

# Kibidula News

April - June 2008

## New books in sight - by Irma Bauder

The Book Department of Kibidula is in constant search to improve the availability and quality of the books we help to provide for the colporteurs of Tanzania. Invited by the director of Tanzania Adventist Press (TAP - Mr. Ghuheni Mbwana), Barry Mosier and I travelled



Korean SDA Publishing House.

in March 2008 to South Korea to visit the Adventist Publishing House in Seoul. We were warmly welcomed by our Brethren of the Publishing House and the negotiations about prices and quality of printing were very productive. They were able to give us excellent quotes, so that TAP and Kibidula plan to print several titles of Swahili books with them. It will be a big blessing to produce these books in cooperation and make many different titles again available in Swahili.



President of KPH Mr. Shin and his wife while visiting Tanzania.

The Korean hospitality touched us deeply, and many times we felt overwhelmed in accepting another gift or token of their appreciation for us visiting their Publishing house. We were

impressed to see the machines and facilities with which they work. Thanks to many different branches within the SDA church (mainly the 40 English language schools within Korea with more than 55,000 students) the Korean press is fully operational just for the needs of the church. Other African countries have also started to print with the Korean Publishing House and it is very encouraging to see that cooperation will be possible even though we are many thousand miles apart.

For me, this trip had a unique touch to it. Before I started working with Kibidula two years ago, I was working for ADRA

(Adventist Development and Relief Agency) in North Korea. During that time I never got the chance to see the Southern part of the peninsula. Now, quite unexpectedly, God gave me the chance to travel back to Asia and to see the "other" Korea. Many things in Seoul are obviously very different from North Korea, but I also found similarities, which made me feel almost like I was coming "home".

In May, we got the chance to host the president of the Korean Publishing House and his wife here in Tanzania. Their flight schedule allowed them to stay



Ancient Korean building in Seoul.

for only 24 hours, but we tried to make the most of it. They enjoyed their time in Africa a lot and we



4-color printing machine, often in use 16 hours a day.

wished that we could have had more time to talk and exchange ideas with each other.

We are looking forward to the books arriving in the Dar-es-Salaam harbour, and then carrying the truth to many homes, that otherwise

would not be reached by a pastor or an evangelist.

We are thankful to God for His big blessings and ask you to keep this part of our work in your prayers, so that the Heavenly light can continue to be spread in Tanzania.



Pastor Jang, Irma, Mr. Mbwana (TAP), Barry.

**Blessings** - by Jason Fournier

How does one even begin to tell all the ways that the Lord has blessed? I think I could fill the whole newsletter, but they won't let me, so I'll have to keep it short.

In late February, my family and I traveled to the United States for our furlough which was one year over due. We had not even planned to go as our finances wouldn't allow us, but friends and family pooled their resources and paid our way. How nice it was to see family that we hadn't seen for four years. Thank you to all those who helped us go.

While we were in the United States, we also had the opportunity of "shopping" for farm equipment for Kibidula. The Lord blessed and we were able to fill a forty foot container with several different items - bailer, rake, disc, mower, forage har-

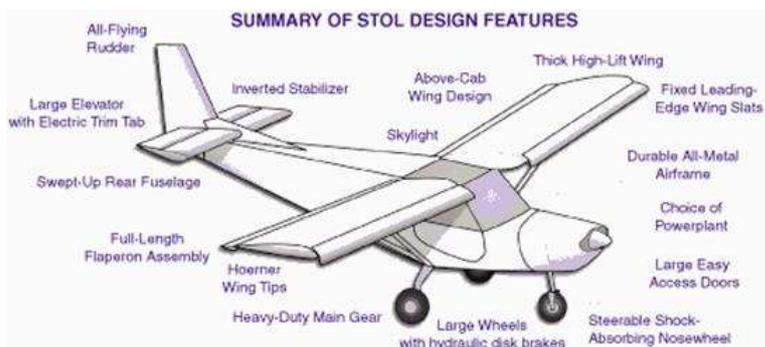


Ben filling our small CH 701 with fuel.

vester, chisel plow, etc. But most exciting of all (to me) was the fact that we were able to purchase an airframe kit for a four-seat aircraft. Yes indeed!

