

The Joshua REPORT



The Joshua Foundation Newsletter

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what's been happening?

Dear Partners and Friends,

Each Report is our chance to bring you up to date on all that God's been doing in and through The Joshua Foundation in East Africa – and how much we appreciate being able to share all this with you! Thanks for all your prayers, concern and support on our behalf.

Lynda and I returned from our first-ever 2-month "sabbatical" (interspersed with timetable planning, grading theses, and plotting the course ahead) on March 20th. Much of it was spent at the coast in Tanzania's sweltering Dar es Salaam (great when you have fans or air-con), and the remainder in a cottage overlooking the Rift Valley, with one final week in Nairobi. A very welcome break, with good time for prayer, reading and reflection!

Of course, nothing at the En Gedi base or Joshua Ministries stood still in our absence. (We rejoice that we can in fact leave everything in the hands of such a competent and expanding team!*)

New Arrivals have been a great boost for us all. They include Josh** and Renee*** Moose from North Carolina in the fields of Agriculture and Admin, and experienced educators Allan and Sue Dow**** from New Zealand.

Allan and Sue arrived on April 14th after taking a 2-week break to help with their transition from school teachers in New Zealand to teacher trainers in

a foreign land. Allan writes; *"We are enjoying Tanzania—the colleagues, the work, and the Tanzanian people. The 30 pastors and leaders at the leadership college join with the 30 trainee teachers for daily devotions and meals, and we are enjoying the contact with such a wide cross section of people."*

Here are some of Josh and Renee's impressions as they settle in: *"We have been here for a little over two months now and it has been full steam ahead since we arrived. From this point on we know it is only going to get busier. We are still settling in, but for the most part we have made ourselves a new home. Everyone on the team has been extremely helpful and very encouraging post our arrival. There is much work to be done, and the ministering possibilities are endless. It is important that we recognise and take advantage of every opportunity, no matter where we live. We are very excited and thank God for this opportunity and the calling on our lives. We look forward to sharing with you more about what God is doing in future reports."*

Land purchases for another 13 acres across the river are now being finalised giving us over 30 acres in total, and enough room for a new bi-lingual model Christian school, an agricultural centre, and perhaps an airstrip. And now Kings Church, UK, are planning to send another container complete with pre-fabricated steel bridge so we can access all that

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*Above pictures: Top: Some of the expanding Joshua team enjoying a day out on the Maasai Steppe. **Bottom Left: Josh Moose...already making friends! ***Bottom Middle: Renee Moose teaching using microscopes at the college. ****Bottom Right: JTTC students with new teachers Allan and Sue Dow (on left).

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God is releasing to us .

Furloughs

Owen Wagener left for New Zealand at the end of April having “manned the college fort” so ably in our absence. With many family business matters to attend to, we’re praying he’ll have all the rest and direction he needs to return here in early August, refreshed and empowered. Hannah Allen (our PR manager), will be heading back to the UK as this report goes out, for a short break. Both would value your prayers!

Training Modules!

The Joshua Leadership College module has been powering along since the first week of February, and again, what a tremendous change it’s bringing to the lives and thinking of all the participants! (See JLMC Leader’s Low-down for more.) More recently, the Joshua Teachers College launched into a new training year with 29 students (see Education Update), so that each day sees some 100 folks training and working around the base. It’s a pumping time!

[Alan Stephenson - C.E.O]



Building set to begin for Richard and Jenny's house

Practical Projects...

Everything is continuing along with no let up in sight, which is great. The walls are being completed on our two additional secondary school classrooms in Magugu and the new secondary ablution block is up and running. Praise God for the funds to put spouting on some of the primary school roof which has supplied much needed clean drinking water for the school during this rain season.

The marker pegs have been placed in the ground and supplies have started arriving for the start of Richard and Jenny Wagener’s house.

