

Kibidula News

October - December 2007

Iva Werner Primary School Update: "Finally!" -by Hanne Lise Vik

"When will we be registered?" is a question I have heard many times from the children at our primary school. "Are you registered?" is the question that interested parents ask before they feel comfortable sending their children. Three and a half years have gone by since we started working on getting our little primary school registered. Three and a half years of prayers and waiting. And **now we can finally answer "Yes" to this question!** We have an official registration number and a whole future in front of us ...

For two years we have been operating small scale with our staff children only, and now the time had come very close to when we would either have had to close down or be registered. Unregistered schools are not allowed to give the national exams necessary to pass

through primary school. Also, there is a new law that will require many unregistered schools close down from January on. So now the future has suddenly opened up to us in a new way, as we approach the new school year starting in January.



Primary school seen from the air.

Looking back it is very encouraging to recognize how God has blessed and led through the waiting period. I see how He sent people to help and encourage when we needed it. I see how even the obstacles and scepticism to our school has turned out to be a blessing. The attitude towards unregistered schools has changed and now it would have been a big problem for us if we were running a full-scale school before registration. Maybe they would have closed our school instead of giving us the registration if we had been running with full classes. So, looking back, it is amazing to see God's hand leading and helping us even when we did not see it at the time. We knew He was, but sometimes it was hard to see, and now we can look back and recognize the hand we knew was there all the time. Waiting can also be part of Gods plan for refining and strengthening us.

In our relief and happiness it is important not to forget to say thank you. Mr. Temboh has done a big and time-consuming job in following up our registration process. Travelling back and forth to different offices, collecting documents, calling and so on. I want to thank him and everyone else involved for the time and effort put in. I also want to say thank you to all of you who have prayed for our school. Please continue to do so as we are trying to be a bright light in our community. But **most important of all is to direct our thanks to Him who is the Giver of everything good!**

What about the future? Who knows what will happen? There are endless possibilities. We have a new teacher joining our team in January, Obed Kayugwa. This will be a great blessing to the team. We are also welcoming new kindergarteners and first graders in January. We are working on developing our understanding of Christian education, and we are looking for ways how we as a school can reach out to our community. So who knows? Only God sees what the future will be, and it will probably be something out of the ordinary. That's His way, and we have to be ready to follow where He leads.



Children playing with Mr. Kapasi.

A Quiet Moment *-by Marybeth Mosier*

Aaahh. It is so quiet! The rain is pouring down in torrents outside. Inside, it is so cozy here by the woodstove. There is a pot of beans simmering while the cornbread is baking. No one from the village can come to our door in this downpour. Aaahh, life is good.



Lady ready to deliver twins.

The past few days have been busy. So many people have real needs in the village. Here are a few common pleas I hear. "I have malaria." "My skin itches." "I think my labor pains are starting, can you help me?" "I have a stomach ache." "My back hurts." "My husband died and there is nothing to feed my four children." "My husband is an alcoholic and the children need clothes." "Could you give me a blanket?" "Could you help me with school fees, I am an orphan." "My baby is sick." And from my children, "Mom, I finished my math, what's for lunch, I'm hungry." "Mommy, come see"

I wish I could remedy all their problems. How blessed we feel when we can relieve some suffering. When there is nothing we can do it sure is great to watch God step in and answer our prayers.

One neat blessing we have now is malaria tests. Here, when people feel

a little sick, they are certain that they have malaria. I have come to the conclusion that there is a lot less malaria than we have been led to believe. We have tests now that tell us in 20 minutes if it is malaria or not. When it isn't malaria, a little garlic and a lemon grass tea often do wonders! What a blessing!

We can send Keith, our son, off to Congo's steamy, malaria-infested jungle with a little less concern now that we have these tests.

My thoughts turn to the little lady I sent in to the government hospital to have her twin babies. She proudly brought her 2 little sons to show me last week. She looked good. Her husband died from AIDS and she, too, will die from AIDS because she is HIV positive. For the time being though, we laughed together and enjoyed her 2 precious babies.

Yes, there are problems everywhere. How do we solve them? "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way walk ye in it." Is. 30:21

Jesus is the answer.