You see, our little two seat aircraft is being stretched beyond its limits with our too long flights that require so much fuel that it doesn't leave enough weight limit to even include one passenger (although we still take him). I've had my eye on the Zenair STOL CH 801 ever since its development began back in the early nineties. So while I was on furlough and as soon as we knew that we would be shipping a container, we agreed that I pursue it.

The kit normally sells for around \$22,000 but when I called the factory, the president there told me he would be willing to sell the kit to us for just \$15,000. What a blessing! Not only that, but OCI had previously sold an old aircraft and had set aside \$15,000 toward the purchase of a new plane for Kibidula. And, that was just the beginning of a series of blessings!



The container should be boarding a ship any day now. We still need to build a hangar that will be big enough to house the new plane, and of course we will have to build the plane itself when the kit arrives. Still needed are the engine, propeller, instruments, paint and all those little items that it takes to make an airplane useful and airworthy.

Please pray for us as we continue to seek to follow the Lord's leading, and may the God bless YOU as YOU choose to become a part of this project through your prayers and support.

PS - One more blessing: By the time you read this, our third child should be born, or just about to be born - so pray for that too, that all goes well.

**Lay Missionary weekend in May 2008** - by Watson Kiwovele

From the 16th to the 21st of May our 34 Lay Missionaries gathered at Kibidula. For these meetings we introduced a new slogan: **Missionary life = Prayer, Reading the Bible, Witnessing!**

It was good to hear testimonies, stories and the work reports of our Lay Missionaries. They testified that God is really on their side, as He promised in Matthew 28:20!

**Answered prayers**

Many of their testimonies were about how God helped people who were seriously sick with malaria, were paralyzed, confused in their mind or demon possessed. Through the prayers that the Lay Missionaries offered God heard and answered them.

One Lay missionary told us the following story: When he was moving to the place that was assigned to him he realized, that many Muslims live in that area. The sheikh (head of a Muslim congregation) was unhappy when he heard, that this Lay Missionary was going to stay and study God's word with the people. The sheikh made a secret plan with his fellow members to cause trouble. At midnight, the missionary got a phone

call, he heard Muslim songs, and then a man said "I am going to visit you this very night!" Then the connection was cut. The Lay Missionary did not know what would happen, he prayed to God in faith that He would protect him. A few minutes later, the Lay Missionary heard the meow of a cat from under his bed - but the doors and windows had been shut tight! Suddenly the bed started to shake violently. He kept on praying, and then

started to preach to the cat and the magic power shaking his bed. After some time it stopped. The sheikh told his fellow members the next morning that this Lay Missionary had extra-ordinary power, more than they have! They stopped visiting him at night. Through evening English classes that the Lay Missionary has initiated, even the sheikh is attending and is very friendly with

the missionary. The sheikh is open for Bible studies, and he is interested to learn how great the God of this Lay Missionary is!

Kibidula's plans for the second part of this year are to establish more Sabbath school branches and to help groups to become



A Lay Missionary preaching in a public meeting.

organized churches. We will be visiting the Lay Missionaries in their places and encouraging them in the work. Their goal for this year is 694 baptisms, they plan to find those souls through door to door work and public meetings.

You are welcome to join us in prayer in order to help these 34 Lay Missionaries. May God bless you!

## The Dominating Motive - by Edgar Emily

"I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world." – Life sketches, p. 125 by Ellen White

Here at Kibidula, we are perceiving this kind of blessing spoken about. We are spreading tracts over most of Tanzania. Not only Tanzania, but we also receive letters from Kenya, Northern Zambia, Congo and Malawi. I thank God for the idea of having our address on the back of our tracts.

In May 2005 we got a long letter from a man from Dar-es-Salaam. He is one of thousands who received at least one of the tracts that were widely distributed. His main concern was about the "State of the dead". His letter was long and complicated and had some insults towards the Seventh-day Adventist church. It took me one week to answer the let-

ter. I always pray when answering letters and I ask the Holy Spirit what to write.

