

Kibidula News

January - March 2011

Ready for Take-off Once Again

by Hanne Lise Vik

Let's imagine that people were standing in line to know Jesus. "Please, let me get to know Jesus," they would be saying. "Oh, just give me this one chance to know Him!" Wouldn't that be something? If we all understood what's best for us, we would all be crowding to get to know Him or get to know Him better than we do now. Jesus says, "Come to me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What a promise!

Our school doesn't have the capacity to receive all the children who apply. People like what they see, but this would not be possible with the student numbers our neighboring public schools have. At the end of last year we had the difficult task of selecting our new students. It is not easy to say no, when they all say "Please, give my child this chance!" Public schools in our area are challenged with few teachers and many students, so a lot of parents see that it is better for their children to go to a smaller school. I know that the main reason people come to our school

is that they hope for good academic results for their children, and a bright future. On the other hand, I also know that God will use our school to reach the hearts of these children so they can know Him and have a place in His kingdom. Then they can share Him with their friends, and it can be passed on and on.

Many encouragements came our way last year, and as we look back at them this new year has a bright hopeful gleam. A brand new building is smiling at us. Two rooms are currently being used. People



Kindergarden class in front of the new school building

generously supported our school financially as well. The children who sat for exams last year did very well, and many noticed the school because of this. Our music teacher decided to stay another year, and I could go on and on.

A new school year is always exciting, with a lot of new opportunities and unexplored possibilities. I pray that this will be a good year, even better than the last.

Health Expo — The Wedge

by Sylvester Temboh

When L.I.G.H.T. field director, Rodney Bowes, was sharing with me about health evangelism via email, I had little understanding as

to the force behind this message. He told me I would definitely fall in love with this program. As mentioned in our last newsletter Wildwood's L.I.G.H.T. instructors devoted their time and energy

to communicating this life saving message in January to our students in the school of evangelism. The last week of January we had our first experience conducting a health expo in Mafinga, of course under Rodney's supervision.

Two weeks later, after the L.I.G.H.T. team left, the school did another expo at the Kibidula church where over 90 people participated. This experience encouraged us so much, that we did other health expos in the nearby villages of Matanana and Bumilayinga. We did not expect such a positive reception. Many

Visitors at a Health Expo



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1580 Meters of Books!

by Irma Bauder

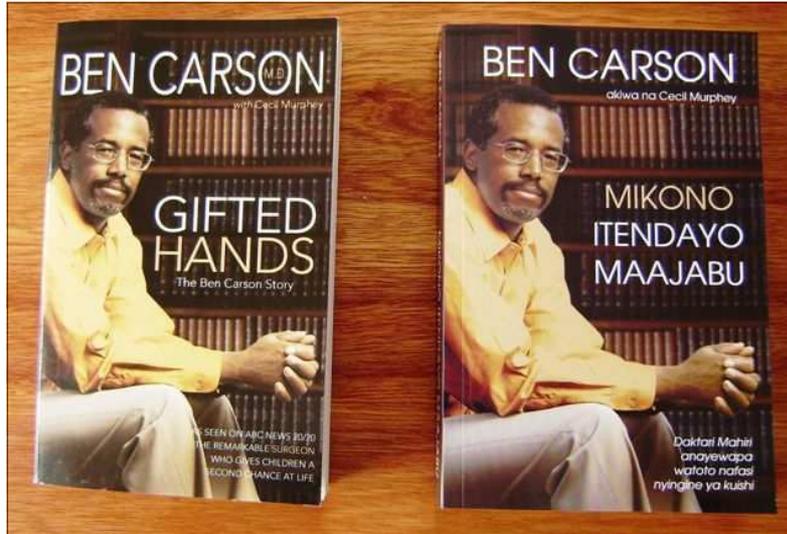
Looking back on the year 2010, I see many miracles that God has worked for the publishing work of Kibidula. Being an accountant, I like to play with numbers, so I would like to give you an illustration: all the books that Kibidula printed in 2010, stacked on top of each other, would amount to 1580 meters (5184 feet)!

Let me give you some more details:

a) We launched three new books in Swahili, translated from English originals:

- **The Called, the Chosen**, (in cooperation with Review & Herald) explaining about the history of the SDA church

- **God's Message for Africa**, explaining the Biblical doctrines based on an African background



- **Gifted Hands**, the first book by Ben Carson, the famous American SDA neurosurgeon.

b) Our sales increased to 142,000 books sold in 2010, from 56,400 in 2009!

