

Kibidula News

January - March 2008

School of Evangelism: Students' experiences - by Sylvester Temboh

"We might have missed the road at the 2nd Kibidula sign post. We will do well to go back and look at it again", said Victoria to her husband. "I don't think so. That sign pointed this way as far as I am concerned," the husband replied. "But why then are we still in the forest when the people in Mafinga said Kibidula is not far away?" Victoria insisted.

This discussion was going on between a couple walking on their way to Kibidula to attend the School of Evangelism session. It was getting dark and there was no sign of anybody else travelling on the same road. For the second time the wife reminded her husband that they may have taken the wrong way when the husband said "This road looks like it is in use, we will go where it goes till we reach Kibidula". They had walked for 8 km already and that section of the pine forest is thicker than other parts, allowing less light to penetrate. When the wife was losing heart and wondering what would come next, that's when I happened to pass by with the car, coming

Now as Victoria and Michael are in school they are grateful that what was prepared for them is more than what they anticipated. They had heard about Kibidula, but now they are live witnesses and anxious to get all they can from their studies. ♦

"I will kill you, I will kill you!!" The uncle was shouting at the top of his voice to Regina, the daughter of his late elder brother, for accepting the Advent message. Regina's father had died when she was barely 4 years old and her mother died just a few years later. Regina is the 6th in a family of 9 children. From childhood on she was hard working but her stand in the new found faith was a thorn in the flesh for those who were staying with her. Finally, still in her early teens, she was chased away from home and began a life of wandering. In her wandering her influence was strong on her brothers and sisters who saw something



Students planting not only spiritual seeds.

peculiar in her afflictions and three of them decided to join her faith as well. 8 years later that uncle died and she returned home only to find her cousins manifesting the same spirit as their father. But Regina was comforted by her aunt who was consoling her.

service to others. Now that she is in school, Regina says: "Now I understand why I had to go through all those afflictions. I am learning to see things in a different light. If it was possible I would go back home every day to share what I learn and then come back in the morning to glean some more." ♦

Jotham, another student of the school of Evangelism says, that he is amazed at the consistency the KTC teaching staff has in presenting Biblical principled lessons and he feels sorry that many do not come to study in Kibidula even if they would be given a chance to do so. "When I go back, I will be an agent of KTC in my home area. People must know what they are missing by not coming here." ♦

George reports: "I was told to be careful with the lessons taught here at KTC. I came determined to be careful, but now I am careless with the warning I was given, and I am very careful not to be careless with the Spirit led knowledge. All the arguments I was given have died a natural death and I will go back home to tell them that those were dead arguments. I will return home with Spirit filled arguments in favor of the Gospel." George is the first of our local students who brought with him the skill of playing the piano, which made our classes and worship services vibrant with music of all sorts. ♦

True, each student adds his or her special contribution to our school, though they feel more blessed themselves having been at our school. They are glad to have received the tools to spread the blessings on to other people they will meet.



The students get compost for the newly prepared flower beds.

upon by those who did not like her in the first place. She plays a prominent role in her church and she is a leading figure in evangelistic programs, especially in the door to door witnessing. She had an opportunity to work as a matron in one of the newly opened SDA schools in Arusha when her pastor informed her of a place to study at Kibidula Training Center. She quickly turned down the call of the school in order to go for evangelism training which will help her in what she calls a divine call.

The Reginas are many in our world today. They are looking for opportunities to serve and learn so they can be of better

back from an outreach program with my family and guests. The couple was more than happy to get a ride for the rest of the journey to Kibidula.

Victoria and Michael are the first couple to attend our School of Evangelism and they are two of the 32 students we have in our first session of 2008. They were moved by the spirit to come to school despite not knowing where and for how much longer they would need to walk to get here. This couple reminds me of the value of companionship on our journey to the heavenly home, how we should complement each other as we face challenges along the way.

“Three years are not much” - *by Hosea Mapile*



This is, what the Agricultural students say who will be graduating soon!

