



JOSHUA

PRAYER WARRIOR

prayer bulletin of the joshua foundation

director's comment

alan stephenson

Dear Prayer Warriors, Thank you so much for your ongoing faith-filled prayers on our behalf! We are seeing a steady rising tide of blessing fill our ministries – despite significant challenges – and we know so much is because we're in this together! Hallelujah!

praise points...for:

- **Directors' travels:** Lynda and I returned to Africa just before Christmas. The last month of our travels concentrated on Western Australia, Malaysia and Singapore, a first for us. Significant doors are opening in each place for which we praise God.
- **Team and Base Developments:** During our absence the team has gone from strength to strength, and developments to the Leaders' and Teachers' Colleges' campus, and our schools continue. Praise Jesus for health and safety!
- **New land purchases:** God's emphasis last year to us was "Crossing Rivers". We've now commenced some strategic new land purchases across the river due to the generosity and foresight of a NZ church!
- **New Team members:** Josh and Renee Moose have not yet arrived due to new permit regulations here, but we now have confirmation of the completion of formalities from Dar es Salaam. We hope to see them soon!
- **Trucking Business!** Modifications to our Fuso truck have now been completed! A great driver has been found and regular haulages will start next week.
- **International Interest:** We rejoice as increasing numbers of Christians are applying for short and long term missionary service.

prayer points...for:

- **The Mooses:** For their safe, prompt arrival, full of vigour and readiness for all that God has for them!
- **Truck Business:** This will be the first of many new ventures for generating Africa-derived funds for mission. Intercede with us as we search out God's plans for other businesses which don't distract from the primary purpose of mission.
- **Next Leadership College Module:** This starts 5th February and continues for 4 months. The theme is "Victory of Faith", emphasising the wonderful, true victory we have in Christ on a daily basis. With some 35 leaders, pray that it will be an exceptional time.
- **Leaders' Sponsorships:** Our need of regular sponsorships for great, but impoverished men and women continues. Pray that Christians will become strategic in their thinking and giving, following Biblical injunctions. Malachi 4:6 states, "Turn the heart of the fathers (leaders) to the children" in

order for God to heal the land. It's only as a new 'breed' of leader is raised up that we can expect "fruit that remains"!

- **Mentors:** Teachers' and Leaders' Colleges' mentors are always needing your prayers, especially those who travel from overseas to make such special input. Please pray for dynamic spiritual impartation.
- **Land Purchases:** Plans for more land include a model Christ-centred school, an airstrip, and other ministries. Pray that God goes before us as we seek to glorify Him.
- **Stephenson Personal:** Lynda and I have planned the next two month's of this year as our first-ever sabbatical within 30 years of ministry. More time will be added, but in February and March we'll be based in Dar es Salaam. It will be a time for us to rest, consolidate what God has done in prayer, and generally seek His face for the oncoming decades. We know BIG plans are afoot, and we are determined to be fully ready and available for Him.
- **The Joshua Foundation team:** How greatly we need your prayers and support for God's wisdom, love and strength in all we are and do. Thanks so much for your prayers!

education director

lynda stephenson

Alan and I have just returned from our overseas travels – it was good to meet so many of you. Catching up here is still a work in progress, but there is some news on the education front.

Joshua Primary School exam results are out and most of the news is very good. Our Std 4 students all earned themselves either A or B – great results! Our Std 7 students all passed but 3 – grades still coming. Could have been worse, but it gives us a goal for 2007!!!

Reports are that Joshua Secondary School has a long line up of applicants for 2007. I travel to Magugu this week to make sure things are in order there and to help teachers prepare for the opening of Joshua Primary School. The opening of JSS has been delayed until March 5th, after the teachers Diploma exams.

