



Steady progress on all fronts!



May - July 2007

what's been happening?

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This last quarter has again been a kaleidoscope of events and progress. Thanks as always for your consistent prayers and support!

Similarities to previous months include much coming and going of both Joshua Team members and visitors (always appreciated for their valued contributions!), and the steady growth of the ministry in all departments. For this we constantly praise God.

It was also different with Lynda and I spending several more weeks in coastal Dar es Salaam as we continue to investigate future expansion into that area – interspersed (as before), with immigration and other bureaucratic matters to do with the ministry's growth.

General Overview

May was the last month of our 4-month training module for leaders from across East Africa, dealing with "The Victory of Faith!" Australian Brisbanites Terry and Elizabeth Schroder made great input for several weeks at the college and elsewhere, while the Teachers' Training College sessions continued as usual (recent arrivals, Allan and Sue Dow making their new inputs felt as educators in that arena).

Matthew and Vanessa Evetts from City Impact Church, New Zealand joined us for a six-month internship on the 24th June, eager to get into things! Matt's

much-needed forté has to do with IT and networking which is proving to be fantastic, while Vanessa is assisting with these corrections and general education. Matt writes:

"By our second day here, I was well and truly chained to my desk in the computer lab, improving services, researching, and fixing various problems. Sometimes they let me out to troubleshoot other minor IT catastrophes. Over the coming months I will setup a new computer lab at the Joshua School and train teachers in all things technical."

After her second visit to the Joshua School in Magugu, Vanessa has committed the next five months to working on a bi-weekly basis with the teachers in Magugu, to improve the level of Mathematical understanding and achievement in the Primary School. She will also be working with the education team in the Teachers College here on base. We are both enjoying being a part of the team here and seeing the incredible work God is doing in Tanzania."

Wendy and Kirsten Yapp from Perth Australia, also made a great impact in our 2007 Women's Conference, directed by Lois Wagener and Faith Moshi from 3-11th July. A wonderful time that is bringing much request for further input from many quarters.

Over-the-River land purchases have now been finalised (thanks untold Greenlane Christian Centre, New Zealand!), giving us a current total of

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around 30 acres for a model Christian school, an agricultural centre, and more besides. We know this heralds a whole new spate of outreach into the community as we move deeper into Waarusha-Maasai regions. We've just completed building the bridge ramparts in preparation for the pre-fabricated steel bridge now being sent from Birmingham UK. Kings Church, you're a marvel!

All the while, progress on our Secondary School at Magugu has been constant, with another tremendous donation from City Impact Church in New Zealand pushing the work ahead. What a blessing you folks are to us in Africa!

Furloughs

This time it's the Scouler family who are on furlough in New Zealand until October, while Owen Wagener has just returned to Africa via Perth (where he finished packing our container there). Right now he's in Uganda with pastor Paul Prentis of Perth, ministering to many of our leaders there who work in difficult and challenging circumstances. He'll be there with Paul until early August, when they return here once again to pick up on the next leadership training module.

[Alan Stephenson - C.E.O.]



children's ministry

Joanna McEwing has been running children's ministry seminars for over a year now. She recently went to Dar es Salaam, where the KLPT churches of Tanzania held their national women's conference. She writes:

“ I was invited to speak for one day (8 hours) on the importance of training our children in the things of God. This is slightly different for me than the standard children's ministry seminar as here I was addressing mothers. These mothers were greatly moved by the realisation that firstly, children are significant to God, secondly, that parents have the Biblical responsibility to train their kids and thirdly that it is never too late to share what you know with your children. Positive feedback came from many, who felt that what I shared was both interesting and very practical.

I will be in Dar again in August speaking to KLPT church leaders and pastors in a three day conference about children's ministry. It is exciting to see how the area of children's ministry continues to grow and develop. ”

Clothing distribution



Practical Projects...

Life continues to accelerate with all sorts of things happening over here.

Donated clothes in containers from New Zealand and England were recently able to be distributed, coupled with an Evangelistic Outreach in one of our local villages. The results were amazing as villagers invited us into their homes where Christ was shared and needs prayed for, followed by clothes being distributed. It was exciting not only telling people to be blessed but being able to be a blessing also. Josh is overseeing this and will continue to run these outreaches until clothes run out (see pics above).

