

Kibidula NEWS

Director's Report - By Jason Fournier

On February 26, 2012 we had our annual General Board Meeting of Members and Directors at Kibidula. I would like to share an excerpt of my Director's Report as many of you have had a burden for the work here during 2011 and continue to show interest and invest means to help us succeed.

"For Kibidula, the year 2011 is notable mainly for the fact that there was a change of directorship from Thomas Riederer to Jason Fournier with Thomas staying on as Farm Manager. Although Kibidula and its people are very familiar to me, my inexperience with the role of director has presented me with a variety of challenges. I am thankful to my staff for their support as I try to find my way along and also for their patience with me as I struggle through the challenges that come up.

Blessings: While the Publishing department has gone through some major changes which could easily have threatened the profitability of the department, God has blessed yet again and while large numbers of books are going out and preaching the gospel, we have also been able to support some of our endeavors on the income. We have noticed a decrease in fire risk as the sheep increase their grazing of Kibidula as well as the fact that villagers are under increased pressure each year to stop random burning.

During the 2011 year we worked with LIGHT to educate our Lay-Missionaries as well as Evangelism students in the Adventist Health Message as well as using simple treatments and natural remedies. Because of our understanding that the Three Angels Messages go hand in hand with the Health Message and that the health work is the right arm of the gospel, we have taken on a new staff family from the USA (Doug, Tamara and Joshua Schoch) to head up our health education as we look into ways to meet the health needs of our community and beyond through Adventist health principles.

With the help of ADRA Austria, we have begun building a campus hall. We were approved by ASI international for a grant of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new tractor which has since been purchased and received.

The One Day Church program has proven to be worthwhile in several ways. While it meets a real need for rural congregations, it helps Kibidula keep a strong relationship with the church community and leadership and the left over project money has also been a real help in supporting our outreach and campus activities.

Challenges: Kibidula is still largely dependent on donations to keep our programs in operation. While the School of Agriculture and the

Primary School have steady donors who provide ongoing support, all of our other programs plus administration are dependent on the various donations coming in and what income we can generate through the publishing work. It is my goal to find a new income generator for Kibidula that can carry the administration load as well as assist with our outreach endeavors. I believe that avocados hold potential for future income generation and I have been attempting to educate myself more in this area while putting together a plan for implementing the idea.

Conclusion: As we face our challenges, we have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget the way the Lord has lead Kibidula in the past. With that in mind, we are moving forward with confidence to find solutions to the challenges we face as we seek God's blessing and indication on how to move forward.



Jason Fournier - Building a church

A Heavenly Education... - By Heri Haonga

Where can one go to attain a heavenly education? My personal opinion is that the Kibidula School of Evangelism is an excellent place to start. This school is very special to me and students that enroll here will find that there are many blessings awaiting those who are ready to do God's work. Students can enroll regardless of their educational status because true education is found only in Jesus. The school is run according to Bible and S.O.P. principles, and unlike other colleges, its operation is not based on worldly standards and the theories and ideologies of educated people. Furthermore, the cost of attaining an education at the school is much more affordable

when compared to other colleges. This shows me that the school is a ministry that is designed to prepare people of all classes to proclaim the gospel of Jesus and to prepare them for His kingdom. I would like to thank the people at Kibidula who were lead by God to establish this good ministry of preparing people to do God's work. I have been taught to be focused and to set goals when working for God. The services rendered and the lessons taught by the school have afforded hundreds of people the opportunity to meet Jesus. I am grateful for the many plans and strategies that I have been shown on how to make the gospel accessible to people wherever they

may be. These evangelistic efforts helps people to get to know God and to live according to His will. I want to encourage the staff of the school to carry on with the good work that you are doing. Do not be discouraged for you are doing God's work! May you continue to develop programs that will uplift Jesus Christ who is the Lord and Savior of our lives. Amen



Heri Haonga

Muslim Meetings - By Gidion Sanga

Muslims make up 95% of the population in the area where I am living. This makes the work of preaching very hard because they don't believe in Jesus, the Trinity and even some of the books of the



Gidion Sanga

Bible, especially the epistles of Paul. It came to pass one day that they decided to hold a public meeting and that their message would be that Jesus in not God and that there is no Trinity. People were taught not to believe anybody who said the opposite. Fortunately, I attended their meeting to hear how they approached people with their teachings.