Heaven will be a wonderful place to be with Jesus and rest in his tender care. Jesus tells us, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord with you ... For the Lord shall be with you, for the battle is not yours but God's." 2 Chron. 20:17,15



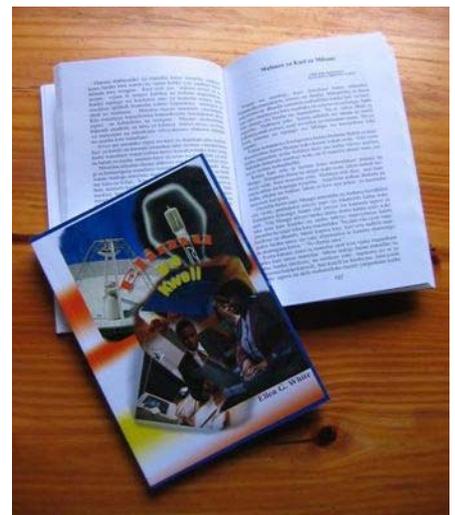
Deaf girl receives toys and clothing.

A dream comes true

-by Thomas Riederer

One year ago I was invited to share some of Kibidula's ideas for the promotion of Adventist Christian Education in Tanzania. Elton Lusingu, the educational director of the Tanzania Union of the SDA Church agreed that it was necessary to make the book "Education" by E.G. White available to a broader public and he arranged for a translation into Swahili.

Tanzania Adventist Press did a great job in editing and layout. Finally, thanks to donations of



our readers of the "Kibidula News", we were able to provide the funds for the printing. What a great co-operation!

I wish that all of you could have been with me at this Adventist teacher's convention in Arusha in late November, where for the first time this book was distributed to Adventist teachers from all over Tanzania!

A dream has come true! A big Thank You to God and to everyone involved.

School of Evangelism: Effort in Nyanyembe -by Sylvester Temboh

“That’s a tough village you are going to. Others before you wasted their time and they got nobody. That area is a stronghold of people who are not ready to move to another faith. Be aware that you also may waste your time.”

“Welcome to Nyanyembe!” says the village executive officer. “Most people go to church and they have no problem with religion, except that there are some men who are heavy beer drinkers. We have failed to help them, but maybe your coming will help some.”

When students were going door to door in the village, they were received well but with suspicion that they were fishing in other established ponds and some were



People from Nyanyembe after their baptism.

directly confronted. The evening meetings attracted a good gathering and we shared more on God’s love for man and topics on normal day to day lives. Steadily, the number was increasing and among them a man in his fifties, a leading alcoholic, one of those the executive officer was concerned about, was one of our faithful attendees. Some people began laughing when they saw him in the gathering. He ignored them and seemed to have been lost to everything around him except the gospel that was presented.

During home visitations, he asked questions to students who were

able to help him understand and encouraged him and showed love that his case was not worthless but that there was a lot of hope. In the middle of the week I went to visit the officer, and was stunned at what he and his wife said: “Mzee Babu is making headlines in the village. The villagers are watching him with intense interest at the latest development of his activities. He’s not seen at beerhouses, a change of attitude to his wife and children and was not



Pastor Mtenzi baptizing one of the candidates.

missing a day for the evening meetings.” Because of that, others began attending the meetings just to see and hear what this man is after. When an alter call was made, he was among the first to go forward.

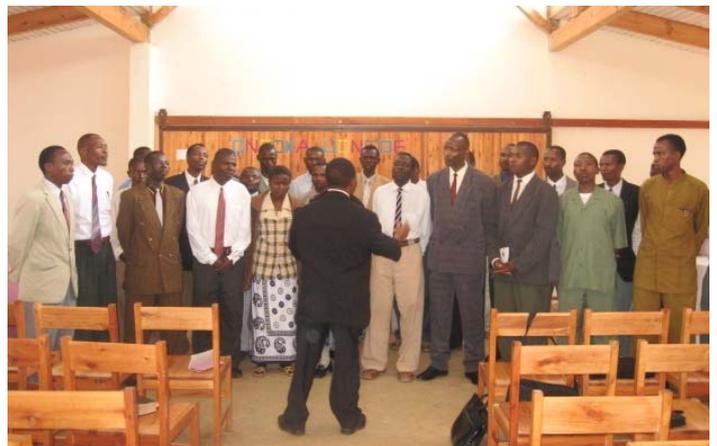
Was this real or drama?

It was real. Phone calls by his children and nephews were made to inform relatives and friends of the latest development on Mzee Babu. To some it was still a dream till 20th of October when he was gracefully immersed into the water with 28 other souls. On the streets, the drinking and public places the news was about that man and his

decision. These strangers from 13 regions of Tanzania spending 16 weeks at Kibidula seemed to have had power of influence upon the unpromising.