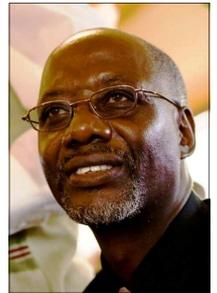
c) We were able to purchase a piece of land in the vicinity of Dar-es-Salaam to allow our stock manager to live on the same premises with the containers holding the books.

Farewell to Reuben Kingamkono

In January 2011, our translator and editor, Reuben Kingamkono, was called by the *Tanzania Adventist Publishing House* to serve as their chief editor. We saw the urgent need the church had in that line, but it was not easy to let him go, as we are losing an important staff member, not only for the book

department, but also in other lines where Reuben was of big help.

We wish him God's blessings in his new task and that the cooperation will continue as he is serving our partner publishing entity here in Tanzania.



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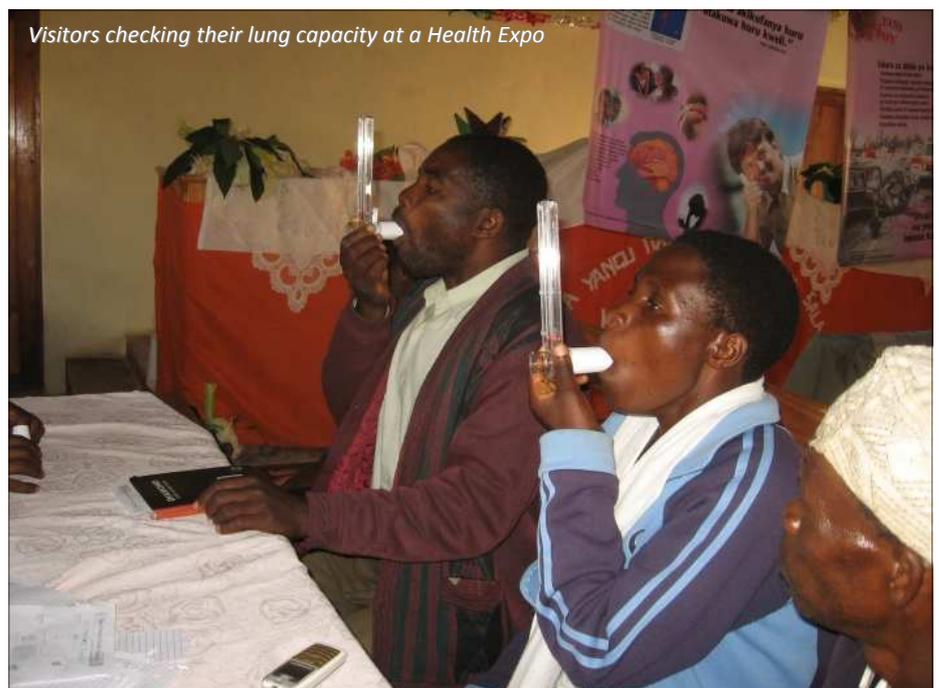
people turned up, and the opportunity to counsel and uplift down trodden souls to Christ became a reality to some students as never before.

News of this program has traveled far, and people are making enquiries if this program can be taken to where they are. Blessed by this heavenly inspired message, the people of God have no reason why they cannot be effective in their calling. As a people, we need to get back to our God for more instructions and directives as to how we should do His work. The glory must be His because the call is His. If we are faithful and do our part sincerely, He will bring to fruition all that we have done with Him.

We look forward to investing our

time and energy in seeing this program succeed. Thank you Rodney and the *L.I.G.H.T.* team.

You all are welcome to join us again in the future.



One-Day-School Project in Zimbabwe

by Antionette Fournier

In August 2010, Jason was asked to help build churches in the country of Zimbabwe as part of the *Maranatha/ASI* school building project in Victoria Falls, January 2011.

We arrived in Victoria Falls on January 10, at 2 o'clock Monday morning. We were very tired and it took us quite a while to find some lodging at that time of the morning. We eventually found a place, and the next morning we set off to locate the hotel where the volunteers would reside during the three week mission trip.