After the meeting I talked to my wife on our way home. We encouraged each other that the best way to reach the people would be to prepare texts from the Bible that explains that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. The second day I went to meet their leader and asked permission to present to

them my opinions concerning Jesus. They granted me almost three hours. People were listening and seeing the truth from the Bible. At the end, the Sheikh said that the people were free to choose to follow Christianity or Islam, and the people agreed that Jesus is the Son of God. By doing that, the minds of many people were opened to receive the gospel and since then I have been presenting more Bible classes than ever before.

I kindly request that you will pray for the work that is continuing in Namtumbo area.

Streams of Living water to the Primary School - By Hanne-Lise Vic

Teachers at the primary school have felt a need to improve the water situation at the school. In the rainy season the need was not so strong, but during the long dry months of the year the school is a dry, windy place. The water tank would regularly run dry, and we would haul water from the nearest pump. We tried to have a school garden all year round, but it was too much water to carry. Instead we had to focus on drinking water and basic hygiene. As you can imagine, a better water supply was high up on the wish list. The water is present here at Kibidula, the problem was just to get enough of it pumped up to the school.

Therefore when friends of the school asked if there was something they could specifically help us with, a better water system was chosen as the new project. People here at Kibidula looked into different options for pumps, and a solar

driven pump was chosen and shipped over from America. When the pump was finally here, there was still one km of pipeline to hand dig and we also needed someone with time to take on the project. The rainy season is a good time to dig, as the soil is easier to work with, and just at the end of the rains everything came together. The line was dug, new pipes laid down, the pump installed, and an unused satellite tower was painstakingly moved down into the valley where the spring is, and put up to hold the solar panels for the pump. After all was said and done, then, praise God, the water flowed again.

We look forward to meeting this dry season with enough, clean water at the school. We look forward to having a flourishing garden, and blooming flowers in a dry landscape. We are thankful for healthy, happy children. We also look for-

ward to sharing the blessing of abundance of water with the old clinic that is about to get new life. Thank you to Jean Luc, Jason, the Schoch family and everyone else who helped in different ways to get the work done on this side, and thank you to all the people who funded the project. Without your financial help this would not have been possible. May God bless you all.



Mounting the Solar Panels was a tall order!

“Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:13,14. Thank you, Lord for the water. Let also your Spirit flow as a fountain at our school, springing up into everlasting life for all the children there. Amen!



Joy like a fountain - Primary school learners celebrating their new supply of fresh water.

A new arrival!

In April we were glad to welcome a new member to the Kibidula staff. Ryno van der Merwe is from South-Africa and is serving as Administrative Secretary. Ryno joined the Adventist faith in 2008 and has since been involved in several outreach and evangelism projects in South-Africa. Shortly after his arrival, Ryno celebrated his 24th birthday by building a church as part of Kibidula's One Day Church project. He has agreed to stay for a full term of three years, serving God and the people of Tanzania. If you would like to hear more about his experiences at Kibidula, feel free to contact him at: ryno.kibidula@gmail.com



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

Service Opportunities:

- Elementary School teacher
- Maintenance Personnel

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

The Lord needs YOU in His vineyard!

Kibidula's current project needs

(Donations received until June 2012)

Evangelism — Outreach Programs: \$5,000

36.8% received | \$ 3,160 still needed

School of Evangelism — Sponsoring worthy students : \$300 each

0% received

Swahili Bibles @ \$6 per Bible:

138 Bibles | \$ 830 Received

Support of 35 Lay Missionaries with \$90 monthly: \$31,500

47.6% received | \$ 16,500 still needed

Water Supply for Kibidula Primary School: \$7,500

100% received | Completed!

Vocational Training—Carpentry tools, Sewing machines and Generator: \$ 2,000

0% | \$ 2,000 still needed

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