As for the KTC students, they said it was an experience they will always remember, and that they had a wonderful exposure to practical evangelism. Then came 28th of October, the graduation day, and all our 31 students were happy to go back home and put into practice that which they acquired from the School of Evangelism. Our Lay Missionary program recruited 9 of them for the unentered territories, with one going to the South-West Tanzania Field as global pioneer.

You can be part of this team in influencing people to see Jesus by joining us in prayer.



School of Evangelism students’ choir at graduation.

Drinking Water for our Training Center -by Jean-Luc Waber

During the past year Kibidula has been enjoying the benefit of fresh and freely flowing water. Thanks to the donations collected at a Christmas concert in the school of Bogenhofen, Austria, and other generous donations from Europe we were able to start the project of bringing water from a spring to the three sites of our model farm units for the Agricultural Training Centre.



Agricultural students working hard to dig the ditches.



Water reservoir

During the visit of a Swiss group in February 2007 the Agricultural Students had the opportunity to learn (by doing) all the steps necessary to catch water from a spring. A civil engineer directed the work of excavating the spring, building a provisional dam, then the real dam and cover of the spring. We were surprised about the good flow of over 300 liters of clean

water per minute, which would be enough to supply an African town of 8'000 people.

The next step was more challenging than expected: building the reservoir. I was amazed about the energy and courage of the students when they excavated the site. They stood for days



Students put the pipes into the ditch.

in the mud, lifting by hand tons of soil. The hill was threatening to slide down. But finally the concrete was poured into the forms and now we have a solid 6000-liter reservoir.



Fresh and clean water - a huge blessing in Africa.

During the July break some of the students worked hard to dig a ditch with a length of about 4 km. Then the big moment came when we put in the pipes and when water was flowing downhill to all our farm units and also to the school and lower campus. We have had water there before, but only from a pond. Now we are all enjoying drinking water quality – what a blessing!

A "watery" Thank You to all who contributed to this project!

European Bible School visits

-by Jetro Dias

In November we had the privilege of welcoming a group from the European Bible School (EBS) located in Norway. This year they had split up in two groups and as one group went to Honduras to help out there, we welcomed the other group on our Kibidula campus. It can sometimes get lonely here in the mission field and it's a pleasure to see some Westerners once in a while. Also these groups add manpower to our projects and boost everything.

This year they were of great help at the farm as the Agricultural Students had a challenge ahead of them, not just preparing the usual fields before the rainy sea-



EBS guests mingling with Kibidula staff.

son would start but at the same time also preparing the fields at the newly built farm units. The EBS students also helped at our Primary School making flower beds. Not just that, two of the students, Julie and Antoinette, helped teaching English in the Agricultural School, providing the students with more exposure to people who speak English fluently. We were blessed to have them here, though this year Werner and Martha Rusch had not come along. But Erin Lundquist and her team took the group well in charge and kept them organized and occupied.

Of course no article about an EBS group is complete without mentioning their bush week. This year they went to two different villages, the small village of Lwing'ulo where a new Adventist Church was recently started, and another village named Kinegembasi. In these villages they did health talks but also preached the straight Word of God, the Truth as it can be found in Jesus.

Please keep all the EBS students in mind as they continue their training at the School in Norway. Pray that they will be open to God's leading and willing to do His will. They are preparing to be workers in the vineyard and need all the support they can get.

Missionary Wives Attend Year End Meetings -by Barry Mosier

Wives, I want you to imagine that your husband comes home one day and says to you, "Pack up a few of our things and prepare the children to travel. In two weeks we will move to a remote, unentered village where we will work as volunteers on a small stipend for two to three years. There are no church members at all. We are to start a new congregation there."

The truth is, that is probably what happened to many of the wives of our current lay missionaries after their husbands' graduation from evangelism training. According to African culture, the wife's response was probably something like, "Ok, I will get ready." We hope that many of the wives were involved in the decision, but for others, they just got ready to move. For some there were quiet tears on the journey to a remote and primitive area, away from relatives, church friends, and conveniences.

Some have felt alone, depressed, wondering why they are there? Maybe they wondered how it was for other lay missionary wives? Now they know!

Since our dormitories are almost complete, the lay missionaries were able to attend our year end meeting with their wives for the very first time!