We are still waiting for the results of our JTTC certificate exams. This month we will interview and select students for this years JTTC course. Allan and Sue Dow are making definite plans to arrive in Arusha mid-April in time for the opening of JTTC. We are very pleased about that!

praise points...for:

- **Good exam results** for our JPS students.
- **Our JSS building programme** being on target.
- **The Dows** progress towards joining us here in April.

prayer points...for:

- **A good start to our JPS school year**, and especially for

- those entering Std 7.
- **JSS**, that it will be completed for our March starting date.
- **A good selection of students** for JTTC's 2007 course.
- **Joanna** who is in NZ until late February, that her furlough will be productive and a rich time.
- **JTTC diploma students** who sit their exams in February.

college deans owen & lois wagener

2006 saw us away from the College for about half the year. We spent longer in New Zealand than intended due to Lois needing to return to NZ again for an operation - and Owen took the opportunity to have a hernia repaired. Owen returned in November to help finalise the ministry for the module and Lois followed in December after treatment in Sydney.

Lois arrived back while Owen was in Uganda ministering into churches and taking seminars with three JLMC pastors located in south-eastern Uganda.

In the 17 days Owen spent in Uganda, he ministered in 37 sessions in 11 locations. The seminars were attended by leaders from various church groups in the different rural areas - with some 75 pastors plus many leaders attending. Even though evangelism was not the purpose of the trip it was great to see at least 10 conversions from several of the churches visited.

The time 'down-under' this year was well utilised - great opportunity to catch-up with family, churches and friends. Owen also ministered into two Auckland Bible Colleges and we attended several great conferences that continue to fuel our seeking of God for a greater manifestation of His kingdom in how we live.

The focus is now on 2007 - the new JLMC module, the ongoing work with the pastors, the furtherance of the women's ministry and the continuing vision to apply solutions to the devastated ecology in East Africa.

praise points...for:

- **Wonderful provision in medical treatment.** God went before in all the timing and arrangements, the procedures, healing and provision. We so appreciate all of the prayer and practical support we received.
- **The ministry through the conferences in NZ.** It is such a blessing to have such God-appointed input that further equips to minister effectively to others.
- **Ugandan Ministry.** For effective ministry to further the work of those trained at JLMC. God's protection from accident and disease, His answers in almost impassable roads and anointing on the Word and ministry was continually evident.

prayer points...for:

- **The leaders for the next module.** The minimal course fees remain an immense hurdle for the leaders attending the module. The enemy attacks through all manner of ways to frustrate their opportunity to receive transformation in their lives and ministry.
- **Wisdom in work beyond the base.** There is continual demand for us to make visits to the churches of the pastors who have trained here and from those leaders involved in the women's conferences. We need the most effective approach to consolidate, and multiply the ministry radiating from this base.
- **Visiting ministry.** The input from experienced overseas ministry is a vital part of JLMC. Continue to pray that the God-ordained person can be released to us at the right

time to minister their special contribution.

managing director paul carstensen

We have recently purchased 2 acres of land across the river adjacent to our eastern boundary. Providing we can build a bridge across the river this will give us access to cheaper land which we intend to build our local model school on.

praise points...for:

- **The continuation of the short rains** and God's blessing on the land.
- **The recent purchase of land** across the river.

prayer points...for:

- **Wisdom** as we speak with land owners and decide where to buy next.
- **The progress of the Joshua Secondary School buildings**, that they will be completed to an excellent standard and in time for the 2007 intake.
- **The funds** required to complete the work on the mid-section of our property and accommodation planned.

sponsorship coordinator sally carstensen

The end of the school year at JPS has seen us be able to send copies of our sponsor childrens School Reports back to sponsors in New Zealand.

We continue to have a need for sponsors for the next intake of Christian Teachers coming into JTTC (in April 07), and Pastors into JLMC (Feb 07). The financial commitment to attend our Colleges are a huge sacrifice to our students. Sponsorship relieves some of this burden, enabling them to experience God's provision.

praise points...for:

- **Faithful sponsors** who have contributed up until now.
- **The ability to be able to give something back to sponsors** through the Joshua School Reports.

prayer points...for:

- **The child sponsors** who receive the School Reports, that they will be blessed by seeing results of their being a crucial part of these childrens lives.
- **Provision of sponsors** for JTTC and JLMC in the next intake of students.

Thank you and may God bless you as you pray!



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