Work has just started on our Magugu computer lab and admin block, which is a very exciting development. Once again God's hand can be seen in the timing with the arrival of Matthew Evetts from City Impact Church, who has the necessary skills needed to set up the lab for operation. Isn't God good!

At 70 years of age, Maurie and Colleen Hooper from New Zealand joined us recently for a month and were both able to use their 50 years working experience for good use. Colleen undertook first aid and general preventative health training for our 50 or so local workers here at En Gedi, while Maurie oversaw the building of the foundations for our bridge. Maurie was also able to conduct both on-the-job and classroom training for a number of staff on concreting. Both of them were a real blessing and were impacted by what

God is doing in Tanzania.

We recently replaced one of the tents from our tented accommodation and it is now fitted out with power, telephone and internet connection, making it a more comfortable stay for visitors.

As a result of the recent long rains, the thatched roof on one of our houses (Ngome) will need replacing. Anyone who is interested in coming over for a project, here's your chance!

We have recently built two more playground units and installed them in local schools. This continues to be a growing area and provides valued employment opportunities for local villages, as well as upskilling our staff.

Josh Moose has just completed a 6 week computer training course for a selected number of our workers. Those on the coal face can often get left out, but we want to include them in our endeavors to see them reach their potential.

Renee Moose is embarking on a rabbit breeding programme to supply meat to our students and residents. This was made possible through the kind donation from the Midway Methodist childrens group in Kannapolis, North Carolina. Renee has also begun a composting project to enrich our community gardens. Both of these ventures will be incorporated into the yet to be established Agricultural Centre which Renee is heading up.

[Paul Carstensen - Managing Director]



education update



Rachael in Magugu



Vanessa testing kids in Magugu

Joshua Primary School: Rachael McClue (Stephenson's niece from NZ) and Vanessa Evetts (from City Impact Church NZ) have been busy testing students and setting up a teacher in-service Maths training programme in Magugu. Thanks you two!!!!



News from our very busy education department.....

Joshua Secondary School: A government official has said that JSS has no maths teacher - ??? OH, that's because all our teachers are women (see picture above), and women can't teach maths!! Strangely enough our students performed extremely well on a recent area maths test.....mmmmm!

Teacher's retreat: July 12-14 we held a Joshua teacher's retreat here at En Gedi. Our speakers were a huge blessing and all the teachers returned to school built up and encouraged for their task.

Joshua Teachers Training College: This week our students are back for term 2, having had their first week out in the field. This was primarily for observation purposes and they LOVED it! They are excited about all they are learning here.

En Gedi Preschool: We opened in May with 6 timid Tanzanian students

and 1 bold excited mzungu (European) student!! Talia Carstensen is the white blonde amongst the dark heads but don't they all love school?! Wow yes – so much fun. And Teacher Celina is a real hit! This is the beginning of our model school and teachers are already lined up to come and learn from Celina.

New school prospect: Allan and Sue Dow (JTTC staff) have just completed the preliminary survey of a Maasai village who are requesting a Christian school. Their village hosts were Geoffrey and Ruth Ayo, pastors who trained at Joshua Leadership Missions College. This is an exciting possibility for both them and any church who would like to partner with them to see transformation come to that village. Let us know if your church is interested!!!

[Lynda Stephenson - Education Director]



party, party, party party

“All restored and free in the Holy Spirit, these ladies let their hair down”.

All around the world the Holy Spirit is drawing people into deep intimate worship of The King. The Women of East Africa who attended the Women's Leadership Conference in July experienced this first hand – and for most, for the first time!

Wendy Yapp from Perth, Australia was the keynote speaker and her daughter, Kirsten also contributed by teaching the ladies “how to hear God's voice”.

The conference began with Wendy preaching a message entitled the “breaker anointing”. This set the tone for

the following 7 days. We conducted a three day encounter where the women were met by Jesus and curses and rejection fell from their lives as they repented and received forgiveness.