"We thought that it would take a long time to finish these three years. But because of our eagerness to learn better techniques in farming and animal keeping, along with the

encouragement from our teachers and group leaders, the end of our training is almost here!

We will be able to use our newly learned skills not only for our own benefit, but also to teach our friends and neighbors."

These are the encouraging results of our teachers and group leaders who provide our youth with good training.

Out of the 16 students who will graduate soon, two students were Adventists when they started the school. Now, 14 of them are baptized and one is ready for baptism!



The students learn how to graft avocado trees.

This good news shows us that God's work is still going forward and we praise Him for His Spirit who influences these young people.

May God bless the teachers, group leaders, and all those who participate in giving counsel to our students.

We thank you for your prayers and your support of the Agricultural School!



The visit at the tree nursery was highly appreciated.

Kibidula's Industry

- *by Barry Mosier*

We are so grateful to God for the generous financial support we receive from our donors. However, we also want to do all we can to support ourselves and lessen the load for our donors.

In recent times, book sales have been our largest industry/ministry to help contribute towards our cost of operating Kibidula. This year we expect to see the book sales increase again. Since we make significant contributions towards the Tanzania Union publishing ministry out of our sales, our profit margins are fairly small. However, by God's grace, there is still something left over to help pay the bills. The most satisfying aspect of the publishing ministry, however are the many souls won to the truth as books go out across Tanzania.

At our recent Board of Directors' meeting in February 2008, we spent time discussing other avenues of self support. The Board clearly hopes that we can

develop other industries that will help to sustain the mission work of Kibidula.

As we look to our strengths here at Kibidula, we cannot ignore trees. We are surrounded by government forests and timber operations. Many varieties of trees love the growing conditions here at Kibidula. The most marketable and well known in this area are Eucalyptus and Pine trees. Most of these trees planted in recent years on Kibidula are currently serving as windbreaks until they reach a harvestable size. We hope to experiment with other varieties in the future as well.

Another very promising variety of tree is the avocado. I can say without reserva-



tion that the avocados we harvest here are among the best I have ever tasted. Large size, small pit, very creamy, and delicious! Doesn't that sound good!!! We currently have 800 grafted avocado trees growing on Kibidula and hope to start harvesting avocados in 2 to 3 years. The market in Tanzania for these premium quality avocados is very good and they will bring good prices. God is good!

Although we can not say we have reached a profit making status for our field crops (maize, beans, vegetables, peanuts), we certainly are growing them to help feed our students on campus and market some off campus. We produce our own cooking oil from our sunflower press. In addition, our ever growing cattle herd reached 66 heads at the end of 2007. We sell the milk and use the neutered males as pulling oxen in the training of our agricultural students. Grass grows well here, so the feed is not expensive.

We thank God for His blessing as we continue to try to support ourselves as much as possible from our own industry.

Primary School News: Vacation Bible School *- by Hanne Lise Vik*

For a long time we were dreaming about doing more outreach with our Primary school, and this year our dreams were turned into action. The



Children singing (the small church is seen in the background)

idea was to do something together with our children, to help them get excited about mission. So on Monday 17 March 2008 we loaded two cars and headed towards the little village of Nyawenzi to stay there for a week.

Our first day was spent setting up the camp and inviting people to the first meeting that afternoon. We were blessed with nice weather and people to help us get organized. Water for 18 people had to be fetched, cooking area organized, bathing area built, and food cooked. There was enough activity to keep us all busy a long time. We were also glad that the Sabbath School building that had been built last year was



Sheep made from balloons.

finished in time for our visit. It was very practical to live there, close to the small church where our meetings were held.

Every morning we went out and helped old and sick people weed their fields, and every afternoon we held a Vacation Bible School for the children in the

village. The theme for the week was "Bible heroes". We wanted to present good role models for the children to form their lives after. In a village full of orphans and bamboo alcohol, good role models are something children and youth really need. They need to be able to see that with solid principles to build on there is more to life than what they experience every day. There was a different Bible character presented each day. The heroes we chose were: Joseph, Daniel, Joshua, Caleb, Job and Dorcas. We used all the Sabbath hours on the ultimate hero: Jesus.