I praise the Lord, because on the 24th of May this year, three years after the first letter, we got another letter from this same man. The second letter was completely different from the previous one. To make a long story short: This man has since the first letter accepted Jesus and gotten baptized into the SDA church!

These precious tracts have been out of print for some months now and we are glad that Light Bearers Ministries in America is willing to donate a container full of those tracts to us! They are currently working on a new layout for the



The 15-part Bible study series will soon be available again.

15-part Bible study series. These tracts are highly appreciated by church members, lay missionaries and pastors alike, and their arrival is eagerly expected.

God is doing miracles through these little printed papers. Thanks to all who are contributing their efforts and means to assure that the materials are available, to make the work go forward. God bless you.

## A call for a medical missionary doctor - by Thomas Riederer

In May I attended the OCI retreat in Prague. At an evening presentation, a friend of mine gave a slide presentation on his mission project. When a young nurse pulling teeth in a far away country appeared on the screen, the presenter said in front of the whole audience: "Doctor Riederer, see?" I was puzzled to hear my name and to be referred to as "Doctor". In this group I am usually called by my first name, especially by my friends. I guess he just wanted to point out that you don't have to be a trained dentist to pull teeth.

Obviously God is enabling the called and has a much harder time to call the able. It seems that education makes us unfit or rather unwilling to work for God. It is so hard to find someone with the right training and right spirit to serve here in the bush! Yet government regulations in most places ask for qualified personnel. For a place where misery abounds and people

die of AIDS it is hard to motivate skilled and experienced people to lend their time and talents unless the pay was great or at least the prestige gained would recompense



A formerly malnourished child is doing much better now.

for their sacrifice. For years now we have struggled to find a medical doctor to join our Kibidula team. Unfortunately dentists pulling teeth, doctors attending patients or mid-wives delivering babies don't enter

the ranks of the heroes. They are just doing what they are trained to do. Often they are under pressure by their peers, relatives or friends to cut their assignment short and return home. Who wants to lose his career or money making opportunity? Have we lost the vision of medical missionary work? In earlier years the church established missionary colleges to train medical missionaries. Today these schools have disappeared or have changed their names and purposes. Elder Frazee, a pioneer in self-supporting work, described this shift in the Adventist medical venture as a change from medical missionary work to the more lucrative medical mercenary work.

I believe that despite of these facts, God can still do a miracle and send us a medical doctor with the spirit of a real medical missionary.

Is He by chance calling you?

## A big Thank you to our student missionaries Chris and Amy - by Hanne Lise Vik

In May we said "Goodbye" to our two student missionaries, Chris and Amy Armstrong. They had been with us for nine months, and when they left they also left an empty spot here. That sounds sad... but wait, now it's time to talk about all the happy memories :-)

We are very thankful for all the work that they both did, but also for all the good times we had together.

Chris put in many hours both in construction and in teaching the older staff children. I vividly remember tales about biology classes where they dissected a dead monkey and smelly boxes with things growing in them. Chris also learned Swahili really well, and rode his bicycle all over the place visiting friends and churches around Kibidula. He won many hearts by his friendly smile and ability to communicate with the people in their own language.

Amy spent a lot of time with us at the Primary School. She taught science, math and mission history there, and her positive outlook and love for children was a

real blessing to everyone around her. One of the highlights of the school year was when we took the whole school for a one-week camp and Vacation Bible School. Amy was in charge of the crafts and her creativity resulted in many smiles and shining eyes.

After she had gone back home there was a sweet incident at school that showed how she has a place in all our hearts. We were going to have prayer and I asked if anyone was missing, to see if we should wait. "Yes," one of the kids answered, "we are missing Ms. Armstrong."

I could mention other things too, like fun evenings around the campfire making snake-bread, going on hikes or bicycle



Chris and Amy Armstrong are back in America now.

rides out in the bush to visit people, and canoeing on the swamp. I think that the most important thing is that they came to serve the Lord and be a blessing to the people around them, and this they accomplished!