The boundary fence has been erected around the new land and we are looking to plant a hedge with the long rains here. We are continuing to negotiate with land owners over the purchase of further land for our model school. Unfortunately land prices are rising, but fortunately our Father has it all under control.

[Paul Carstensen - Managing Director]

Agriculture...

Renee Moose has been heading up the Agriculture department and has particularly been concentrating on the development of the agricultural centre. She writes; “I have been focusing my time on research and planning and hope to attend an agricultural conference led by representatives from “Farming God’s Way” in Zimbabwe within the next 4-5 months. There are several other projects that are currently being debated, and we will keep you up to date as these unfold. I have also been teaching the workers proper maintenance of the vegetable gardens, and we are presently giving the stable a well needed, thorough cleaning.”



Renee milking goats

Questions galore! That has been the mark of this module as an intake of about 10 new participants to the Leadership course have been processing so many new concepts.



Joshua Teachers and Leaders Colleges' students and faculty

JLMC LEADERS low-down

The negative underlying beliefs of a pagan culture are just not understood by those from a western culture until some of the questions that arise expose their thinking. As the truths of God’s kingdom are presented in contrast to the deceptions of the enemy it is gratifying to hear testimonies from these new ones of how challenged and blessed they have been from the input.

During the Easter break one of the pastors travelled home as usual and a few days later died early in the morning while still in his bed - without any warning signs of ill-health. This was a great shock to all and an impacting reminder to us of how we have no guarantee of tomorrow and must make every day count for eternity while we have opportunity.

We continue to look to God for the

provision of a teacher of English as a second language. There are so many who really want to enter the Leadership course - but their English is inadequate. In addition we continue to look for the resources to operate the foundational 2 modules continuously. This provides a good base for the later 6 modules – and allows those nearing completion of their course to avoid sitting through questions and answers previously dealt with. To operate two parallel courses obviously requires more resident ministry and facilities!

The western world is facing great change – but East Africa even more so.

We have such a strategic opportunity to provide God’s alternative into this society. Ministers still have a pivotal role in their communities as almost all of the population have a religious conviction – Christian, Muslim or pagan. Pastors really are looked to for advice on everything! Unfortunately most know little more than the basic gospel message. As we raise their understanding and quality of teaching, their ability to disciple is transformed – and so has been their people. We are so thankful for those who partner with us to make this impact possible!

[Owen Wagener - College Dean]



Joshua Schools Magugu are becoming a force to be reckoned with!! With 52 preschoolers, 235 primary and 61 secondary schoolers we have a grand total of 348 students to immerse in Godly education every day of the week!



Beatrice, Ezekiel and Teddy

Education Update

It is so great to know that we are under the covering of God's protection. Recently in Magugu there were 3 schools that came under direct demonic attack. In one of them, a government school of 600 kids, demons swarmed the school and drove the kids crazy with itching, then the kids started to attack the teachers violently, with people fleeing the school in all directions, til only 35 students were left. School was closed down and 15 students were tranquilized in the local hospital. Later when the sedation wore off the students resumed their attack, this time on hospital staff. Pastors came in to pray and as the demons were cast out the demons stated the region of Tanzania they had been sent from!!

Joshua Secondary School opened as planned on March 5th with 61 students and 4 staff. Approximately half of these students are Muslim, but already 3 have given their lives to the Lord. Awesome!! They have daily devotions as well as studying for an ISOM (International School of Ministry) qualification as a compulsory part of their course work.

In all we have 17 teaching staff, 9 of whom are new to the schools. This has given us some teething problems but Teddy and Ezekiel have both taken positive steps forward as leaders and are learning to stand strong and lead the others. Beatrice is also doing a great job as head teacher of the secondary school and has won herself a special place in

the students' hearts. Please pray for these 3 key people in our schools.

