

TANZANIA CHRISTIAN FARM DEVELOPMENT TRUST



A front view of the main building

⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Phil 4 v6,7*

In 1 Samuel chapter 1 we read the account of Hannah. She had a sorrowing heart. When she prayed unto the Lord she asked for a specific thing. She poured out her soul before the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, who knows all things from the beginning to the end. In Jer 1v 5 we read "before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee". Her prayer was silent, But God still heard the cry from her heart. She also received great encouragement from Eli who said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him. So Hannah went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*, no more as it had been, she looked pleasant and cheerful, and all was well. Why, what had happened? She had by prayer committed her case to God and left it with him, and now she was no more bothered about it. She had prayed for herself, and Eli had prayed for her; and she believed that God would grant what she had prayed for. God will never say unto us, *Seek you me in vain*, I trust that as you read on and pray with us for specific things that the Lord will grant us the petitions that we ask of Him.



And took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

I have had 2 visits to Tabora since our last letter and as we look back it is with a deep sense of gratitude to God and we rejoice in all that has been accomplished. Praise the Lord for the continuing work at the Children's Home. During my visit in December we were at Kazima when the rain started. It came with such a deluge I realized that all this water was being wasted and we needed to do something to collect it and make use of the rain water. We started to dig and build underground water tanks. to harvest the rain for when there is no mains water.

I made another visit in April and had the pleasure of my wife Pauline accompanying me. We were able to see the 2nd underground water tank almost complete. The new toilet blocks saw the ceilings put up and the rest of the plastering done and painting started. The painting had no sooner started when a swarm of bees came and made the new roof space their home. It must have been the smell of the new paint. A start was also made on the making of the foundation blocks for the new staff / volunteers accommodation. We were also able to get the foundations all marked out. Work should now be started on the digging and building of the footings for this new building. We feel that this new building will be a vital asset in the ministry among the children. You ask how? Well it will be accommodation for the House Parents and in the adjoining section there will be accommodation for volunteers whether their ministry will be helping with caring for the children or helping with construction work, or farming.

In each of my visits I feel a real sense that my visits are in Gods perfect timing. This last visit was no exception. One can see Gods workings among us. Pauline and I had the privilege of meeting with a missionary who has just recently moved to Tabora. Her work is a community based work but working with orphaned children in the Kazima area. She is at present looking after 2 boys one about 2 and the other around 5 years old. Nearly two years ago the younger boy had been found abandoned in a plastic bag at the side of the road. What a need. We also had the privilege to meet the Kazima Executive village Chairman (or Governor) who is also new to the the area. He hadn't heard of the work that was going on at the Children' Home. We were thrilled to be able to show these two people around and they were delighted at the facilities that they seen. We were able also to share with them our vision for the Children's Home and we were encouraged that they were like minded.



HUGO

HUGO IS ONE OF THE MORE RECENT MEMBERS THAT HAS JOIN THE STAFF ON THE PROJECTS ALTHOUGH ON MORE OF A PART TIME BASIS. HUGO IS A DRIVER AND ATTENDS TO TRANSPORTING THE FEEDS FOR THE CHICKENS AND PIGS. ALSO THE BUILDING MATERIALS TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME AT KAZIMA.



YOSOFU

YOSOFU HAS WORKED ON THE FARM AT NDEVELWA FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS ONE OF THE VERY FIRST MEN EMPLOYED THERE. HE HAS HAD A LARGE RANGE OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN MANY OF THE DIFFERENT JOBS AROUND THE FARM. HE HAS HEARD THE GOSPEL NOW FOR MANY YEARS PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WOULD SAVE HIM.

PHOTOS FROM NDEVELWA FARM



PRAYER POINTS

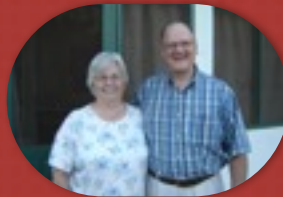
1. FOR PERSONNEL TO SET UP AND MANAGE THE RUNNING OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME.
2. FOR THE 14 PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN THERE LIVES TO THE LORD, THAT THEY WILL GROW IN THERE NEW FOUND FAITH.
3. FOR THE PLANS FOR ANOTHER TEAM THIS YEAR
4. FOR THE CONTINUAL WORK OUT AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME.
5. FOR ALL THE STAFF ON THE PROJECTS.
6. FOR THE FAMILY OF MZEE SAIDI WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK

Other news

FROM THE PHOTOS ABOVE YOU CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF RAIN AND ALSO PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AT THE FARM. WE HAD TO REBUILD ONE OF THE WALLS AS A SECTION FELL AND MORE WAS ABOUT TO FALL. THE CHICKENS ARE NOW AT THEIR LOWEST AS PUMBA (MAIZE HUSK) WHICH MAKES UP A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THEIR FEED IS VERY SCARCE. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR MAIZE (THE STAPLE FOOD OF THE TANZANIAN PEOPLE) IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND IN SHORT SUPPLY AND PEOPLE ARE INCLINED NOT TO HULL IT BUT EAT THEIR UGALI MADE FROM THE WHOLE GRAIN.

OUR WEB-SITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED WITH LOTS OF UPDATED NEWS, INFORMATION AND PHOTOS. THERE IS STILL MORE TO DO. WE ARE INDEBTED TO DAVID SHARPE WHO HAS SPENT MANY HOURS WORKING PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER. VISIT US AT WWW.TCFDT.ORG

WE ALSO PLAN FOR A TEAM TO GO TO TABORA THIS YEAR. 11TH TO 26TH OF SEPTEMBER. WHAT WILL THEY BE INVOLVED IN? WELL ON THE PROJECTS THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY TO DO BUT THE MAIN TASK WOULD BE FOR THE TEAM TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STAFF/VOLUNTEERS ACCOMMODATION. MAYBE YOU COULD BE PART OF THE TEAM THIS YEAR. WHY NOT GIVE THE LORD TWO WEEKS OF YOUR TIME. TO VISIT THE PROJECTS, BE A HELP IN WHAT EVER AREA, THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY TO DO. BE A BLESSING AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.



Tim & Kim Whitfield



Pastor John Preaching

THE CHURCH AT NDEVELWA

On the first Sunday of January 2010 saw the doors of the church building opened for the recomencement of the services there. Pastor Tim Whitfield and his wife Kim have taken on this work. We praise the Lord for answered prayer. There were 11 who attended that first Sunday morning. The following week a man accepted the Lord as his Saviour. Since then fourteen others have also put their trust in the Lord. Pray for these new babes in the lord that they will grow and be witness to the community in which they live. The numbers are continuing to grow, there has been 34 in attendance. Pray that many more will come to know the Saviour Please pray for Pastor John as he looks after this work while Tim & Kim are on furlow.

Just in closing on behalf of the Trust I want to thank you all for your continued remembrance of the work of TCFDT, in prayer and giving, for without you none of this would be possible. I trust that you will be richly blessed as we continue together to serve the Lord.

Yours in His service

John Tuff

PS. If you would like to be visited for an update please contact John Tuff to arrange a suitable date on 028 25881261. It would be a great pleasure to come and share with you what the Lord is doing in Tanzania.

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