



It's been a GREAT year!



August - October 2007

what's been happening?

Dear Joshua Partners,

It's already close to the end of the year and I know we won't get a chance to get out another Report in 2007. This being so, I want to be one of the first to get in and bless you with a Jesus-filled Christmas and New Year! May this Christmas season be one of real personal growth and strengthening faith as we reflect on the coming of Jesus, our true God and Saviour. All of us at Joshua pray 2008 will be a special year for each of you, of knowing Christ, and of making Him known in every place.

Right now I'm overseas, and will have visited Birmingham (UK), Phoenix (USA, where our Joshua registration is being completed), New Zealand, and Perth (Western Australia) by the time I reach home on November 7th. It's been a solid time once again – a great time of sharing many blessings, of encouraging believers to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for Him, of enlarging the Joshua network, and inviting believers to get immersed in the last days harvest. Thank you for your prayers and partnership all the way!

the time it closes the Joshua Team will have hosted over 50 sleep-over visitors to the base, plus many others dropping in to encourage and say hello. New long term missionaries Josh and Renee Moose joined us from North Carolina early in the year to help in the areas of administration and agriculture. Allan and Sue Dow came in April from New Zealand to staff our Teachers College, while Richard and Jenny Wagener (also Kiwis), came on board in early August to spearhead business-schemes, sport and medicine for the long haul. (Part of what makes all this so exciting is the obvious arrival of "new generation" missionaries ready and eager to carry the torch!) Here's Richard's comment:

"It is great to finally see our dreams start to be fulfilled, in coming to Africa. The main purpose of these last 3 months has been for us to get adjusted to African life, oversee the building of our house, learn the language, and for Jenny to begin operating at Selian hospital. We have also been getting a handle on the strategy for the way forward. Overall, it has been a great time!"

The Year That Was!

As usual it's been an eventful year! By

Apart from our yearly two 4-month Leadership training modules and three

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*Above pictures: Top: En Gedi Preschoolers on their first outing! Bottom Left: Joshua Secondary School kids do a litter pick up across Magugu! Bottom Middle: Our first rabbits arrive for Agriculture project. Bottom Right: Our new purchased land across the river!

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3-month Teacher-training semesters, we've again held a week-long Women's Leadership conference, a Children's Ministry conference, a School's Staff retreat, and our own Missions Team "advances". On top of that there's been our weekly training of our National staff via the "International School Of Ministries" bilingual Bible training programme, skills-improvement courses, and on it goes.

In addition we completed the lengthy business of purchasing 14 more acres across the Kijenge River adjacent our current En Gedi base, giving us a total of 31 glorious acres! Future plans include a school to model Joshua Teachers' College training, a community centre, and enlarged agricultural facilities. Read on for all our stories of the last three months, and check out our new website.....www.joshuaonline.org! It's even easier to navigate, and gives you all the background and insights to what's going on here with Joshua in Africa.

[Alan Stephenson - C.E.O]

God began to mould us
**United
we Stand**



Lois Wagener on Women's Ministries

The Women's Ministry Leadership Team has increased from three to twelve. They are women from different areas of Tanzania who are in leadership positions within their churches and communities. They are also from different denominations. This is not so unusual in the West but in Tanzania very few women have ever fellowshiped outside their denomination. This leadership team is challenging generational bondages of traditional exclusiveness! Several of the women have begun churches themselves and at least three are pastors in their own right. Stendina Muyinga is assistant pastor at her Church. She has completed her studies here at Joshua Leadership Missions College and will graduate this year. Her contribution in areas of teaching and leading worship is invaluable.

The leadership team met in September and had a very significant weekend, as

God began to mould us into a united group. The prayer time on Saturday focusing on specific areas of the nation was anointed and powerful. On Sunday the team ministered in two different churches with amazing results. Our next leaders meeting will be in November.