Deep ministry followed the session of repentance for the wicked practice of female circumcision. Many tears, but then great reconciliation as the younger women forgave the older generation for continuing this ritual.

Sunday church took a totally different turn as the ladies learnt how to prophesy

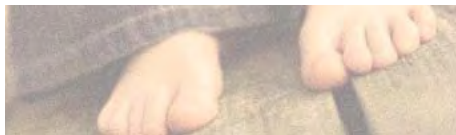
and pray for one another. This was followed by an equally different meal – a banquet on the sports field which concluded in us all sharing communion with one big loaf of bread and coffee mugs with grape juice!

The final evening was Party, Party, Party!! And how they did. All restored and free in the Holy Spirit, these ladies “let their hair down”. The neighbourhood were kept awake as the ladies celebrated the goodness of their friend, King Jesus!

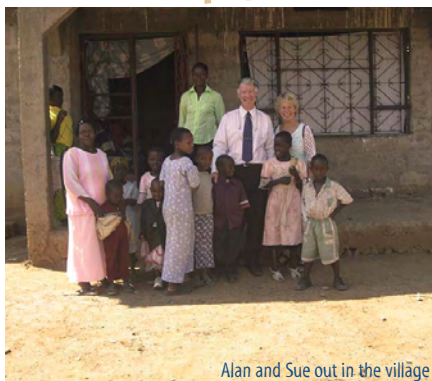
We are now meeting to debrief and to worship God and hear where He wants us to go now!

[Lois Wagener - Women's Ministries]

finding our feet!



Alan and Sue Dow joined the Joshua team in April and are settling in well to team life. Allan writes:



Alan and Sue out in the village

“The last 4 months have been a refreshingly new experience for us as we have adapted to a new country, culture, cuisine and calling.

Sue has been busy with a range of lecturing responsibilities in Joshua Teachers Training College, as well as writing curriculum for En Gedi Preschool. I have been visiting schools, getting involved in a Christian schools association, researching accreditation and developing an approach to starting new schools.

The highlight so far has been visiting rural and remote areas, engaging with the local community and discovering they are people just like us!

We are thoroughly enjoying this new phase of life, and the Joshua Foundation have been a great support base for us as we have landed, found our feet, and started to take some forward steps. Thanks to all who have supported us this far! ”

what's ahead?



Guests and New Arrivals: As usual there's a spate of visitors through the forthcoming semesters. Among them are permanent arrivals Richard and Jenny Wagener taking on new medical and leadership/sports training roles.

Joshua Leaders Missions College

Some 30 significant leaders from around East Africa join us every six months for a 4-month training module. Their stories are all different (leaders come from Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and Independent settings, and from animist, Islamic and Christian backgrounds), but are often very similar:

>> *Families and communities are hungry for the gospel – and often for daily food!*

>> *Witchcraft and sorcery are constant opponents, but can't withstand the Spirit-empowered Christian.*

>> *AIDS, malaria, and disease ravage the population, but Christian wisdom, prayer and holy living effects lasting change.*

>> *Their churches and denominations rejoice in all that their transformed leaders are bringing back to them, including new concepts of Christian education.*

Our next live-in module, “Keys to the Bible”, is imperative in understanding the amazing Word of God. It runs from August - November and costs just US\$400 per leader! Thank you for standing with us in bringing the kingdom of God to these leaders. As we “turn the hearts of the fathers (and the mothers) to the children” – to reach the next generation – we are seeing the land being set free “from the curse! (Malachi 4:6)

praise:

For a successful and blessed Women's Conference.

For the input of Matthew and Vanessa Evetts from NZ.

For the container of bridge components coming from the U.K.

For recent donations towards more land and Magugu Joshua Secondary School, which are enabling us to greatly expand our ministries.

For a successful teacher's retreat.

For the clothing distribution and outreach led by Josh and Renee.

prayer:

For the next leaders module to be a blessed and impacting time, and for the financial needs and sponsorships to be fully met.

For a restful furlough for Paul and Liz Scouler.

For Paul Prentice as he ministers at JLMC.

For the safe arrival of Richard and Jenny Wagener.

Your prayers, support and donations are greatly appreciated!

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