



# JOSHUA

## PRAYER WARRIOR

prayer bulletin of the joshua foundation

### director's comment

alan stephenson

Dear Partners, thanks for your prayers as we continue pushing into this year, and the great plans God is outworking for us all.

- **Dows' Permits:** Please pray for the quick processing of these in Dar es Salaam, in time for the Dows arrival.
- **Stephensons:** Pray with us that we discover all of God's great plans for us and the ministry at this time. – And thanks!
- **The Joshua Foundation team:** For health, wisdom, and unity. Thanks so much for your prayers!

### praise points...for:

- **Leaders' Module:** this has now been underway since 6th February, attended by leaders from various African nations. (See College Report ahead.) Much blessing and rejoicing all round!
- **Land and Base Developments:** As always, we press ahead as we're able. (See Paul Carstensen's report for more details.)
- **New Arrivals:** North Carolinians Josh and Renee Moose have now arrived and have settled in well to their new roles as "Admin PA" (Josh), and Agricultural Manager (Renee).
- **New Team members:** Allan and Sue Dow of Kaitaia, New Zealand join us as permanent members in mid-April. They will be of tremendous help in our Education department. (See Lynda's report.)
- **Trucking Business!** Our Fuso truck is regularly hauling freight now, to assist us in our need of Africa-based funding, and outreach.
- **Stephenson "Sabbatical":** Lynda and I are now in Dar es Salaam on our first-ever sabbatical. We're enjoying extra times of rest, prayer and exercise, while also keeping on top of some Joshua things at the same time.

### prayer points...for:

- **The Moooses:** For their ongoing, complete settling into Tanzania and the growing ministry.
- **Leadership Module:** Please continue to pray that the leaders will find it an exceptional time.
- **Land Purchases:** Negotiations continue, but the next few weeks should see the conclusion of another 13 acres being added, bringing "En Gedi" acreage up to a total of 30.

### education director

lynda stephenson

A lot has happened since our last report, so there is much news!! Joshua Secondary School has opened with almost 60 students – we are double streaming. We have two permanent teaching staff and two temporary, so will be on the lookout for more permanent staff in the next couple of months. Our buildings are great and our hopes are high for this group of young people who will be exposed to God's kingdom principles at least 5 days of the week!!

We are currently interviewing and selecting applicants for Joshua Teachers Training College. Looks like we will be full again! Allan and Sue Dow are almost ready to leave NZ to join us for the start of the course. Joanna is back from furlough and ready to get back into things!

Our Diploma students from last year sat their exams in February. They are now out teaching. Our Certificate results came in and were pleasing. There is definitely a strong trend upwards in achievement in the students from the last course. As a staff we can now see clearly our areas needing improvement, and be assured that we are going in the right direction.

Our faith goals for this year include getting our model school planned and building underway. We believe this will be a vital tool for producing strong skilled teachers.

### praise points...for:

- **Joshua Secondary School** which has gotten off to a good start.
- **Joshua Primary School** running well and learning how to link arms with her big sister school next door.
- **Joshua TTC diploma students** who have confidently completed their exams.

- **All education department staff** being on deck and working hard to maintain our schools and prepare for college next month.

### prayer points...for:

- **JSS staff and students** to settle quickly into a good teaching routine and for a positive spiritual and academic environment to be created.
- **The extra staff** we need to run JSS by the middle of this year.
- **JTTC's fifth course** to get off to a great start come April 16th.
- **Allan and Sue's safe arrival** and smooth integration into our TJF team.
- **Our model school** to hit the drawing board!! And for us to finalise the land procurement for this purpose.

### college deans owen & lois wagner

The Leadership College continues to see these eager Africans find answers for themselves, their churches and their nations. The new intake into Module 2 and those who joined in the previous module are in the ideal position as it gives them a great foundation for the subsequent modules. The module system is essential for the flexibility it provides for them. But as the course is to some degree sequential, starting in later modules is difficult. We need another lecture room and more resident ministry so that we can have a continuous cycle of the foundation modules operating parallel to the remainder to maximize the benefit to the participants.

### praise points...for:

- **A good new intake** of pastors and leaders for this module – 10 new participants.
- **The testimony of benefit** already received from the first half of this module.
- **The smooth integration** of the new participants from different denominational backgrounds into the College with its emphasis on unity.
- **Continued availability** of experienced visiting ministry.

### prayer points...for:

- **Real understanding** by the participants of what is presented – as English is their 2nd, 3rd or 4th language and many of the concepts are so different to the traditional thinking and practices of much of

the African church.

- **Ministry wisdom is needed** in the giving of advice and practical application of the teaching. It has to be done in such a way as to not transfer European thinking and culture as if it was Kingdom of God truth. The core truth needs to be presented so that it can be applied to bring all cultures into their unique expression of the kingdom.
- **The finances needed** to pay for course fees and their families while they attend. Though the fees are minimal from western values, for them it is a major hurdle. We need people to partner with us who understand how powerfully pastors influence their communities in these nations and how about \$1000 per year can equip these ministers to do the work effectively.

### managing director paul carstensen

We are continuing negotiations with land owners and the local council regarding the acquisition of further land initially for our model school and also for future projects.

### praise points...for:

- **The long rains** which have appeared to have arrived.

### prayer points...for:

- **The long rains** to continue to enable a good maize growing crop.
- **God to link us** with strategic Tanzanians who can join our team as we expand.
- **Wisdom** to develop all our Tanzanian staff to their full potential and that 'limiting mindsets' and the 'traditions of men' would be broken off their lives.

**Thank you and may God bless you as you pray for the advancement of His Kingdom!**



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