

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4: 14

July 2007 Prayer/ News letter

Dear Praying Friends,

This letter is well over due but it seems like no time since I was writing the last one. It is a thrill to be able to share with you once again what is happening in Tanzania. My last visit in March/ April this year was very much a blessing and a challenge to me. Shadrack one of our workers in the dairy, a lovely Christian man invited me along to the church where he worships and then along to see his house and to visit his mother-in-law who had just suffered from a stroke. I was appalled to see the state of the house where he and his family lived. His house had been destroyed by the rain and was ready for falling down.



Shadrack truly needed help. His mother-in-law who needs 24 hour care (as she is almost totally paralysed) had to be moved to neighbours. When visiting his mother-in-law Shadrack asked me to pray and when I had finished she turned her head and smiled as if she understood everything I had said.



It is a privilege to be able to help in a little way. This is what we in TCFDT are seeking to do with your support and with your prayers to show the love of Christ in a very practical way through all our projects. Thank you again for your continued support and prayers for the Lord's work.

Ndevelwa Farm

The rains were truly more than usual and I was amazed to still see water running down the road a month after the rains were over. I think that we have had our fair share here too. We do praise the Lord for the rain and the way that the dam has been replenished. There have been no piglets born as yet but we are hoping for some soon.

The Dairy

It was good to see the team still very enthusiastic in their work. During my last time there the health inspectors had been around to inspect the premises and had threatened to close it down. This was a bit of a joke really as you should see the state of other places in the area. But anyhow we set to do a bit of painting and a few of the other things that they required us to do and it was soon looking like new and we were pleased to hear later that it passed the inspection



The Shop

We are saddened to report that Samuel has left the project. Samuel was one of the very first workers that started on the project back in 1993. We thank him for the many years of service, and wish Samuel God's blessing as he moves on. The shop has picked up after the poor spell that occurred at the beginning of the year. We have been looking into the possibility of moving the shop to a new location. The town of Tabora is growing and is moving away from the present location. Please pray with us that we will know the Lord's guidance in this matter.

The Church

We praise the Lord for the reports of the numbers that are attending the services. Please continue to pray for Pastor Alanga and for his safety. He had been attacked while riding his bicycle into town. Pray that he will have a real burden for the people of Ndevelwa and the surrounding area.

Kazima Orphanage and Farm

During my last visit in March/ April we were able to build the footings and lay the sub floor for the main building. This didn't go without its problems. We hired a cement mixer and it wouldn't start so we ended up



mixing the entire concrete by hand. I also went to see blocks that have just been introduced into Tanzania. They are built without having to use mortar, and produce a very smart looking building. We have ordered a machine to make these blocks as we have decided to build the orphanage in this style.



Preparations for the team are well under way and we have had our first meeting. There were 9 of us who met. This was so that everyone could have a chance to get to know each other and to go over a few details. It was a good evening. A few have had to drop out of the team on this occasion for different reasons. The team now consists of 6 men and all the flights have been booked. We depart Belfast on the 11th of September and return on the 2nd of October. Please pray for the team and all that we hope to accomplish during our visit.

Also during my visit we were able to tag all the cattle to enable better records to be kept. On the 28 May we received bad news that all the cows except the calf and a brown cow were stolen. It was reported to police and next morning every one on the project including 15 villagers started the search, they went around to all the butchers and report the cows stolen. The next morning Dick received a call from the village to say that cows have been seen 15 km in the north/west of the farm. They were safely taken back to the farm. We do indeed praise the Lord for their safe return. Some extra security measures have also been put in place.



Yours in his Service



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