

Smiles all round as Joshua Colleges celebrate Graduation Day!

The Joshua Foundation Newsletter

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what's been happening?..

Dear Friends,

What a power-packed last three months! These are great days to be alive, and we can only praise God for the wonderful things He is doing in and around us. The Joshua Foundation keeps growing, as God keeps working on us on the mission field.

From the last Report

Our Mission Administrator, Paul Scouler returned from Dubai having found and bought an outstanding Fuso Truck for the Foundation. Soon this will be plying the roads between Arusha and Lake Victoria as the first of our new business schemes gets underway.

Our search for more land continues across the river from our 17-acre base, although we're hoping to have this clinched within the next month. This will provide us the extra acreage we need for an airstrip, a model school, agricultural facilities, and the Joshua University (now being registered before further progress can be made).

The drilling rig and lorry being donated from Perth, Western Australia are now ready, and should be sailing our way in the next few weeks. Please pray with us for the on-field teams and their support which will need to be trained and released for this to become effective in presenting "Living Water" to the peoples of Tanzania.

Who's been doing what?

Our first module of the new 8-module

series (each four months long) is now two-thirds of the way through. As always, it's been a life-transforming event as leaders and mentors have encountered Christ in a new way. Alan, Benson Moshi, and Peter Russell from the U.S. have taken most of the training load. Owen and Lois Wagener (College deans), return in November from a busy few months in New Zealand to cover the remaining sectors of the course.

Graduation '06* occurred on 29th September, and was another highlight. Many received certificates and diplomas, while eight leaders were capped after completing their 15,000 word thesis and obtaining a Bachelors of Theology degree.

The Colleges' campus is now being expanded with the terracing of our 4-acre mid-section block, thanks to a donation from the U.K. (Visitors continue to prove that for many, "seeing is believing" – and that a trip to The Joshua Foundation is



New Fuso Truck



Peter Russell teaching

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*Above pictures: Happy students at this years Graduation Ceremony.

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all it takes to bring a life-changing shift in vision and priorities!) In due course these developments will pave the way for us to accommodate a further 160 leaders and teachers. Thanks U.K.!

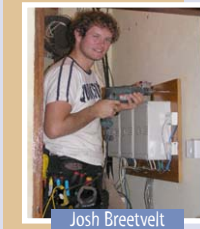


Mark & Carole Rathe

Visiting Mentors included Pastor Mark and Carole Rathe from the “Evangelical Free Church of America”, and another 6-person team from Phoenix Arizona. Great times of ministry, worship, and practical help!

Joshua Breetvelt

from Auckland, NZ is staying with us for two months to help with some of our electrical needs. He has been invaluable around the base, installing back up power supplies and solving some of our electrical problems.



Josh Breetvelt

Answered Prayer includes these immediate powerful results: A donation by a local church of a plot of land atop “Ramba Hill”, overlooking Arusha city for our upcoming Radio Joshua! (It’s wonderful to see more and more of the indigenous people working with us so sacrificially to bring the Gospel to their own countrymen.)

Amazing protection of a new associate school when the Lord brought destruction on those seeking to pass laws for the execution of those turning to Christ.

What’s Ahead?



John Kirkpatrick

Visiting Mentors include Dr. John Kirkpatrick and Ian Dennis from New Zealand, while new team members Josh and Renee Moose join us for the long haul from Living Waters Fellowship in North Carolina. Thanks N.C.!

The King’s Church in Birmingham, U.K., are sending out a crammed container, including school furniture, computers, and a vehicle bridge for spanning the river to our new property! Wow! – Are we blessed?!

Need

We’re praying for an experienced “Tech Person” to join us to handle our growing computer and video production needs. Please be in prayer with us for God’s choice to be revealed!

[Alan Stephenson - Director]

Children’s Ministry Training has been a new venture over the second half of this year. Training a small group of leaders that in turn can train the other leaders of their Children’s Programmes and those in affiliated churches.



The programme consists of eight Saturday seminars spaced over a year. In between sessions I (Joanna) am visiting the children’s programmes and seeing what is being done with what has been taught.

The implementation of what they are learning is easier for some of the leaders than others. A lot of it involves changing their mindsets about children and what they are capable of when it comes to a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. The traditional ways of teaching children are also being challenged. It is a hard task to see minds convinced

challenging mindsets - reaching children

enough to be willing to change and try new strategies.

The aim is to see the children of this nation more effectively reached with the message of the gospel and see them equipped and growing towards being able to fulfil their God given destiny. This clearly compliments our vision for Christian Schools and Parent Training.

