



The Joshua Foundation Newsletter

Sept - Dec 2011

*Karibu!* – Welcome to this final edition of the *Joshua Report* before another year ends! It started with four ‘ones’ (1st of the first month, the eleventh year of the twenty-first century), speaking to us in *Joshua* of God doing new things, things of primary importance, of insuring we’re doing ‘first things first’! This is exactly how the year has turned out, bringing some significant changes. (You’ll read

about them in this issue.) We’re looking forward to a great year in 2012 as we continue to influence East Africa in particular with Jesus’ kingdom gospel. Thanks for being a part of the ongoing journey, and *our prayers that your Christmas and New Year will be wonderful, Jesus-filled times.*

*It’s all good with Him in control!*

[Alan Stephenson - Chairman]

Features inside: – Practical Ministry

JIMC & CLN

Education

Business Department



## Women’s ministry

When women experience God’s love and favour, they ‘shout it from the roof top’! Remember the woman at the well in John 4? She told the whole village and they came to meet Jesus for themselves! There is no stopping the ladies from sharing their hearts once they have found real freedom and life through Him.

This was the motivation for the Leadership Team of African women to gather for a weekend to seek the Lord and pray. Their enthusiasm and desire to share their love for Christ with other women is so contagious! Their gratitude for what He has done in their own lives in freeing

them from bitterness, rejection and such bondages empowers them with desire to reach other broken women even in remote, forgotten places in the nation.

As they spent all Saturday in prayer and fasting the Lord spoke to them about multiplication. This was the same subject Lynda Stephenson had on her heart to share with them! Yes, we must multiply what God has given us! To this end the Team is leading four leadership seminars in remote areas of eastern and central Tanzania between October and Christmas.

con’t on page 7

# tjf PRACTICAL ministry COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For the last few months we have been working on some *exciting new ideas* in the area of community development! These are in line with our vision for TJF to be a holistic ministry, while continuing to develop past initiatives.

We are building an *'appropriate tech, eco-friendly, sustainable'* kitchen! (I think you get the idea?!) It includes a passive air-cooled food store, waste-oil stove, water-harvesting roof, solar lights and recycled waste water system. The kitchen will be used to cook school lunches, and by teachers and student teachers as their personal cooking facility. Due to be operational soon, it is being watched with great interest by our staff as they wonder how they might incorporate some of the ideas into their own homes. Update next issue!

→ Our eco-friendly kitchen

Alongside the kitchen we have allocated a small home-size block of land that we want to develop as a model home garden. It already has a tank for rain-water harvesting on it, and plans include a tilapia pond, ducks, rabbits, vegetable gardens, oil seed plants, bananas and papaya trees, gray-water filtration, composting, and stingless honey bees

(already on site). Nearby we have terraced land using vetiver grass breaks on which we will be planting maize and beans in *Farming God's Way* demonstration plots. We also have *Moringa* seedlings ready to plant out. The leaves and seeds of this tree have amazing nutritional value and can be added to food to boost nutrition. Our plan is to use this means to improve our school lunches.

→ A low-cost water-harvesting tank

All these initiatives sit alongside our educational programmes. We are continually seeking ways to make our schools and colleges more sustainable and environmentally friendly, and at the same time providing an affordable model for the communities they are a part of. **Josh and Renee Moose** are fully involved in the implementation of this part of our ministry, and are working hard to make it a reality. **If anyone out there has a particular interest in these kinds of things and would like to support any of these initiatives, we would love to talk to you about partnership ideas!!**

[Lynda Stephenson and Josh & Renee Moose]



# jlmc LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This year we took the unprecedented step of postponing our on-campus modules after 15 years of constant pumping, eight months every year (busy preparatory and wind up months before and afterwards), *Growing kingdom leaders to raise godly generations!* That's *Joshua's* mission statement, and as we've been obedient to the heavenly vision we've seen hundreds of great men and women powerfully equipped to take Jesus' gospel into many parts of Africa—and beyond.