Thank you for the time you were here, and we pray that God will continue to lead and bless your lives.

## A Thank You, A Goodbye - by Amy Armstrong

My brother and I have been student missionaries at Kibidula and we came with the idea that we would be helpful in spreading the gospel, but I don't think we had any idea of what would come to us in return. Chris and I have been blessed abundantly.

Many people asked us there and here, "Was it hard to adjust to a different lifestyle?" Our answer was always "No." It is exciting and fun to learn new skills and to try to live differently than you're used to. We learned skills that we never really had to learn at home, but they are actually quite beneficial to our lives. We learned how to cook with very basic ingredients, more about gardening, more about ways to present the gospel, and how to be in charge of things, even at the last minute. Chris and I enjoyed the lifestyle there so much; we are trying to keep some of it up at home. For example, we actually rode our bicycles to the grocery store.



Chris, Hanne Lise, Amy, Jetro

at Kibidula gave me time to focus on my relationship with God. It let me realize a few things I was still withholding from God and gave me the strength to dedicate them to Him. God has led both Chris and I to commit ourselves to mission work through our experience at Kibidula.

God also blessed us with a family in Africa. The people working at Kibidula and around Kibidula have taken us in. I know that if I ever went back, I'd still be a part of the family. The children at the Iva Werner Primary School all became my children. The people we lived with, Hanne Lise and Jetro, became our sister and brother. The rest of the families let us become an extension of their own.

God is working through Kibidula. Not only are they changing the lives of the native Tanzanians, they are changing the lives of everyone who passes through. I want to thank God for the best year of my life, and Kibidula for allowing God to work through them to make it that way.

We got way more than we gave, but it's always that way with missions. People just can't see it.

## Graduation Agricultural School 2008 -by Jean-Luc Waber

The 10th of June 2008 was a long awaited day – graduation for 16 students of Kibidula's second Agricultural training session. The graduates appeared in newly tailored suits and with happy faces. It was one of the most important days of their lives. It is an accomplishment for these young people to finish a three-year training with a lot of hard field work. Most youth would prefer to sit in class all the time.



16 graduates of the Agricultural School with Jean-Luc.

But we believe and teach the students, that a combination of practical work and study is equipping them for real life. So all were glad to witness the accomplishment of these young people. I had never dreamed that the school would be too small, but the

300 people who came for the graduation day had to squeeze hard to fit in the decorated cafeteria.

Last November these students were able to do an official trade test with the Vocational Training Authority of Tanzania. We were happy to see that all but one passed these exams. The second level test was done in May of this year and they are expecting to do

also the final level in November 2008.

Normally, students are happy to finish a training, but we felt on graduation day a sadness in most of them, that their time at Kibidula was over and they had to move on. It has been for

many of them a special time in their lives, to be in an environment with caring people who trained them not only for knowledge and skills, but for character development. Almost all of them have also made a decision to follow Jesus in their lives.



The Agricultural Training program has shown to be a positive influence in the local community. Village leaders came to the graduation and presented their appreciation. Former students are demonstrating in their villages that by applying what they learned in Kibidula God is blessing their effort and giving them success.

We are thankful for the sponsorship of REACH Switzerland and some individuals. Soon the new model farm units will be finished. The students of the first and second year are looking forward to moving in and starting to work in their new fields and gardens in August. Again there will be many challenges in this new phase of the training, but challenges give us the opportunity to learn and grow. Thank you for your prayers and support!