[Joanna McEwing - Children’s Ministry]

on the job



Paul and Sally Carstensen joined the team in June of this year. Here’s what Paul’s been involved in over the last few months as Missions Manager. He writes:

“I first came to Tanzania to work with Alan and Lynda in 1990 and knew that I would return some day full-time so it’s great to see that dream become a reality.

We have recently started excavation work on our mid-section development which will eventually see a new auditorium and kitchen/dining facilities built as well as accommodation for additional students. We are continuing to seek land near our base for further developments such as the model school and university, please pray for God’s favour. The building of the secondary school at Magugu is well under way and we are fortunate to have Josh, a kiwi sparky, with us for two months. He will be wiring the classrooms shortly.

We are also in need of a carpet layer and plumber, so if that’s you and you’d like to help out here, please email us.”

JPS Standard 7 Graduating class



Joshua Secondary School is taking shape

JTTC Students taking exams



Education Update

The Education Department is almost through their end-of-year exam timetable. Our Std. 7 students at Joshua Primary School completed their exams and we had a wonderful graduation ceremony to farewell them. Lots of singing, dancing, items, certificates and food to send them on their way – mixed with tears and laughter!! We are hoping that many of these fine young people will be joining our Joshua Secondary School next year. There are Muslim parents who are beginning to see that their children are truly being 'influenced', and don't want them to continue in Joshua schools! We don't want to lose these kids! Please pray that they will stay strong no matter what.

JPS students performing a song at graduation



We are also in the process of selecting our next intake of students for Joshua

We aim for a standard of excellence to the glory of God... and we must never compromise our true values as we train teachers for community transformation.

Teachers Training College which begins in April '07. Please pray that we will have discernment in our selections.

These teachers have the potential to make significant input into the next

generation of Tanzanians and we need to make wise decisions. As a staff we are busy reviewing and upgrading our curriculum, having just completed the Tanzanian national examinations. A positive learning curve! Our students felt confident about the exams; now we wait for the results. We aim for a standard of excellence to the glory of God, but are also aware that our goals differ from the government's goals and we must never compromise our true values as we train teachers for community transformation.

We have a number of JTTC graduates going to Magugu to work in our schools next year. It is exciting to have a well trained staff, but we are struggling to keep these people in our schools due to the harsh conditions in this village. Please pray for our staff as they face issues of poor housing, lack of water, heat, and strong spiritual opposition to what we are doing there. We need them to catch the vision for this community and to develop a true missionary heart for Magugu.

[Lynda Stephenson - Education Director]

alan and lynda's itinerary

october

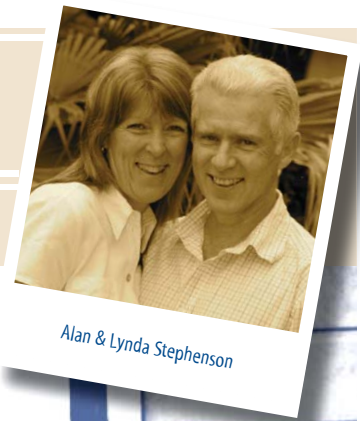
Sunday 8 U.S.A.: North Carolina, Living Water Fellowship
Tuesday 10 South Carolina, Myrtle Beach TV shoot
Thursday 12 Oklahoma, Business Meeting
Sunday 15 Phoenix Fountain of Life (AM and PM)
Sunday 22 New Zealand: Manukau New Life Centre; City Impact Church
Sunday 29 Invercargill: Cornerstone New Life Centre

november

Sunday 5 River of Life AOG, Hibiscus Coast
Sunday 12 Greenlane Christian Centre, Auckland (AM & PM)
Sunday 19 Encounter Christian Centre, Auckland (AM & PM)
Monday 20 Australia: Brisbane, and Maroochydore – Bible Colleges
Sunday 26 Perth City Churches
Monday 27 Perth Ministers' Fellowship

december

Saturday 2 Busselton Ministers Conference, W. A.
Sunday 3 Down South Gospel Church, W.A.
Friday 8 - 10 Asia, Kuala Lumpur: Camp ministry
Thursday 14 Singapore: Being finalised
Thursday 20 Arusha



Alan & Lynda Stephenson



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praise:

- >> Great input from visiting overseas teams
- >> Funds to begin the expansion of our college campus
- >> Successful graduation ceremonies for our pastors and teachers and the Standard 7 students at JPS
- >> Donated land by a local church for Radio Joshua
- >> The purchase of the Fuso truck

prayer:

- >> For safety and anointed times as Alan and Lynda travel
- >> For discernment as we select the next intake of JTTC teachers
- >> For Josh and Renee as they plan to join us in November
- >> Land purchase for a model Christian school, university and airstrip
- >> For a new "tech person" to join us to help with our computer needs

practical:

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