his sister at the time of the strike was badly burned. We quickly loaded him and his parents into the car and I raced them to the government hospital thirty minutes away.

The European Bible School visiting Kibidula

By Hanne Lise Vik

For the last five years the students of EBS in Norway spent yearly six weeks in a third world country as part of their training program getting a taste of Mission Work. 12

young people and 2 teachers arrived on November 2, 2005. During their stay at Kibidula the students learned about following topics: Daniel, Intercultural Mission, The Sanctuary, Knowing Gods Will, Organic Agriculture, Health for Africa,

Lessons on Faith and Christian Standards. They have also been assisting in practical work, such as finishing the cement floor in the new cafeteria building, pruning trees, staking out tree lines for planting trees, helping in the kitchen,

digging ditches, cleaning, etc., etc. During their last week a "bush week" is scheduled, where they will live in a village and work together with the local people, visiting them in



EBS Students teaching in a village

their houses, talking with them and inviting them for Bible Studies. They also teach classes in the local schools on health, organic agriculture and religion. The students look forward to experiencing the "real Africa", as compared to

peaceful Kibidula, and expressed their desire to experience God's leading, and being used by Him.

I have asked the students about their thoughts and impressions after being here for 4 weeks. "People here are very nice" is a unison answer. "The classes are really good too", say Elizabeth and Julia. "I especially enjoy the classes on Daniel, taught by Doris Waber", Julia says, "There we learn how the book of Daniel can be relevant to us". "I LOVE it here", Jonathon exclaims, "it's like camping with a bed. There is a great work to do here, everything you do is Mission Work, your whole life, and that's what I like. It shouldn't be a 9-5 job." This is what God needs, young people with a desire to be used by Him.

Two new Teachers at Kibidula

By Hanne Lise Vik and Noémie Bornand

Within a month Kibidula received us, Hanne Lise Vik (27) from Norway and Noémie Bornand (21) from Switzerland as their two new primary school teachers.

We are teaching Tanzanian, Zambian, and Swiss children. You want to know more about us?

Things we share:

- Profession

- Love for kids
 - Our new home
 - Our room
 - Food
 - Shoe size
 - Height (almost)
 - laughter
 - Love for our kitten Cleo
 - Hate of big black bugs and other uninvited insects
 - Fear of snakes
- And last but not least ...



Hanne Lise and Noémie

- Faith in our Lord Jesus and the wish of being used by Him

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Training for Warfare

By Andrea Santos

“...And the witchdoctor burned his charms!” a strong, enthusiastic “Amina” (Amen) echoes through the building. Everyone’s attention is willingly trapped by the beaming faces and excited speeches that follow one after another. This is Frontline Warfare Debriefing, more commonly known as “Lay Missionary Weekend”. Kibidula supports over 30 lay missionaries who are working in unentered areas of southern and eastern Tanzania. (There are unanswered calls for many more). An average of 40-50 lay missionaries graduate from the Kibidula Training Centre program each year.

To find out more about this Lay Missionary Weekend and what its importance is, I have asked Barry Mosier, Kibidula’s Evangelism Coordinator, a few questions:

What exactly are the graduates doing?

We don’t hire all our graduates. Many are sent to Kibidula for training by their own local churches. When they return home after training they are assigned to unentered areas within their territory and sponsored by their own church. Generally, our lay missionaries (LMs) go into areas where there is no Adventist church and begin making friends. They help people through health- and agricultural education and we place a heavy emphasis on house-to-house work. Tanzania is 30% Muslim. It’s common to find traditional beliefs mixed in with Islamic and/or Christian practices. It’s tough work but the Lord is blessing. After they raise a new church that can stand on its own, they train the new believ-

ers to evangelize surrounding villages. Then, after the new church has given birth to one or two new companies, we know the project is strong and we can move the missionary to a new area.

You mentioned they are in tough areas. Is it just the religious beliefs that make it hard?

Besides that fact, many of the villages are remote—almost inaccessible. The living conditions can be a strain on the wife and family. Being separated from extended family and friends is not easy- we all know that. Coming to Kibidula twice each year for a weekend of fellowship and training is an encouragement. We also try to make life a little easier for them by providing each LM with tools like bicycle, picture roll, library of books/religious tracts, \$60/month stipend, and, also, they are encouraged to contact us if they have any special challenges.

What does the future of the LM training program look like right now?

We work very closely with the local Field and Union. The East Central Africa Division vice president is asking Kibidula to train all their Global Mission pioneers on site in their own countries. As far as we know, we are the only lay training school in the Division. Opportunities are open all around us to multiply our LM evangelism

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Kibidula’s Lay Missionaries

Agricultural Evangelism Training Program

By Werner Rusch

This Village Agriculture program has been developed over the last several years. Together with dedicated Self-Supporting Lay Missionaries we have now a model program to start and assist these dedicated families to be a resource center in their villages.

The Village Resource Program consists of a small loaning library for

- organic agriculture Technology books
- Books for health and child nutrition
- Family Planning and Development
- Bibles and Bible Based Literature (tracts, etc.)
- * Vocational Training Education Seminars to run a tree nursery incl. seeds and cuttings of improved varieties of fruits and forest trees.
- * Education in organic dry land and conservation farming and gardening
- * Possibilities to sign up as ABC Colporteurs (during off-season)
- * Water Management Seminar (assist in building wells if necessary)



Families who are willing to relocate and go to un-entered Areas as organic agriculture missionaries.

In the Planning Stage:

- Smoke Free kitchens (huts)
- Follow up with annual Evaluation Retreat and Seminar, as well as on-site visitations.

Program Goal:

Every Agriculture Missionary Family begins to train another family in a neighbouring village.

Students from Kibidula, EBS, Ethiopia and Church Lay people have dedicated themselves to this work.

Let us support them with our talents, means and prayers.

Thank you!

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training. Please pray that the Lord will send us volunteer workers who He has called to help finish the work here. Now is the time to move forward. Laymen—ordinary men and women—will finish Christ's work. It's exciting to be a part of training people to do just that—maybe some of our readers are being called to help us here in Africa?

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

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“Closer to School” - no matter what!

By Fulgenzio Mгимwa

It is a great blessing to have the Agriculture-Students with us. They have added some spice to our campus life!

If you walked on Kibidula roads early in the morning you would meet many of these young Tanzanians going to school, some walking, others

tired of walking they have come up with the idea of building their own temporary shelters as the loggers do in the nearby forest. Since the students are involved in the daily chores of milking the cows, cleaning the barns and attending morning worship, they have to get up too early!

The walking back and forth became a problem. With the rainy season approaching the problem became even more severe. “What we need is being closer to school, no matter what”, they insisted.

Encouraged by the willingness of the students to rough it, we offered

them the old classroom building as a girls’-dormitory and built them a temporary kitchen and a place to shower. What joy! We heard their singing and happy laughter! The boys also were not left without help. They were given an old building which was used for many years as staff house but was not in use because of its very simple condition. Some



Kitchen

slight improvements changed it into a ragged dormitory. The students are happier and more joyful these days and are happy to be spared the 12 km needless daily “exercise”!

When will they have their own dormitories? Some bricks and sand have been purchased and we are convinced that God will help us to finish the job of providing decent housing to our willing students!

Please pray for our fine young men and women who are receiving a training to become able farmers, competent mothers and fathers that can give their children a better future!



„Mabanzi“ huts

riding their bicycles.

For more than a year now they covered an average of 12 km per day. We do not have dormitories yet and they came from home or a rented house in the nearby village. (Only the lay-missionary students have dormitories!)

Because they were getting

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