When we found the lodge our girls were delighted! It was situated in a national park, right on the bank of the Zambezi River. There were 'Beware of Crocodiles' signs on the lawn by the river and we regularly saw warthogs digging for delicacies on the lawn by the swimming pool. We often had to chase off

monkeys to save the food on our plates and some volunteers had big, and very unwelcome, baboons grabbing whatever they could from their bedrooms! At the construction site they killed some highly venomous snakes and it wasn't uncommon to find the markers for the buildings trampled on, or moved, by elephants wandering through the area in the night. Hard to imagine because the larger school campus was situated right in a residential area!

It was a nice experience to meet many new people and to meet up with old friends and fellow missionaries from the country of Zambia. Getting a glimpse of the scope of Maranatha's work in the world caused us to be filled with

happiness and gratitude to be a part of this Advent movement at this particular and significant time of earth's history. Jason, along with his team of Zambian and Zimbabwean volunteers, was out every day all day, except Sabbaths, building 8 bush churches. What a blessing to be able to play a part in putting up churches, so that believers no longer have to worship under the trees.

Mark Finley joined us towards the end of the mission trip, and he conducted a one week series of meetings for all the residents living in the immediate area surrounding the larger school campus. It was very well attended despite the

The new One-Day-School campus in Zimbabwe



Jason, Antionette and their three girls

rain. During our stay in Victoria Falls we were given a slot of time to share with the volunteers about Kibidula and our mission here in Tanzania.

All too soon the three weeks came to an end, and after an inauguration ceremony for the school campuses, it was time to pack up and say goodbye and head back to Tanzania. We left behind 8 bush churches, 2 pre-primary schools, 1 primary school, 1 secondary school, 2 campus churches, and many happy Adventist believers.

We thank the Lord for this project. It has been a blessing to so many!

Please log on to www.onedaychurch.org and www.maranatha.org to learn more about the type of schools and churches that were built in Victoria Falls.

A New Director

by Jean-Luc Waber

During our board meeting in March Jason Fournier was elected Kibidula's new Executive Director. He is not new to our team. We wish him God's help and wisdom in his new responsibility.



Sylvester Temboh takes Jason's former position of Executive Secretary. Thomas Riederer, who

has served as Kibidula's Director for the past twelve years, has led Kibidula to become the institution known today, with all the different ministries and departments. We are glad that he will continue to serve Kibidula.

As several staff members have announced their departure towards the end of this year, we ask that you might consider one of the service opportunities mentioned on the last page of this newsletter.

Service Opportunities

Kibidula is looking for:

- Administrative Secretary
- Accountant
- Elementary School teacher
- Maintenance Person

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

The Lord needs YOU in His vineyard!



REACH Switzerland is a permanent sponsor of Kibidula, supporting students of the Agricultural Training Center.

Kibidula's current project needs

(Donations received until March 2011)

Evangelism — Outreach Programs: \$5,000

0% received	\$ 5,000 still needed
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School of Evangelism — Running costs per year \$ 9,500

2% received	\$ 9,310 still needed
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Prison Ministries: \$2,000

0% received	\$ 2,000 still needed
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Support of 35 Lay Missionaries with \$90 monthly: \$37,800

17% received	\$ 31,330 still needed
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Water Supply for Kibidula Primary School: \$7,500

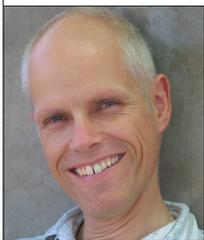
68% received	\$ 2,375 still needed
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Clearing costs for Swahili Bible Study Guides: \$8,500

0%	\$ 8,500 still needed
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Sheep and Shepherds

by Thomas Riederer



Over the last year there has been a slow but steady change at Kibidula. With the start of the sheep project, we have hired

several Masai from far away and they have helped us to grow our sheep operation from initially 10 sheep to now more than 800. In the last 3 months there were over 60 new lambs born. The exposure to sheep is something many people are correlating with bad smell, noise or obnoxious flies but for me it has become a great new experience. I believe that if we all were shepherds, we would be able to gain many valuable insights in God's plan for us and in His plan of



redemption. So whenever you get a chance to get away from behind your computer, try to spend some time in a pasture with a herd of

sheep. Your Bible certainly will become more understandable to you, and the history of redemption more vivid in your mind. Try it!

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Apison, TN 37302, USA

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Thank you very much for your help!

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