Joshua Teachers Training College is back in session with our 5th intake of students. With 29 students this year that takes us up to a total of 97 students over the last 6 years. Demand is growing all the time and we hope to start running 2 consecutive courses next year. This year we have 3 new staff members: *Allan and Sue Dow* - teachers from NZ, now mentoring in JTTC and helping set up new schools and *Patrick Lubilanji* - former JLMC pastor, engaged to Rebecca(!!), now JTTC chaplain. All wonderful and super-appreciated additions to our education team!

[Lynda Stephenson - Education Director]



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life, love and liberty

Headquarters in Arusha, and I have been asked to speak at this.

The annual Women's Leadership conference here at En Gedi will be from 3-11th July. Pastor Wendy Yapp from Australia will be our keynote speaker this year and there is much expectation as we plan for this. God is calling us, as women to arise and possess what is rightfully ours, so we can present it to Him with exceeding great joy!

[Lois Wagener - Women's Ministries]

Last month had several of the pastors standing in awe as they witnessed a sight they had never seen before - fifty women dressed in their beautiful African suits, playing soccer, netball and skipping! Few African women ever get the chance to play. From the time they are little girls they work! This was the finale to a full day women's seminar at En Gedi. The ladies returned home inspired!

Opportunities to lead Women's seminars keep coming. God is releasing these precious ladies into His love and Life. There is so much joy as they experience the Father's love for the first time!

On the first weekend in June there is a Christian business and professional women's conference being organised by the women from the United Nations



Lois & Faith Moshi with their team of leaders

coming or going?

Round up on En Gedi's visitors...

Last month we had a visit from New Zealanders, Dean and Helen Pearson who are on a year long, around the world trip with their family. No mean feat home schooling and traveling with five children aged 5 - 13 yrs! Helen is a writer of Christian school curriculum and together with husband Dean have a Christian literature publishing business. Helen taught in the teachers' college and did some leader training in Moshi with Lynda at New Life Foundation.

Other visitors included David and daughter Justine Owens from Canada, who are seeking God's will as they move their family to Africa in September.

Visitors up and coming are Terry and Elizabeth Schroder from Brisbane. Terry will be doing a block of teaching with the leaders on hermeneutics and homiletics.



Richard, Jenny and Grace Wagener

what's ahead?

New Arrivals: Richard and Jenny Wagener (with toddler Grace, and "one-in-the-making") join the Joshua field team in June! Richard is currently Principal of Christian Life Centre Auckland's leadership college and has a passion for training Christian leaders for business and sport. Jenny is a surgeon and will initially be working at the nearby Selian Lutheran Hospital.

Vacancies! We are urgently needing some great, solid Christians to join us on the field for a minimum of one year (preferably longer), to fill any one or more of the following roles:

ADMINISTRATOR-ACCOUNTANT

Our growing needs and expanding ministries ensure this person will get many opportunities to exercise their skills in a wide variety of scenarios! (IT skills would also be useful ... we already have "Pascal", an accounts programme.)

ENGLISH 2ND-LANGUAGE TEACHER

We really need someone (or a couple) who will be able to launch and direct full-on courses taking leaders and teachers from scratch, and at various levels from there. This school will open up tremendous opportunities for many students to be channeled into our colleges, and into a wide range of other vocational training situations.

Anybody wanting to apply should be a real team player, who thrives on challenges, and loves "out-of-box" situations. He or she will also love people, and enjoy training others.

praise prayer and practical

praise:

- >> For the fantastic new additions to our Joshua team!
- >> The input of Dean and Helen Pearson during their visit with us.
- >> For the new JTTC intake getting off to a great start.
- >> For a successful womens seminar.
- >> For God's protection around Joshua Schools in Magugu, during the demonic outbreak in that area.

prayer:

- >> For the aquisition of further land across the river.
- >> For people with a missions heart to come on board and fill the various vacancies we have here on field.
- >> For the up and coming Women's seminars and conferences.
- >> For Owen Wagener and Hannah Allen who are overseas at this time.

Your prayers, support and donations are greatly appreciated!!



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