

Kibidula News

May — August 2009



Vacation Bible School

by Hanne Lise Vik

The school year is slipping by quickly. We are enjoying a peaceful school year. The children are growing in character and knowledge, and we feel grateful to God for blessing our school through the children that are here.

We have just come back from a



one-week camp with grades one through three. This was a fun experience. We got to know our students better, and grow closer to them. We went to a village called Iditima, not far from Kibidula. Here we set up camp behind the church. We made tents from tarps and grass, cooked on an open fire, and swam and fetched our water in the river. Iditima is a branch of a bigger church in the village of Bumilayinga. Therefore we did our camp in cooperation with them. Six of their church members came to help us, and this was a big blessing! Every day we would go to visit people and have meetings in the afternoon.

The focus was Jesus; who He is, and how we can know Him personally. It was heart warming to see the children respond to the stories. After the story of Jesus teaching the Sermon on the Mount, I tucked one of the little boys into bed and he said, "If the others say something I don't like, I won't go and hit them". This was a big thing for that specific little boy to say. So I praise God for the glimpses we get of His working in the hearts of the little ones.

On Sabbath there was a Guest Sabbath with many visitors and lots of good food. Mr. Temboh from the Evangelism school came and preached about Jesus our Friend. In the afternoon we talked about Jesus as King in heaven. Everyone received crowns with Jesus stickers. All those shining happy faces under the crowns were a beautiful sight. A little glimpse of heaven I would say. We pray that seeds were planted in the hearts of our children, but also in the hearts of the people of Iditima that can ripen and bear fruit. Later this year the church will



have a week of meetings and visitation in this village. We believe that God will raise up for Himself a people there too.

We have also been blessed by having Krystal Barton help us at the school for nine months. She is a



student missionary from Southern Adventist University, and is about to go home to continue her studies. Her positive and easy-going attitude has really been an encouragement to all of us. The children have been enjoying Sabbath afternoon outings with her, math classes and the tutoring she has given some of them. It was a happy day when I checked on a student that had been tutored by Krystal. His reading skills were remarkably better, even though she does not speak Swahili. So we thank God for sending her here this year, and Krystal for coming here and making a difference. ♦



Lay Missionary Revival Meeting

by Watson Kiwovele

End of May 2009 was a special time here in Kibidula to meet our fellow workers in the vineyard of God. We devoted this weekend for revival to our 32 Lay Missionaries.

These Lay Missionaries are working in remote areas and they are planting churches under difficult circumstances. Some have moved to far away villages as a family, sometimes with 4 or more children. For some of them it is difficult to find schools for their children, there is no field prepared to plant corn (the staple food for most areas), or even a garden for vegetables. So when they move there everything has to be started from scratch. But we thank God for them because they are not discouraged they know who has called them.

During this weekend we had time to hear different testimonies where we witnessed the mighty hand of God leading them. Also, each one gave a six-months-report of his work accomplished in the area he is assigned to work. In these reports we were affirmed that God has been answering the prayer of the Lay

Missionaries and us here in Kibidula, as we are praying for them according to the prayer schedule we have. At the same time we got an understanding of what is going on in the area of their work.

We had classes for revival with the following headings: Righteousness by faith, Communication, Come rest awhile (see the book "Desire of Ages" page 359), Public preaching, Forgiveness, Are you honest, faithful and true to your God? These were special messages given to them as we wanted to encourage them for their work. Some Lay Missionaries came to express themselves repenting, affirming to restart with God.

Our motto was:

Do you know who sent you?

God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!

So, move forward.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

We expect to meet our Lay Missionaries again at the end of December 2009 at combined meetings with the Southern Highlands Conference. In this work



Preparing bricks for a new church building

what is needed most is: Prayers, Words of encouragement, Educating and Instructions. We all need to learn to depend on God who said "I am with you till the end of the time."

From the financial side we are very grateful for all the faithful donations we get from our sponsors. But we noticed that the monthly contribution for a Lay Missionary of \$70 is not covering the costs anymore. Also here in Tanzania, as everywhere else, costs have gone up dramatically in the last two years. In 2008, the cost for a Lay Missionary was \$80 per month, and we expect this amount to increase to at least \$90 per month in 2009. We therefore kindly ask our donors, those who see the possibility to do so, to help us covering the full costs of a Lay missionary also in 2009. We would like to encourage new donors, who want to be a link for the spreading of the Gospel in Tanzania, to consider sponsoring one or several of our Lay Missionaries.

