



## what's been happening?..

*Dear Joshua Partners,*

As yet another Joshua Report goes out, we're aware of the huge role our partners and friends play in the ongoing scenarios of training, development, and lifestyle changes Jesus is bringing to so many through this ministry. Thank you for being a part of all this!

There's always much to tell (with little space to say it), and even more behind-the-scenes events we'd love to share. Like the heat and hunger characterising the recently ended dry season, intensifying the needs of many; or the rains that while turning the whole place green, wash away the roads and inspire new termite surges devouring anything that looks like wood and more besides. (Right now we're replacing floors and walls where they've invaded.) In a society still discovering 'time', interminable delays accompany

us at every turn; and rarely a week goes by without a friend, student or acquaintance experiencing tragedy at one level or another. It's against these backdrops that we see so much fruit being borne for the kingdom of God – leaders guided and enthused, lives put right, children loved and ministered to (like the nearly 600 in our schools), marriages reconciled, new agricultural systems being presented, and much more. Yes, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us! (Rm.8:37)

[Alan Stephenson - Director]



Rain, roads and 'rosion - the river at our driveway entrance!

Pictures: **Top left:** Renee teaching Farming God's Way to Maasai. **Bottom Left and right:** Food distribution to poor.

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# Education Update con't on back

*Our education department is bursting at the seams as we grow our sub-departments!*

*Joshua Schools Magugu*  
Allan and Sue Dow –  
resident overseers

The Joshua Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools are bursting with students and turning some away as they seek to cope with the demand. With a total of 537 students, 26 teachers and 18 workers, the school is a very busy hive of industry. During the April holidays many students continued in school receiving extra tuition – their parents placing such great value on education. Recently our Standard 7 students completed mock exams (as preparation for their national exams later this year). Along with 9 other schools, here are the results from the 10 schools:

- > For boys, the top 5 places were taken by Joshua and 6 of the top 10 were Joshua boys!
- > For girls, Joshua was 1st, and 4 of the top 10 girls were Joshua girls!
- > Joshua Primary School, predictably, was the top school from among the 10 schools! We praise God for all those who put in the effort for this great result!

This week (last week of holidays) teachers gathered for 4 days of spiritual and professional development in preparation for the new term. Pastor Patrick Lubilanji (a graduate from JLMC) ministered some great truths on dealing with strongholds and teachers were personally blessed. The remaining time saw an emphasis on Christian worldview studies, literacy, devotions, administration, and classroom and teaching preparation. The teachers are eager to get back into things!

Several projects still need to be finished. Please pray for completion of the secondary classroom and administration blocks, and reticulation of water from the borehole project.

It is a joy to be working among happy, bright-faced students who are always keen to help, and engage in conversation with wazungu (Europeans)! In addition the people of Magugu continue to be enjoying our participation in their community, where Joshua Schools have such a good name.



Teacher Miriam talks with parents

Janet and Teddy (left, and standing) with JSA kids and visitor Cindy Wilmoth)



## *Joshua Schools Arusha (JSA)*

This year we have over 40 students in 3 classes, ranging from preschool to first year primary.

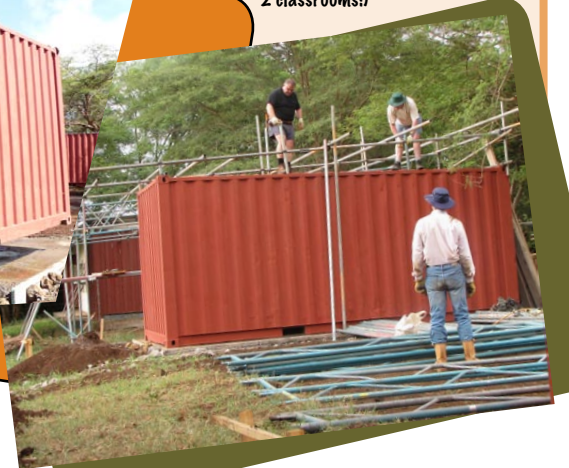
Two of our JTTC mentors are here early enough to be able to put time into mentoring at JSA – great practice for them, and excellent up-skilling for our teaching staff.

We have the framing for 2 new classrooms up, efficiently put together by a team of 5 from the UK. As funds come in we will 'fill in the gaps' so that by next year we can make good use of those teaching spaces.

A container becomes a store-cum-classroom wall



The Brits built the framework for 2 classrooms!



## *Joshua Teachers Training College*

Joanna McEwing

With students selected and our next course starting on July 5th the pressure is on to get our new mentoring course completed. This involves two major aspects: one, writing all the units of work so students can carry out distance studies at the training schools we have selected; two, organizing the mentoring programme – recruiting, planning, training. It is a lot of work but we are making steady progress and expect to be ready on time!

# Women's MINISTRY

The Leadership team of 8 African ladies and I met in September 2009, prior to my return to New Zealand for six months. Dates were organised when the team would gather to pray and continue sharing and looking at the character of a leader.