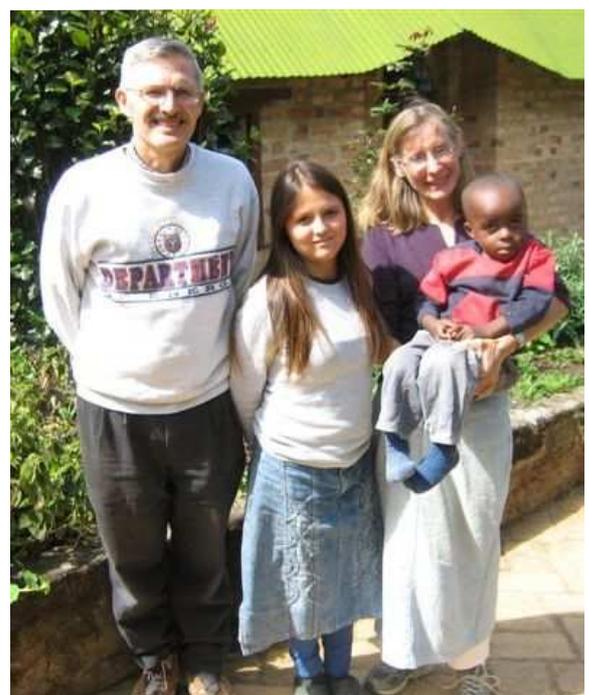
## God carries through an airplane crash

On the 15th of April, 2008 Barry Mosier, Marybeth and their younger children April and Andrew were victims of an airplane crash in Goma. The airplane was just about to take off, when the front tire blew out. The airplane crashed into a busy marketplace, causing a great inferno and many casualties among the people in the market. Most passengers of the airplane were able to get out of the wreckage – including the whole Mosier family! We were so glad and thankful when we finally got the confirmation that they all were alive.

Barry wrote in an e-mail a few days later: "We continue to thank God for his great mercy and goodness to us. Three days ago, we went back to see the wreckage of the crash. There was a little bit of the cabin left in front, some of the tail, and the tips of the

wings. The rest was burned to ashes. People were scavenging the ashes for anything of value. We had thought maybe there would be something left of our luggage. We didn't even bother to get out of the car to look. Nothing but smoldering ashes. The main thought in my mind was that I should be in those ashes with my family - except for God's grace to us. Instead, we are alive and will continue to serve our gracious God and sing praises to His name."

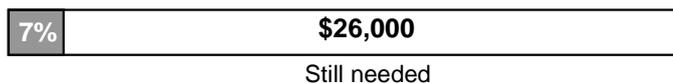
Thank you for your continuous prayers for the safety of those travelling. It is comforting to know, that we are protected in God's hands!



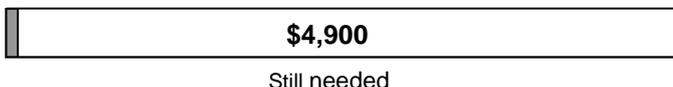
Mosier family praises God for His mercy.

## Kibidula's current project needs

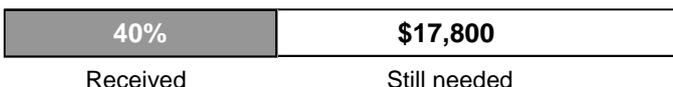
- **New Engine for Mission Airplane: \$28,000**



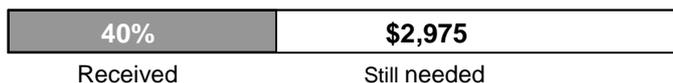
- **Container costs + distribution of tracts: \$5,000**



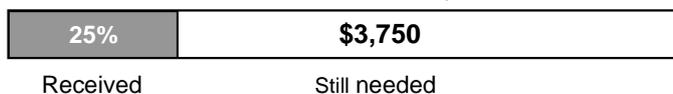
- **Lay-Missionaries: Goal for 2008**  
35 Missionaries / \$70 per month each: \$29,400



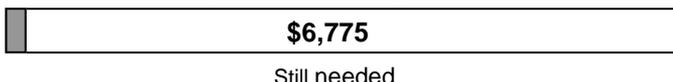
- **School of Evangelism Sponsorship**  
Goal for 2008: 20 Students / \$250 each: \$5,000



- **1000 Bibles in 2008 / \$5 each: \$5,000**



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



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Thank you very much for your assistance!

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- **Medical Doctor**
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- **Administrative Secretary**
- **Farm Manager**
- **Elementary School teacher**



*If you are interested in working at Kibidula please contact us via e-mail, and we can give you more detailed information regarding these Service Opportunities.*