Everyone was involved in different ways. There were stories, song services, health talks, games and crafts to have a variety of ways to influence the children. The programs were fun and exciting for all of us. The children enjoyed learning about how bacteria spread and other things that can help them to stay healthy. Using puppets during the health talks really helped the little ones to pay attention. The church was bustling with activity and happy voices as they made everything from Job as a yarn doll, to balloon sheep, which went along with the story about Joseph. Songs were also an important part of the program, and our theme song was called "Ushinde katika Yesu", or "Victory in Christ." Last but not least, what child does not like to play? To be able to think, it is important to move, so we had lots of fun playing with the children half way through the two-hour afternoon program.

We were very happy to see that as word spread, more and more children started coming. Even some adults dropped by, so at the end of the week the messages had to be aimed both at children and adults. On Sabbath we had a special guest Sabbath with programs all day, and a gigantic meal with enough food for everyone there. I have never seen the church so full. 50 adults and 58 children were counted, and that is a lot for such a small place. The children

were sitting on mats all around the podium. God really blessed the day. It was raining heavily all day in the areas all around us, but we only had two hours in the middle of the day. It happened as we were preaching Jesus' purpose in coming to this world, so it was evident that the devil didn't want this to be heard. Amazingly enough, inside the church it was still possible to hear, even with a tin roof. There was also enough food for everyone and plenty leftover; but God's ultimate blessing was that He touched people's lives. God blessed the close of our week abundantly, and we just hope and pray that the seeds that were planted will grow into many changed lives.

To make everything more exciting, as soon as we said "Amen" in our prayer that evening it started raining and



Hanne Lise tells the children a lively story.

rained steadily all night. Many experienced different degrees of stomach trouble, but can that stop the joy of knowing that we were part of God's work that week?

And the Primary school children? Well, they asked when we would go next



Amy and one of the kids.

time, even before we were home again. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Lay Missionary visitation by air plane - by Watson Kiwovele

The Executive Committee has taken the decision to choose Watson Kiwovele to be the new Lay-missionary coordinator at 50%, along with teaching at the School of Evangelism. Here are the first impressions from his new assignment:

I believe God will teach me how to work in His way. In the book "Evangelism" pages 48-52, I find titles like "Rural workers", "Young workers for hard places", "Married men and women in neglected fields", "Carried by those from large centers", "In the

is difficult and dangerous) we communicate by phone.

I praise God for Kibidula's aviation program. Blessings upon Ben & Jason as our pilots, and for their willingness to work in advancing the kingdom of God.

Thanks to the airplane, it is possible to visit the Lay missionaries more frequently.

My plan is to stay with each of the Lay missionary for a certain time to explore the progress of the work in their areas. Also, I have a question on my mind:

What does God want us to accomplish through Him?

Let us follow the examples Jesus and His disciples gave us in the

gospels of Matthew to John and Acts.

I talked to the Southern Highlands conference President about our programs. He was very happy about them. He wants to visit Kibidula to see some of the missionary areas. The pastor from



Village seen from the air.

Sumbawanga told me that he is ready to baptize people in the Rukwa Valley. "We can look into transportation," he said. I told him that the air plane would be an option. He said "Fine, I am willing to do that after the rain stops." I praise God as I see how he opens doors for his work.

Let us keep in mind what we read in Jeremiah 33:3

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

May the Lord lead this work at Kibidula according to His will and please keep us in your prayers.



Watson and Ben on their way to a remote village.

mountains and valleys", "Missionary families for towns and villages". These topics match perfectly the challenges of our Lay missionaries!

Without delay I started to visit our brothers and sisters! We have 35 Lay missionaries who need visitation. On 19 November 2007 I visited the Rukwa valley. It took three hours flying with our small air plane. There, I met 5 of our Lay missionaries, conducted a four-hour seminar and stayed with them for two days. Later I visited Idodi, Ulete, and M Kang-we, these villages are in the Iringa region. Now, because of the rainy season (when flying



Watson visiting with Lay missionaries and training them.