Giving out gifts to the missionary wives.

We had 5 days of meetings especially prepared for the wives. Our seminars included topics like, married life, raising children, budgeting, personal evangelism, nurturing new Christians, the role of a missionary wife and Jesus our Saviour. We wanted to help them to feel part of the call themselves. And yes, they needed to talk to other wives and share burdens and joys together. The bonding was wonderful and the meetings proved to be a big

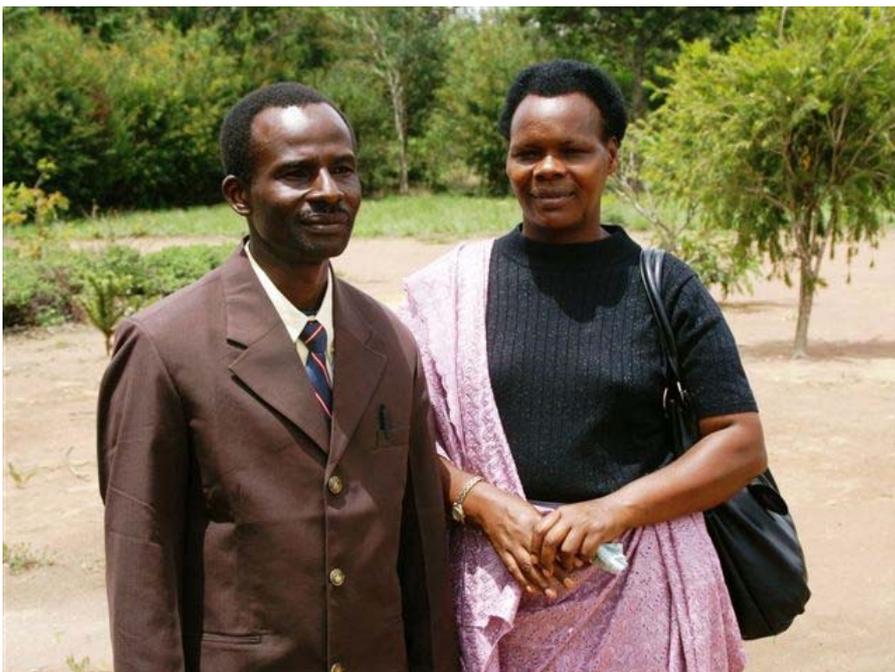
blessing to the 58 attendees-but especially the wives.

Now, they can return to work with a new commitment, knowing they are part of a big team of workers sharing common challenges. They will pray for their fellow missionaries in other areas, knowing that their new friends are praying for them, too.

We are excited about our current team of lay missionaries-now 35 strong after adding 14 this year. Over the past year, there were 13 new churches constructed in these areas and thousands of Bible studies were given. We anticipate many miracles this coming year. They plan to work in 63 villages and baptize about 700 new church members in 2008.

However, none of this would be possible without the support of many new sponsors and the blessings of God. Thank you so much for your financial support that makes it possible for us to send lay missionaries out with a message of hope to these strongholds of Satan.

Farewell to Pastor Mtenzi and family -by Thomas Riederer



We would like to thank Msafiri Mtenzi, his wife Jane and their chil-

dren for the one and a half years they have spent living and working



with us here at Kibidala. Pastor Mtenzi was involved in Evangelism, church constructions and Prison Ministry. Together with our two pilots Jason and Ben the Lay Missionary program has greatly expanded under his leadership.

We are wishing you all the best for your new work in Kisangani.

God bless you!

Kibidula's current project needs

- **New Engine for Mission Airplane: \$28,000**

\$27,680

Still needed

- **Container costs + distribution of religious tracts**

\$5,000

Needed

- **Lay-Missionaries: Goal for 2008**
35 Missionaries / \$70 per month each

\$29,400

Needed

- **School of Evangelism Sponsorship**

Goal for 2008: 20 Students / \$250 each

\$5,000

Needed

- **1000 Bibles in 2007 / \$4.50 each**

74 %	\$1,163
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Received

Still needed

(for 740 Bibles – Thank you!)

- **Building churches in unentered areas**

Goal: 10 churches / \$1,500 each

56 %	\$6,700
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Received

Still needed

(for 6 churches – Thank you!)

- **Kibidula Primary School costs for 2007: \$4,000**

100 %	THANK YOU!!!
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Kibidula is a supportive ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist 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.