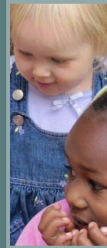


The Joshua REPORT



The Joshua Foundation Newsletter

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what's been happening?..

Dear Joshua Friends & Partners,

Sometimes I feel like heading this column What's NOT been happening? – there is always so much going on! I know you'll enjoy this Report and we're always glad to receive your encouragements too after sending out each edition The last three months have been "choker" – a team of 29

from New Zealand, visitors and incoming mentors from various parts of the world, our next classroom completed, seminars conducted in different parts of the country, new business initiatives, and more!

[Alan Stephenson - Director]



Leadership College: New Module and Alumni reports
 Education Update: Visiting Teams & New Trainee intake
 Women's Ministry: Great Conference & machine-gun Seminar
 Business Department: New Initiatives & Microfinance

Features inside:



Alan was keynote speaker at Church of the Bible's 50th anniversary celebrations in southern Tanzania. A wonderful time, and a wonderful group of churches! (This was followed by a leaders' seminar in Dar es Salaam where another week-long event is scheduled in late September.)

New Department

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TJF

Business
Update

This is our first major report on the TJF Business department and so includes some background as well as an update. – *John 10v10* says “the thief comes to kill, steal and destroy but I came that you might have life”. We see death, destruction and disaster manifesting itself around us, ‘day in - day out’ here as the enemy uses poverty to destroy peoples lives. It affects churches and pastors, schools and students and teachers, families, housing, basic living, healthcare – every aspect of people’s lives. Business is a proven and effective tool to address poverty and bring life. Business conducted in a Kingdom way, with Kingdom values, objectives and training will bring about the change Jesus so wants to make in a poor society!

We have worked strategically over the past 18 months to embark on an effective business ministry. Some of the key aspects have been:

- > Establishing a Charitable Company (**East Africa Development Limited, EAD**) alongside TJF.
- > Having **4500m2** of our land re-zoned as commercial so we can operate various business initiatives from Joshua property.
- > Securing rights to various products, the first being the world’s leading tyre sealant product – **Slime** (www.slime.com). Punctures are a reality here due to the poor roads and amazing thorns. We are starting distribution this month (August) through a significant company and anticipate it doing well. Other products are also in negotiation.
- > Commencing a **Community Bank** here at TJF to assist people to save and have access to capital for small business. 80% of Tanzanians have no access to banking facilities. Developing **micro-enterprise** will also be a part of this strategy.

We are commencing the development of a **business-training curriculum** which can educate those interested in running a micro-business with little education. The vision is to have a series of modules that will grow them into successful business people – having an understanding far beyond their current knowledge. This will develop into a Business College in the future, one that can take some of these with little formal education and enable them to study more educated people who desire Kingdom-based business training.



Our first Slime shipment!



Richard Wagener and Neil Murray display the product

Long-term our goal is to train enough business people to influence the way business is conducted in Tanzania and to attack poverty. Corruption kills much African progress and potential. We’re committed to addressing this fundamental societal cancer. EAD will also employ and train local people, contribute to infrastructure development and through its future earnings be able to fund charitable / mission work for itself, TJF and other organisations we partner with.

Our main need right now is for more capital to expand the business opportunities. A detailed Business Plan document is available if interested.

[Richard Wagener]

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Joshua Teachers Training College (JTTC)

Our new teacher training course is underway! Students started the residential part in early July, and are currently being intensively trained in Bible, thinking skills, computer and English. Under Patrick's excellent tutelage 5 students have given their lives to the Lord, now giving us a full component of 18 born-again Christians to work with! All lecturers report that students are enthusiastic, hard-working and committed to becoming true Christian teachers of excellence.

Five of our six mentors are now in Tanzania, with our sixth arriving soon. Mentor training is on the calendar for the last week of August and then mentors and students will be resident in our 3 training schools from early September. We are excited about working with these student teachers in our new mentoring model to see still higher levels of teaching practice in our schools. Meanwhile we have many deadlines to see written units of work completed for students. Writing is going well; editing and finalizing is time-consuming!



JTTC staff and students

Tanzania Christian Schools Association (TaCSA)

Unfortunately we didn't make it to our August goal of 2 national conferences – too much happening! So we have postponed these events to 2011. Watch this space ...

Alan and Lynda's granddaughter Nia, is a hit wherever she goes!



Singing children

Joshua School Arusha (JSA)

School is closed for July, giving a well-earned rest for our great early-years teachers and delightful children. At our recent parents' day the children charmed parents with their English and acting skills! Parents expressed delight with the quality of care and education their children are receiving at JSA. – Another classroom is almost complete and will be occupied in time for the opening of Term 3. Thanks again to UK friends who have made this possible!



jilmc LEADERSHIP TRAINING update

The very challenging module 7 ('World Mission and Philosophies!') is behind us and leaders are now into module 8, a number completing their degree as this ends in late October. Module 7 is always stretching as leaders struggle to comprehend much that is outside their experience but which is now so rapidly invading Africa. As these dedicated people discover the Bible's 'sow and reap' principles they're also finding answers to so many of the huge problems in their nations. Module 8 builds on these realisations – introducing more principles from the Kingdom of God and even greater awareness of the hour in which we live. Alumni testimonies abound! Here are a few...