→ Leaders waiting to process in

JOSHUA LEADERSHIP MISSIONS COLLEGE (JLMC), has been the 'trunk of the Joshua Leadership-Training Tree', so that we now have many alumni (JLMC graduates) collectively overseeing thousands of churches, planting them, conducting conferences, doing radio ministry, and spearheading kingdom-businesses. This year has also seen the steady growth of the 'trunk's branches' through *Christian Leaders' Network* (CLN: see Richard Kay's report). God asks, "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Working with these trained soldiers for Christ is enabling us to extend Joshua's fruit into strategic regions, assured of "fruit that abides".

October 1<sup>st</sup> was graduation day for certificate-to-degree students who've been with us over the last one to four years. It was another great occasion where God's goodness in their lives (despite much trial) was celebrated, along with prayerful, Holy Spirit impartation. The net continues to grow!

*Prayerful Alert!* Tanzania (the country where our work is based), retrospectively passed legislation (effective 1st July 2011) which raised all foreign permits (African and non-African alike) from 2.5 to 50 times (150% to 2400%), at a time when



→ Pastor Eliud Sumari



→ Capping regalia is a big deal for all!

significant power, fuel and water problems have been damaging the nation. These hikes (which we are seeking to address), effectively mean that non-Tanzanian students are unable to come to our courses, demanding we also construct other ways of training the masses screaming for attention. CLN will again



→ Enock Mwita was one of ten capped pastors

take a prominent role in helping us achieve aspects of this in 2012, but it does mean that we will again postpone campus-courses until the situation—and a wider, integrated training paradigm—has been tested and proven. We are confident that this is God's doing so that having been so fruitful over these years, we can now move into a major second phase of operations—that of **multiplication**, as per Genesis 1:28. We request your faith-filled prayers as do this.

All of *Joshua's* programs focus on leadership training in different ways. Enjoy the read as you see what other departments are achieving. And always, thanks for your prayers, support and encouragement. All are greatly appreciated and needed!

[Alan Stephenson – Principal]



→ Students waiting to be capped

# Education



→ The play equipment is always a favourite

## JOSHUA SCHOOLS MAGUGU (JSM)

Sometimes life is like climbing a mountain – one hard step after another. Magugu has been a bit like that lately. Pushing through staffing issues, working on teaching quality, dealing with rising costs of living. And then last week, losing one of our Form 2 boys to a freak accident with an out-of-control lorry careening off the main road. We mourn that loss, but praise God that he was ready to meet Jesus and is now safe forever. We have gained two well-qualified teachers for our secondary school, a huge blessing. Frank is from Uganda and Samuel from Kenya. We are hoping they will be around for the long term. Meanwhile our principal, Mr Sangida, is working hard with the large number of temporary staff

→ JMS happy school children



he has to see the students well taught and prepared for national exams. So far the mock exam results show a very pleasing improvement in our ranking with other schools in our district. Please pray for Mr Sangida. He lost his wife last year and now is struggling to look after his three children without her.

→ Preparing daily school lunch, African style



→ Left to Right: Frank and Samuel

In the primary school our new head teacher team is working very hard to bring in some positive changes. Staff appraisal is in process now and the teachers are being challenged afresh to do their jobs with diligence and faithfulness – an on-going challenge in a society where such things are not valued. Our Std 4 and 7 students scored very well in their mock exams and we are expecting some good results in the national exams.



→ Graduating Joshua Secondary School kids

## JOSHUA SCHOOL ARUSHA (JSA)

Third term is underway and teachers are planning to complete the year's curriculum requirements. We have a new staff member, Noelini, who is a recently trained pre-primary teacher. She is working with and learning from Teddy, our Year 2 pre-primary teacher. We are preparing to release two or three of our more experienced teachers part time next year to learn how to mentor trainee teachers. This is an exciting development for our school, and our goal, as we work towards being the primary training school for Joshua Teachers Training College. Also, we are starting to build our first teachers' house – more next report!