Unexpected blessings from overseas -by Irma Bauder

Since the last few months of 2007 until now, we have been glad to have guests passing through Kibidula. Some of them stay for a few days, and some decide to stay longer to help us with different tasks.

The parents of Doris Waber and Anita Riederer arrived in November 2007 for a 3-month stay. They came to visit the two families, with a total of nine grand-children! Irmgard and Hans Brunner live in America and they enjoy the different scenery here at Kibidula. Hans loves to spend his time with wood work, and so we were hugely blessed with beautiful kitchen cupboards that he made while here. It is amazing to see how a rough board can



turn into a smooth cabinet door when Hans has worked with it. We appreciated their stay very much and hope to see them again soon!

In December 2007, we had Mark and Jane Alt visiting from Switzerland for



four weeks. Mark had already been here in February 2007, with a Swiss group his father had organized to come. To visit Kibidula twice in the same year proves that Mark got the "African virus". (This is how we tend to call this phenomenon. A very good and friendly virus!) Jane grew up in Africa as a missionary child. She enjoyed being back in a culture that means "home" for her. Even now, back in Switzerland, they think about improving the situation of Kibidula, who they could ask to come to Africa and help. They keep encouraging others to open their hearts for the needs of Africa. Thanks a lot for this dedicated service!

On the very same day in early December that Mark+Jane came, a bright yellow car arrived in Kibidula. We had heard about two young Swiss men touring Eastern Africa, and now they

were here with their unique vehicle! Remo Fischer, a mechanical engineer and Simon Knöpfel, a car body mechanic, came just at the right moment, when we had several cars and other engines needing repair. It is nice to see how God leads people according to HIS schedule! They decided to stay longer and spent two months with us, until their Tanzanian working permit expired. After some more traveling Simon left to Switzerland and Remo is back with us, now preparing for long-term service as a missionary. We are very thankful for all they brought us, not only in terms of technical knowhow, but also their friendship and encouraging spirit!



To all of our guests we would like to extend a warm "Thank You" for staying with us. You were an unexpected blessing from overseas!

And for those, who have not come yet, we say: "Karibu sana!" You are very welcome!

Administrative note: Newsletter sending and receiving

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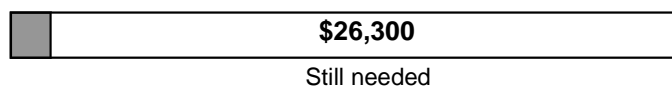
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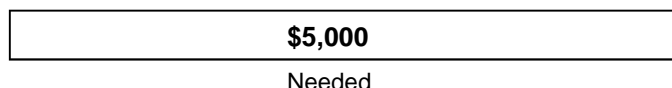
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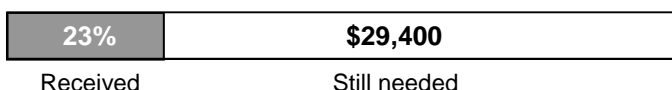
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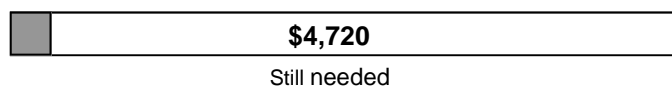


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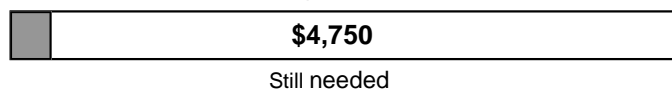


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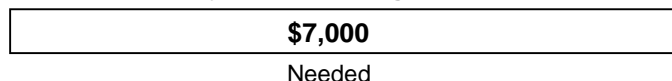
Goal for 2008: 20 Students / \$250 each



- **1000 Bibles in 2008 / \$5 each**



- **Kibidula Primary School running costs for 2008: \$7,000**



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This we accomplish through:

- Education
- Evangelism
- Health- and Community Services.