Asante sana! (Thank you very much!) ♦



The Jacksoni Family works in a very remote area

My Walk with Jesus ~ by Markus Assmann

I am Markus from Germany. Over 15 years ago I was a navy soldier in the former Yugoslavian war on a NATO warship. At this time I was a tough soldier. I drank much alcohol and wanted to know nothing about the faith in God. After my navy time, I finished my educational EMT- basic (Emergency Medical Technician) training and was confronted with death and sorrow. This got me thinking about questions relating to the meaning of life. What I didn't know was that my mother had started praying that I would find Jesus. I started to read the Bible, and go to church, and I found many answers to my questions.

When I decided to follow Jesus, He completely changed my life, step by step, and I was baptized. Jesus worked on me for a long time until I gave up many bad habits and character traits. I am very grateful to Him that despite the faults in my life, He has had patience with me and I can always come closer to Him. He is steering and molding my life, so I can serve others more.

Particularly in the last few years, I let God lead me in my choices,



professionally and personally. Thus began many unbelievable adventures with Jesus.

I completed further education in my profession as a master craftsman mechanic some years ago. With friends from the SDA church I built a clinic in Zimbabwe and lived there for over a year experiencing mission life in Africa. At this time I had a serious accident at work and also lost everything in a robbery. But God

saved my life. God moved my heart while working with the patients at the clinic. I became aware of how many people need our help in this world. So I decided to complete my education as an EMT-intermediate level.

Jesus has given me so much love. With a grateful heart I am pleased to serve Him with my abilities at Kibidula Farm. I feel called by Him. The scene from Luke 7 in verses 36-50 has special meaning for me. Jesus gives us His pardon and mercy so we can then pass these same gifts to others out of thankfulness. May my life be a living testimony of what Christ has done for me.

I am now working as a mechanic at Kibidula Farm Institute and am responsible for all mechanical maintenance. I would be pleased to be able to use my EMT education for the people in Tanzania in the near future. At Kibidula I have received a very warm welcome, and I am curious to see what experiences with Jesus I will have in the future. ♦

Service Opportunities

Kibidula is looking for:

- **Medical Doctor**
- **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.



A Special Place in my Heart

by Krystal Barton, Student Missionary 2008-2009

Nine months ago when I first arrived here at Kibidula, June looked far away. Now as I am busy packing and saying good byes I wonder where all that time went. These past months have been such a blessing, as I have grown to know God better, been stretched to cross my comfort zone, and have realized the importance of living in Christ's example as best I can (people are always watching). I have been helping teach at the primary school, and I have learned so much this year. I can only hope I have taught the students as much as they have taught me. I am so thankful for each of the teachers at the school! I have

learned so much from each one of them. Also, aside from the teaching, I have been able to visit many different villages, either by hiking or participating in a couple of outreach efforts. I have greatly enjoyed my time here in Tanzania, and will forever have a special place in my heart for each of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

«But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, Therefore, my beloved brethren be steadfast immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. Knowing that you labor is not in vain in the Lord.»
(1 Cor. 15:57,58) ♦

Kibidula's current project needs

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

100% **Thank you!**

Received

- Container clearing + distribution costs for Swahili Bible Study Guides: \$5,000

10%

Received

\$4,480 still needed

- Lay-Missionaries: Goal for 2009
35 Missionaries / \$90 per month each: \$37,800

31%

Received

\$26,070 still needed

- School of Evangelism Sponsorship
Goal for 2009: 20 Students / \$250 each: \$5,000

44%

Received

\$ 2,820 still needed

- Prison Ministry costs for 2009: \$2,000

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- Kibidula Primary School costs for 2009: \$8,200

4%

Received \$ 7,820 still needed (Sorry, the figure in the last issue was incorrect)



Agricultural Training – Update – *by Jean-Luc Waber*

The Agricultural Training Center completed its first

year with the students living in the three educational farm units. It was a challenge for many of these young people to do all the chores — like cooking, especially for the boys. But after a year we can say that they met the challenge well.

We are especially thankful for the help of our group leaders who live together with the students. We also had the privilege of having a Student Missionary from America and a young teacher from Europe living in two of the units. This helps create close relationships between the cultures.

It was nice to have the different groups of students invite me and also others to eat at their unit. They prepared and served the best food and we enjoyed their company.

In June eight young people graduated. Early in August, 15 new students arrived. Together with their more experienced fellow students, they started harvesting the maize crop from the former season. It looks like it will be the best crop ever. We hope that every student will see the benefits of applying good farming methods and work principles.

Every morning all the students and their group leaders meet to study the

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Thank you very much for your help!



Sewing class

Bible and worship together. Many of our Agricultural Students have not made a decision to follow Jesus yet, so this helps them to learn from God's word.

The newest addition to our program is a tailoring class for the girls in their third year.

They started sewing by hand and will soon be trained to use machines. We are eager to see the results of their work — I am sure it will be colorful and beautiful. ♦

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