→ Building the bridge road has been a major!

## JOSHUA TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE (JTTC)

With one year's training under their belts our student teachers are heading in to En Gedi for end of year exams in November, and then back out to schools for their block teaching practice in January 2012. We are delighted with the progress they are making, judging them to be better teachers at this stage of their training than we have previously experienced with a traditional college model. We are evaluating our mentoring model and tweaking it to be ready for our new student intake in June 2012. It will be exciting to have 2-3 of our past students taking on mentoring with the new intake.

Lynda Stephenson

# CLN

## CHRISTIAN LEADERS NETWORK



Over the last 3 months CHRISTIAN LEADERS NETWORK continues to expand in wonderful ways as we intentionally reach beyond our own region of Northern Tanzania into other East African nations to network relationships by holding Kingdom Leadership Summits, equipping senior leaders in principles of leadership and Kingdom dynamics.

We appreciate Bishop Job Okango from Kenya along with Rev Stephen Owino a Ugandan as part of our apostolic team who do a fantastic job traveling ahead to build strategic relationships with key leaders in these cities and nations. The



outcome of the Kampala Summit was very good. We also spoke at open air night rallies to preach to the lost and see the sick healed. Many breakthroughs were witnessed and testimonies bought glory to God.

In August Alan & I flew to Kampala Uganda to conduct our 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit for 2011. This trip and the budget for it was miraculously funded by several donors in New Zealand who believe in investing finance to train leaders. 140 delegates gathered for 3 days to worship, sit under powerful teaching to receive keys with practical application empowering them to be more effective. At the same time CLN is a vehicle to promote Joshua Leadership Missions College (JLMC) back in Arusha.



→ CLN in Uganda, Kampala area

→ Some of the CLN Uganda leaders



During October I took an extensive 7 day 3500km reconnaissance road safari to the southern highlands of Tanzania, visiting churches, church planter schools and Bible colleges in various centres. The journey was very fruitful with valued connections and an insight into knowing the country better for the future. I also enjoyed a 24 hour stopover in Mikumi National Park which is the northern extension of the great Selous Game Reserve.

This coming week right here in Arusha is our 4th and final Summit for the year. We will see pastors and ministry leaders gather for this event who have received much input through JLMC over the years. Many of these local leaders have sincerely appreciated the valued input imparted to them through events like this. We continue to thank God for his leading and provision as we forge ahead into a new season at *The Joshua Foundation*. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and financial support over the year.

[Richard Kay]



→ Ministering in a local Church

# TJF BUSINESS PROJECTS

The past few months have been a very busy and positive time for the Business Department. *East Africa Development Ltd*, The Joshua Foundation's sister charitable company has continued to expand, while also facing many challenges, mostly as a result of poor infrastructure and bureaucracy. *EAD* is now selling SLIME Tyre Sealant in Tanzania, Zambia, Kenya and Uganda – having launched

businesses, the ability to borrow larger amounts, for longer and at cheaper interest rates. This is an imperative aspect of defeating poverty one family at a time. The advantage of our model is that the members of the Community Bank actually own their bank, meaning none of the interest is payable to outside people but retained within the group, growing their own wealth at the same time.



→ EAD Slime stand at Arusha's Agricultural Fair

in the last two countries in October. We also have contracts in Malawi and opportunity in the DRC, Rwanda and the new South Sudan - exciting times! Of course, all these connections are not just about the SLIME business but opportunities to extend the other aspects of our mission - positive influence on the African business sector, mentoring, micro-enterprise training and community banking.

We held an excellent 'impromptu' SLIME conference in Nairobi in September with exceptional success. For some of our team, this was their first time out of Tanzania. There was some great transfer of information but more importantly, strategic relationships cemented. We are now planning a regional conference in March where we expect delegates from all the above mentioned countries. As part of this conference, we will also hold some sessions on Kingdom Business and Business as Mission. We expect attendance also from SLIME head-office, which will be a first for this part of the world.

