

The Joshua REPORT



New fuso truck

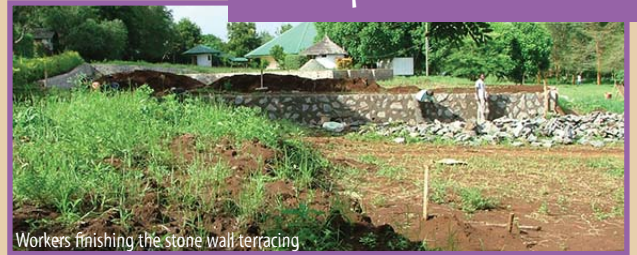


Alan speaking in Kuala Lumpur

Developments on all fronts!



New additions to our leaders college



Workers finishing the stone wall terracing

The Joshua Foundation Newsletter

November - February 2007

what's been happening?..

Dear Friends,

"Life's a-cracker!" Here's an Aussie saying that about sums up the last few months for us in Tanzania. Of course, it's been party time world wide (when crackers are placed on food-laden tables) with Christmas and New Year celebrations everywhere. But in East Africa, we've been celebrating God's accelerated grace upon our lives and ministries, invariably blessed by the wonderful gifts He gives amongst the noise and clatter of mission. Here's a run-down of some of our recent events - and thanks again for being a part of all this with us!

Lynda and I returned to En Gedi (the home of The Joshua Foundation in Arusha), just before Christmas. After two-and-a-half months away on a busy furlough, it was nearly "all go" from touch down. In each place we travelled - the USA (where our registration is being finalised), New Zealand, Australia (where we now have new reps, Pastor Paul and Lynette Prentis of Perth), and S.E. Asia** - there's a growing awareness of the need for kingdom mission and the vital role of the local church to achieve this.

Base Developments have included the stone-wall terracing*** of our 5-acre main campus block, designed to take up to another 170 leaders and teachers.

When buildings start to rise there, that'll be a cause for celebration and noise! (Anybody know a great, spirit-filled TESL teacher itching to get into long term mission? English training will be part of the activities here too.)

Land investigations continue across the river with some new purchases being made. Favour with local government officials means that they're also looking for more areas to gift us - as they see the great work Jesus has been doing through our colleges, schools, and practical skills training programmes. (And we need the extra land with all that God's commissioned us to do - a bi-lingual model school, an agricultural training centre, an airstrip, and in due course, a university.)

Joshua's 10-tonne Fuso truck* has been significantly modified to handle African roads and is out there now, hauling freight on a regular run from Arusha to Lake Victoria every week. This business will soon be placed under Joshua Holdings, enabling the ministry to earn valuable Africa-based funds, while getting into wider Africa itself. More business ventures are planned!

The drilling rig and Dyna truck are leaving Perth at the time of this edition, packed into a container with a whole lot of other "missionary items". This is something we're very eager to get going

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in this semi-arid environment, relieving the plight of many who need water and good agriculture. Help us Lord! Thanks to all those Aussies who've made this a reality.

Engagement! Joshua missionary and teacher-trainer Rebecca Bell and church-planter Patrick Lubilanji have announced their engagement, after months of careful assessment, counsel and planning. Patrick is an outstanding minister from the Democratic Republic



Rebecca & Patrick

of Congo, while Rebecca is from Australia. Their wedding will be held there in early November, but the couple will continue to live and work at the Joshua base over 2008 before leaving for Congo. Now, that's cracker!

[Alan Stephenson - C.E.O]



Digging the hole for the toilets at JSS

Wow, things have not slowed down at all over here! It has been exciting to oversee the two new classrooms being built for the Joshua Secondary School (JSS) at Magugu and things are looking good to be completed before due date.

Since our students finished last year some serious maintenance has been going on at the Joshua Primary and Nursery Schools, together with the Teacher and Leadership Colleges, with around a dozen staff taking part in the clean-up.

Interviews with our 40 national staff took place recently, to review how their jobs are going and to see what

their aspirations are. Something that became very obvious, was their limited understanding of the opportunities that are available to them. Most wanted to become drivers or mechanics and probably for two reasons. Firstly, because most only see the choice as carpentry, driving or mechanics. Secondly, our Projects Manager and Foreman have both been trained as mechanics and have their drivers licences so they are admired by the rest. However, there were a few that have looked outside the square and I am looking forward to working with all of them to realise their dreams.

[Paul Carstensen - Managing Director]



JLMC LEADERS low-down

Another successful module of training in the Leaders College was completed in November. In the cycle of the degree course it was module 1 with an emphasis on foundations of the Christian life and ministry. Most of the participants had already attended previous modules – some are even close to completion of their course – but all still found it a challenging and worthwhile time as the Holy Spirit revealed in each one areas of need in their personal lives and understanding of God and His ways. It is so rewarding to see each one positively respond to the Holy Spirit and the resulting growth in their walk and ministries.