From this group of women we will send teams to other parts of Tanzania to minister life and freedom to the multitudes of women who are bound by tradition. It is only the power of God that can set us free! Women are not set free by their husbands releasing them – they are set free by the Holy Spirit breaking the curses, ungodly beliefs and traditions of religion and culture that have bound them for generations. Oh, the freedom these ladies receive when all that Jesus won for them is appropriated into their lives! They are radically changed and radically in love with the One who first loved them!



Practical Projects

The dry season is certainly here with plenty of dust and temperatures rising. Needless to say, it hasn't stopped us from moving forward. Work on one of the residential houses (Ngome) has been coming along and can now face the rainy season without fear of leaking. The inside is being completed for the arrival of our newest residents, the Owens family.

Richard and Jenny's house is also coming along nicely. However, there is a real shortage of cement due to a recent government decision that has affected Tanzanian suppliers. The suppliers have responded by stopping or greatly reducing production, which in turn has pushed the prices through the roof.

We finally managed to secure an extra 14 acres of land across the river, which we had been negotiating over for about 6 months. The next step is meeting with the neighbours to agree on



boundaries and then get it surveyed and fenced. Our next hurdle after that will be getting water to the property, but we are hoping we can get a bore put down. If anyone is interested we're looking at US\$18,500 to drill 100 metres. Until we receive funds to build our model school we plan to plant crops to utilise the land.

[Paul Carstensen - Managing Director]

Agriculture

We have several new faces in the stable this month, eight rabbits and one new kid! We will be able to begin breeding the rabbits next month to provide a continual source of meat for our pastors and teachers in TJF colleges. Once the rabbit project is well underway, our staff

becomes proficient rabbit farmers, and we find sponsors, we will begin community programmes with this project. Rabbits are the most efficient, farmable meat for this area, especially during the dry season. To provide food for the rabbits we have just planted an experimental "no dig" garden. I will keep you updated on this little project as we see how well it works in this environment.

We are currently searching for a new boar and sow. Our pork is in high demand and currently our supply is not meeting demand. Finding suitably shaped and healthy pigs has been quite an ordeal. The money from the pork helps support our stable and staff so please keep this in your prayers.

[Renee Moose - Agricultural Manager]



Litter pick-up in Magugu

The last quarter has been a challenge! It always is when the enemy brings on some heavy ammunition!! Some fights, some victories, some losses, much gain.....

EDUCATION
update



Some Losses, Much Gain

Joshua Schools, Magugu - Since our last report we have been visiting Magugu every second week to do inservice with our teachers. Our focus has been maths and raising levels of student participation. We are seeing definite improvement and Vanessa Evetts (short-term loan from City Impact Church) is developing our maths curriculum and training teachers to use it. Great work Vanessa!!!

One visit we came up hard against a witchcraft circle set to destroy our school from within. Four students were delivered and repented from this activity. Three of them remain free and followers of Christ. One still needs our prayers. Several students gave their lives to Jesus on that trip too!

Sadly we have also lost two students in this time. One secondary boy died of malaria and a Std 4 girl died of AIDS, within a week of each other. This was a blow to staff and students alike, especially in the midst of the spiritual battle. However our students excelled themselves at the funeral, cooking, serving, caring.....and it was noticed!!!

Further to that we had a rubbish pickup drive up the main road of the village. Not normal 'anyone in Tanzania' behaviour!! God has given us His vision for this community - TRANSFORMATION!!! Its not an overnight achievement, but it is happening! On many fronts.....

En Gedl Preschool - Talk of transformation!

The children, the classroom - we are beginning to cook with gas!! Celina is doing an ace job, and is mentoring other Tanzanian teachers both in the classroom and out on the field. We can't wait to see our model school develop from this seed. We now have 10 students and are at capacity, but land has been purchased so we are heading for bigger things!

Joshua Teachers Training College - As we start our third term, our student teachers are thinking, asking meaningful questions and improving on all fronts - spiritually, academically, and even physically as they begin an athletics training course. Back from teaching practice, they are eager to get back into their learning.

Please pray as we chart the course ahead, formulating strategies for long term results and national transformation.