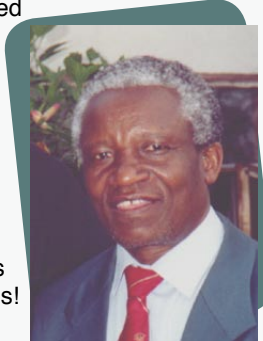
Regional Pastor Kaanankira Palangyo:

Everywhere I go I plant churches and train congregations using what I've discovered at Joshua! It has transformed my life and ministry as it does the people I share it with.



Revivalist Solomon N'gimba:

The best thing I ever did in my ministry was to attend Joshua. Using that material I have travelled through Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique each year for years now, preaching the gospel and establishing believers. Always there are miracles!



Senior Pastor Deo Rudovich:

The churches I oversee in a Burundian refugee sector of Tanzania have been built using what I have gained at Joshua. It has made all the difference.



Preparation continues for the bilingual course beginning in 2011. There are many areas to be considered and new approaches to be established for this to work properly. The greater use of some of our graduates to return as lecturers and mentors is also a great step forward – raising the need for them to be mentored and remunerated as well! The challenge for adequate funding of this strategic ministry continues and the faithful support from those standing with us is so vital and appreciated by all. It would be such a blessing to you if you were to witness the transformed ministry of these graduates as they continue to impact their respective areas, while networking together to reach the harvest!

[Owen Wagener - College Dean]

Education Update con't from page 3

Joshua Schools Magugu (JSM)

With national exams looming for Primary Standards 4 & 6 and Secondary Forms 2 & 4, many students are staying at school over their vacation! Meanwhile teachers have a week of professional development with Allan and Sue Dow and Lynda.

Please pray with us for our on-going need of good secondary school staff. We have a group of Form 6 leavers who are filling the gaps while waiting for positions in the universities. Last week we had two applicants with teaching diplomas – very exciting in a world where such people are rare. And they are Christians – yay!! We so need dedicated Christian teachers who can lead by example and disciple our growing group of Christian students.

A highlight for us was the visit in July of a large group (22 upper secondary students and 7 teachers) from Kingsway School in Silverdale, New Zealand. This capable and enthusiastic group led groups of students in Kids' Games on our campus in Magugu for 2 consecutive weeks. Their time was broken by a 2 day safari in the middle – a welcome break from village life and food!! The school is still ringing with songs, raps and the general buzz of the Kingsway input. Huge thank you's to the team – you were phenomenal!! Welcome back!



Kingsway Students

Women's MINISTRY

This has been an exciting time for the women's ministry.

6th annual conference

Our **6th annual conference** was held from June 27-July 2. Sixty women from 5 African nations gathered to celebrate Jesus! Three women from Greenlane Christian Centre in Auckland New Zealand were the main speakers. Pastor Jayne Calkin (photo, below), wife of the senior pastor, shared the big picture of God's grace, captivating the African ladies with God's story of love and mercy. Pastor Christine Anslow taught on small groups (an unknown aspect of church life), which we've just implemented, as leaders now understand how to facilitate them. Christine's testimony of her adult disabled son and ministering to the disabled touched many as this, too, is an unknown area of ministry. Michelle Young spoke from John's Gospel, culminating with the 'Woman at the Well'. How the ladies identified to the rejection that lady experienced! I ministered on rejection and forgiveness. It's always wonderful to see these women move from despair into the freedom Jesus won for them!



Tabora Seminar

Tabora in the west is the old slave capital of inland Tanzania. Pastor Deo Rudovic, a graduate from Joshua's Leadership College had asked me to conduct a leadership conference with Burundian refugee women there. After much prayer and planning I left Arusha with two mature African ladies to share Jesus with these women who have been ravaged by war, exiled from home, and who have nothing in this world. Mama Shilley translated as I taught on God's purpose for women, and rejection and forgiveness. Pastor Betty Rukyaa and I



also taught on sexuality, a subject so misunderstood and never talked about. All went well until the second morning when a vehicle arrived with 7 soldiers carrying machine guns. I thought



Tabora seminar

"There must a criminal about!" I carried on teaching but in the afternoon we were all taken to the police station where Deo was to spend 8 hours in 'lock up'. The Muslim Police Commissioner told us we were the culprits! Deo insisted "It's illegal to take a minister from a church!", and so, by evening we returned to the church, the ladies running out to smother us with hugs and kisses after a prayerful afternoon. A wonderful reception, but we were forced to leave there next morning.

The enemy does not want to see the roots of slavery cut. Women are enslaved, so that even Deo had to 'fight' with his pastoral team to accept the conference. They had never seen or heard a woman teach or preach! But by the time we left they were convinced they had been wrong, and that women have a place in God's Kingdom!

Thank you for your prayers and support for this aspect of Joshua's ministry. The African women who make up the leadership of the women's work are rising to break the strongholds that have held African women in bondage for centuries. They long to see women fulfil all that Jesus won at Calvary. Will you stand with us as we move out into the fields of East Africa?

Coming Events

- > I am travelling with four Women leaders to **Babati**, central Tanzania for another **women's conference** on 19th-25th August.
- > Owen and I leave for Australia on 12th September and then on to New Zealand.
- > The women's Ministry will continue while I am away.

[Lois Wagener]

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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, web-site etc. Minimum 2 years.

If interested, please email alan.stephenson@joshua.or.tz



We're glad to announce the forthcoming arrival of *Richard and Pammela Kay* from New Zealand! They join us mid-September as permanent on-field staff. Richard will be involved in leadership training, while Pammela will manage our guest and sponsorship departments – all great undertakings! The Kays have long ministry and management experience and we look forward to them being with us. Please keep them in your prayers.

Josh and Renee Moose are awaiting the birth of their first son in North Carolina before returning next year!

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