The October graduation day was as always a highlight – a day of recognition and great joy as person

after person was recognised for their accomplishments – for most through great difficulty and sacrifice. The course is challenging and stands alongside quality courses anywhere in the world – but is being taken by those with English as a second, third or fourth language. Many are absent from their families and churches for four months at a time and struggle to provide adequately for the basic needs of their families at home. Those of us with the privilege of ministering to them greatly respect their devotion to God and dedication to the ministry. Behind each certificate, diploma and degree is just so much to be admired. It is not possible to adequately convey to all those who faithfully support these participants in prayer and sponsorship

their appreciation of the input into their lives – they are effusive in their thanks!

Following the module Owen travelled to south-east Uganda to minister into the context of 3 of the pastors – Moses Bwire and Simon Oundo who have completed their coursework and Joseph Musenze who is part way through the course (see picture, from left: Joseph, Simon and Moses). While there he officiated at Joseph's wedding to Susan. Moses travelled with Owen within Uganda and did most of the interpreting as he ministered in 11 locations, taking 3 pastors seminars of 6-12 sessions each and 1-2 sessions into 9 churches.

Each seminar was to both equip and further unity among the ministry in the different districts. It was so encouraging to see some 75 pastors plus many leaders gather in these rural communities. The ministry was greatly appreciated with many calls for return visits.

These visits to the home settings of the JLMC leaders are invaluable – and remain a challenge to us – to be able to fit them into the time frame as well as the finances available. The poverty prevailing in so many areas requires we not only fund the trip but also the majority of seminar expenses.

[Owen Wagener - College Dean]

Education Update



2006 JTTC teachers



JPS teaching staff

The beginning of 2007 sees plenty of action on the education front, even though a lot of it is still preparation work.

Joshua Primary School (JPS) has got off to a good start, with both our Standard 4 and Standard 7 2007 national examination results being very encouraging. Although half of our Std 7 students were selected to go to the government secondary school most of them have opted to go on with Joshua Secondary School (JSS) – a nice vote of confidence! Our JSS classrooms are being finished off as I write, with our due opening date being March 5th. We have two beautiful laboratories, a real luxury in Tanzanian

secondary schools, and a long list of applicants for positions in the school! Two more classrooms will be underway this month.

An unexpected demand from the government has meant that we will start JSS with 2 streams ie 60 students. So our plans are on full power ahead at the moment!! Just a little faith challenge to keep us on our toes! More classrooms, more teachers and more spiritual challenge to get the new students up to the mark with biblical world view and kingdom values – twice as much impact as we had planned to make! Its all good in God's hands!!

We are still waiting for the results of our primary teachers national exams

of their work. We are looking forward to a great year!

Our new intake of students for Joshua Teachers Training College will be on April 16th. By then Joanna will be back from furlough in NZ and Allan and Sue Dow will be on our doorstep as new lecturers and school consultants – a wonderful addition to our team. Meanwhile our four diploma students are here at college preparing for their exams that start on February 12th. They are a confident little bunch.

Looking ahead, we are steadily pursuing land for our planned model school. A small preschool group will start on base this year as a precursor to this. We are also seeking God for

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New JSS classrooms

which they sat in October 07, but meanwhile they are all out in the classroom making their mark. We have four of them at Joshua Primary School and are very happy with the standard

His strategies to see many Christian schools established in Tanzania. Please pray with us for both these important initiatives.

[Lynda Stephenson - Education Director]

what's ahead?



New land obtained across the river!



Josh & Renee Moose

Leaders training modules:

our first 4-month module of this year commenced February 5th, and is packed out with leaders from 4 different African nations. The theme for the entire time is "The Victory of Faith", releasing God's people into His abundant provision of life, resources and power for the last days. Yep, this'll be another reason for crackers!

A container from the UK arrives as this report gets sent out, packed with schools' items, computers and various missions equipment. It will be followed up by another in the next few months which has a donated kit-set steel bridge inside it for linking our current base to a new land being obtained across the river! King's Church, you're a blessing!

Incoming Missionaries Josh and Renee Moose from North Carolina finally join us at the end of February after months of permit hold-ups this end. It's going to be tremendous to have Josh working in administration and Renee in agriculture. Come mid-April, Allan and Sue Dow add their valued long term contribution as senior educators all the way from Kaitaia, northern New Zealand. (See inside

report for more.)

Alan and Lynda have just commenced an "intermittent sabbatical" (their first-ever in 30 years of ministry), based in Dar es Salaam on the Tanzanian coast. Please pray for them as they seek God's ongoing direction for themselves and Joshua over the months of February and March. They believe this time to be pivotal in their lives and ministry.

Ministry at the base and into many local situations continues on a daily basis. There's always ground to be taken and blessing imparted. Please pray with us for Christ-empowered living!

praise prayer and practical

praise:

- >> The fuso truck is now out on the road!
- >> Alan and Lynda's blessed and significant furlough time.
- >> For the containers coming from the UK packed with vital things for our Joshua schools and the bridge to link us to our new land!
- >> For the completion of Josh and Renee's permits.

prayer:

- >> For rest and wisdom as Alan and Lynda seek God's direction during their sabbatical.
- >> For a blessed and anointed leaders module.
- >> For Joshua Secondary School to be completed on time for the opening on March 5th.
- >> For a safe arrival for Josh and Renee at the end of February.

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