Our *Community Bank in Arusha* continues to grow, with a second bank underway and prospering. It is exciting to see the participants start to understand more about money - that they can actually save, even on their very modest incomes (most around \$60-\$70 per month). We are working on introducing a second tier to the Community Bank shortly, which will enable members who are committed to establish and run busi-

We have also had some great times with the *Micro-Enterprise Course* - particularly the budgeting sector, where 2 hours of training turned into 6 hours as we worked through peoples' budgets and taught on a host of related topics. These sessions also reminded us how difficult things can be as the people are starting from far behind a 'western starting line'. We spent a whole session teaching on what is a percent and how to work out percentages using the calculators on their mobile phones. But it really is wonderful as they start to understand and implement these basics. From our first pilot group of 7 students, we have 4 businesses that have been started and are operating successfully.

Lastly, a huge thank you to *Neil Murray* who has returned to NZ after two years assisting us in getting the Business Department established and in particular the logistics related to SLIME. Neil - you have been a huge blessing and will be greatly missed - thank you. We hope we might see you again here in Africa!

*(Special thanks to Neil from all in TJF! Great having you with us!—Alan Stephenson)*

[Richard Wagener]



→ Welcome back any time Neil!

# Women's ministry

con't from page 1

They need resources to assist them. At present I am writing Bible studies for the leaders that are especially for African women. Their lives are so different from women in the West, and therefore the way they think very different to our Western paradigms.

So many women have so little understanding of Jesus' love, mercy and grace that they even fear to read the Bible. Their usual 'diet' is legalism and the need to fulfil responsibilities – especially as a wife! God's grace is penetrating the lies and the blindness! It is a real privilege to be a small catalyst for the multiplication now occurring.

Thank you all for your continued participation in this aspect of the ministry. There is fruit, not only in Tanzania but in Uganda, Kenya and especially in Sudan, stories that can be told another time!

[Lois Wagener]



→ The construction site across the river for teacher housing

## praise:

What a great year it's been! Challenges yes, but always His victory and presence throughout. Knowing Him and having the privilege of making Him known is superb! We praise Him for advances on all fronts, knowing that even apparent setbacks are His route to growth and provision. Thank you too for partnering with us in the journey!

## prayer:

- > New leadership training paradigms that will help us extend what's already been achieved
- > Gods' strategic planning for CLN's wise development
- > The teachers in our schools (especially Mr. Sangida) and for the mentors we require
- > Encouragement and strength for Tanzania's Christian women, that they may wisely bring transformation to families, churches, and society
- > East Africa Development company initiatives, including community banking and micro-enterprise plans
- > Our community development programs—that they will encapsulate fundamentals of holistic living which locals can readily reproduce
- > Our building projects on all sides, plus the finances to see these completed quickly
- > Team development, added personnel, God's provision for all, and health!

## practical:

For all general and donor enquiries in North America, please contact:

Mrs. Karen Zovne  
Fountain of Life International,  
1055 East Hearn Rd  
Phoenix, AZ 85022  
United States  
e-mail: josuaavisionusa@gmail.com

"The Joshua Vision" is a fully registered Tax-Exempt Non-Profit Organization within the USA

### board members:

Rev. Jon Jennings:  
Senior Minister, Phoenix Fountain of Life International

Rev. Richard Kay:  
Joshua Foundation Missionary

Robert Lindfors:  
Senior Attorney at Law, Carson Law Firm

Dr. Alan K. Stephenson:  
CEO, The Joshua Foundation

### tjff field address

The Administrator  
PO Box 1453, Arusha, TANZANIA  
tel: (+255-27) 250-9899  
e-mail: tjf@joshua.or.tz  
www.joshuaonline.org