[Lynda Stephenson - Education Director]

A Time to Celebrate

LEADERS LOW-DOWN

The Leadership College is near the end of another successful module - those studying again testifying to the changes in their lives and ministry. They so appreciate the way the Word is ministered to them by experienced mentors - both local and visiting.

Three of the pastors are marrying in November and December. Also we have the wedding of Riziki (our receptionist) and the annual graduation is also in November - so it is a season of much celebration! The graduation is always a special time as those related to the graduates join in to celebrate their achievements.

Almost all live in poverty, are taking the course with English as their 3rd or 4th language and don't own any study aids. Some live away from their families for all of each four month module, most of the leaders for every week day - which means that their families and churches also pay a substantial price. As their education is usually of a very low standard, all who know them recognise that they have overcome great obstacles to succeed - and this is reflected in much rejoicing at the graduation.

Reflecting on their situation again sparks a call for further prayer and increase in financial support to facilitate this training programme. The annual cost for each in western terms is comparatively minor - and has a meaningful eternal benefit to many thousands of lives that they in turn influence - it is well worth the investment!

This module a 10 yr old son of one of the pastors was assisted with effective medical treatment of a major hearing problem. The nephew of another, suffering badly from diabetes, received advice and cash for testing equipment that has dramatically improved his health. Be assured that every contribution for these leaders enables us to make a substantial difference to some of their quite desperate situations. Thank you again to all who are praying, giving and ministering to make this work the success it already is - and enable us to yet see even more accomplished!

[Owen Wagener - JLMC College Dean]

Wedding Bells on November 10th for Rebecca Bell and Patrick Lubilanji of Congo! Patrick is our Chaplain to the Teachers' College students (and does a great job there), while Rebecca is a teacher-trainer. Big congratulations Patrick and Rebecca!

Visiting Mentors include Pastors Graham Fletcher in early November, and Terry Calkin two weeks later, both from New Zealand.

departures & arrivals

The end of this year sees several missionaries leaving us – but still closely linked to Joshua!



Scouller Family

Paul and Liz Scouller and family have been with us for 13 years and are now establishing their own business in the country and beyond. Their contribution has been outstanding, and we will miss them greatly. Paul and Liz write:

“The past thirteen years here has been a time of change and growth, both for us personally and for The Joshua Foundation as a ministry. It has been a privilege to have helped pioneer this ministry, and as this season closes, we are expectant that God will lead us into the next season with fresh challenges and excitement.”

Hannah Allen has devoted the last 3 years to establishing the P.R. / Media side of TJF. Another loved member of Joshua, she returns to the U.K. in December. She writes:

“It has been awesome to work with The Joshua Foundation, doing what I love, in a place I love, with an amazing and supportive team. Missions has been in my heart for many years, so it has been an honour to be a part of this ministry, and to help design and promote their work. It will be hard to leave, but I look forward to all that this next chapter holds and I'm sure it won't be long before I visit again. In the meantime...anyone up for a challenge? My office will be very lonely...if you fancy being the new P.R./Media face for TJF, then get in touch!!”



Hannah Allen



Arrivals.... New permanent team members, the Owens family now have their residence permit and will join us in mid-December. David will be involved in pastoral training, and Judi will be a great asset as P.A. to Alan. January 2008 arrivals include New South Wales reps Grant and Anne Maxwell, joining us for 3 months as interim IT and accounts managers. Engineer-types Paul Crabtree and son come over from the UK to direct the building of our new steel vehicle bridge!

praise:

The new land acquired across the river!

For a successful and blessed last year!

For the many visitors who have passed through our doors and made significant contributions.

For new team members coming on board and catching the vision.

For the transformation work that is happening in our Education Department.

prayer:

For the Scoullers and Hannah as they prepare to leave us at the end of the year.

For a new P.R./Media person to come on board.

For permanent I.T and Account Managers to join us.

For a new board and sow for our stable needs.

For finances to begin work on our new land and increased training sponsorships for leaders and teachers.

Your prayers, support and donations are greatly appreciated!

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