The ladies gathered at Mirerani, a mining town of about 250,000 people. It is a very hard area in a barren dry landscape. Witchcraft and child sacrifice abound. However one of the pastors who was trained here in the Leadership College has a strong church of 900 with 51 nearby church plants. Five of the pastors' wives from these churches are in the Women's Ministry team.

The ladies prayed most of Saturday and well into the early hours of the next morning. During Sunday morning they prayed for one another leading to even more meaningful relationships. They are now telephoning one another for prayer support, which for them is a new thing. (Pastors' wives here have few personal friends and rarely do they solicit prayer. It is considered to show weakness and unfaithfulness.) I am grateful to the Lord Jesus, that without wazungu presence these women have grown to embrace true friendship – without strings attached.

Leaders again met together for the weekend of 8-9th May at En Gedi to prepare for the annual Women's Leadership



The Women's Ministry Leadership Team

Conference at the end of June. Please pray for this. The women of East Africa are rising to the challenges of change and embracing Jesus in deeper ways than they could have ever imagined. A new African woman is emerging, who knows the voice of the Shepherd and lives from the Well of life. "Behold I do a new thing" says the Lord, "Now it will spring forth" (Is 43:19).

[Lois Wagener]

## JLMC LEADERS low-down

This year is the final one for many of the current group of leaders in the Joshua Leadership Missions course – so end-of-year graduation should be another BIG one! The numbers currently attending are lower than usual as we've allowed no new intakes to these higher modules in the 8-module degree course. (In the

past we've seen newer students struggling to cope at this level – lacking the material from the first 6 modules to build on.)

So, while the current class presses toward completing their degrees, we're also working over various improvements to the course that have been considered in recent months and years. (As the new cycle begins in 2011 it's

the best opportunity to incorporate appropriate changes as 'we press on into excellence!') In doing so we continue to be

greatly encouraged by positive feedback from those who have completed the existing training – rated as already the best in Tanzania by so many.

Our greatest limitation continues to be endemic poverty – there's a huge lack of resources in the local church and the current, struggling economy is unable to meet basic training costs. (The global economy has affected both the African economies and supply from the West.) We need to find solutions on both fronts – effective 'seeding' from those who have been blessed in other nations and the establishment of self-supporting churches here. We thank God for the eagerness of the local ministry to be up-skilled into really effective ministry and we continue to press into solutions to this great need.

[Owen Wagener - College Dean]



The smaller finishing class of 2010

# Education Update

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## Tanzania Christian School Association (TaCSA)

Lynda (Chairperson)

While TaCSA is not a sub-department of our education department, it can consume a lot of our time so is worth mentioning. There are 2 regional conferences coming up back to back in the first week of August, one in Dar es Salaam and one in Arusha. We will begin preparing for these soon, and all of our teaching staff will participate. This year we are taking in the first official members since we got our registration through. There is a lot of interest

from around the nation and we need wisdom to know how to move ahead.



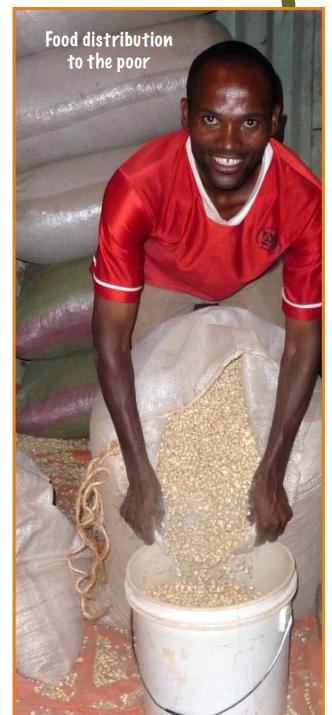
## TJF Projects on the job on the job job

Amazing things are happening in 2010! A big thank you to those who assisted with donations for hunger relief. Many of our staff have completed a ministry course in order to effectively share the love of Jesus within their communities through one-on-one maize distribution. Please pray for wisdom, courage and safety as they do so!

We've completed phase one of two new classrooms for Joshua School Arusha. A team of five from the U.K. paid us a visit to do this, as well as help with other projects. Please pray about

partnering with us to see the completion of these classrooms by January 2011.

[Josh Moose]



## what's ahead?

### We are looking for...

- > *Energetic keen teachers* with at least 2 years experience who would like to join us as mentors in our teacher training programme, for terms of 6 months to 2 years. It will be an exciting blend of village and town life, a chance to make a significant contribution to empowering a new group of teachers to impact the young, needy generation of Tanzanians, and a great OE! If you are interested please email our college principal Joanna McEwing, at joanna.mcewing@joshua.or.tz We'd love to talk to you about it!!
- > An experienced *ESOL teacher* who would set up and run English-training initiatives including semesters for Christian leaders at En Gedi. Minimum term, 2 years.
- > An *academic dean* for our leaders' college – someone (or a couple) with real ministry experience and the ability to oversee a diversified training programme. Minimum 3 years.
- > A capable *Media-PR person* who would oversee our general presentations, publications, newspaper articles, website etc. Minimum 2 years.

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