



# JOSHUA

## PRAYER WARRIOR

prayer bulletin of the joshua foundation

### DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

alan stephenson

We're now well into the second half of '07, and going strong! There are always hurdles, but with our combined prayers and support, these only make us better athletes in Christ.

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**New Team applicants:** Canadians David and Judi Owens with their two children Justine (19) and Zachary (12) will be joining the team in November, David as a Leaders' College mentor, and Judi as my PA. Both have had years of senior pastoral experience.

**Trucking Business!** We rejoice as months of prep and planning are now bringing healthy monthly returns to our ministries.

**Inter-term Activities:** From some "holidays" to broad-spectrum local ministry; or from Children's ministry, to an 8-day Women's Convention; or from building work (Paul Carstensen's report), to new module preparations, or three weeks of "bush" ministry in Uganda (Owen Wagener), it's been a rewarding time! Thanks for your prayers!

**Land Extensions:** right now we're finalising the long-awaited extra 13 acres across the river that will house our upcoming "Community Centre", model school, and agricultural college.

**Successful permit applications** for the Dows and for Richard and Jenny Wagener. New teacher-trainer requirements meant that those for the Dows were unusually delayed, while the Wageners' have come through very fast.

# PRAYER

prayer focus for:

**Next Leaders' Module:** Please pray for preparations to go well and for leaders supply and safety. Dates are August 6 - Nov 24th.

**International Travellers** from America, Australia, the UK, and New Zealand. All need our prayers for fruitful ministry, strategic contacts, and healthy, joy-filled times on the mission field. We covet your prayers for them!

**Planes and Pilots:** Scott Brallier joins us in August for 2 weeks to further "spy out the land". Please pray that the clarity and go-ahead will be given for the launching of our "Wings-for-the-Word" planes' ministry in 2008!

**New Missionaries:** For a great settling-in time for new members Richard and Jenny Wagener from New Zealand. Richard will be handling new sports and business aspects, while Jenny will be "seconded" to Selian Hospital as a surgeon. Please also pray for the completion of their home at the En Gedi base.

**Team Accommodation:** we urgently require funds for establishing both singles and couples units at the base. Please pray that these vital needs will be met so we can accommodate new team members on the field!

**Student Accommodation:** leaders and teachers' courses are packed. We have room and plans to expand to accommodate another 150 students on the base. The need and the vision is here - what we're needing are the funds! Please pray to see this happen.

**Four ocean-bound containers now coming our way!** Two from New Zealand (for the Wageners), one from Perth (the long-awaited drilling rig and hard ware items), and one from the UK (with a pre-made bridge for access to our new across-the-river land): please pray for safe freighting, all the way to our doorstep!

**Stephensons:** thanks for prayers for Lynda and I concerning recent time at the coast. Direction and vision is still being gathered for later ministry and developments there.

**The Joshua team:** thanks for your prayers, assisting us to do the work here with joy and determination. But please keep praying!

### EDUCATION DIRECTOR

lynda stephenson

En Gedi Preschool has now completed 2 months of great teaching and learning. From initial tears, fears and general disarray the little student body is now a happy thriving learning community! Celina reports:

- >> the Tz kids are speaking and understanding a lot of English and Talia's Swahili is improving.
- >> all the kids now know who God is (good progress!!) and are asking lots of questions about Him.
- >> kids are settling into routines and loving school.
- >> literacy and numeracy skills are being developed.

Joshua Teachers Training College students are in for their second term – they too are making good progress with their English as well as their teaching skills. Spiritual progress is also very encouraging.

We have a plan in place to improve teaching at Joshua schools in Magugu – more regular visits and input underway. Meanwhile JSS teachers in particular are up against some strong spiritual forces. Many students have been set free but the battle still rages.

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**A great start** to En Gedi Preschool!

**Spiritual progress:** many students at JTTC are getting saved, delivered and filled with the Spirit!

**Good academic progress** being made in the teachers college.

**Students being set free** from spiritual bondage in Magugu!



# PRAAYER

prayer focus for:

**Strength, discernment and wisdom** for our JSS staff as they deal with spiritual opposition.

**Our professional development programme** in Magugu to run smoothly and effectively.

**Our JTTC chaplain** as he disciples the students into an active relationship with Christ.

**Allan Dow and myself** as we develop the philosophical component of the new Tanzanian Christian Schools Association.

## MANAGING DIRECTOR

paul carstensen

Building work is taking shape on our Magugu computer lab and admin block. We praise God for bringing Matthew and Vanessa Evetts from NZ who are working with us for the next 6 months. Matthew has an IT background and will be setting up the lab.

The foundations for the bridge linking us to the other side of the river are now in place. Maurie Hooper from NZ who spent a month with us was able to oversee the work and conduct training for a number of our staff on concreting.

Faith Moshi, one of our national staff members, has recently taken up a more senior position in the admin department dealing with accounts and bureaucratic matters. God's timing can be seen in this, as Paul Scouler is now off on furlough until October.

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**The reasonable long rains season** allowing locals to harvest beans and maize to sustain them during the upcoming dry period.

**Supplying specialist labourers** (Hoopers and Evetts) to assist in our work here when we needed them.

# PRAAYER

prayer focus for:

**Continued wisdom** for the future direction and development of the agricultural training college.

**Finances** for building permanent accommodation to house our ever increasing residents on base.



## LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

alan stephenson

This next 4-month module, "Keys to the Bible" trains leaders to understand the Word of God using its own keys – the patterns, types and histories woven through its pages. Some 30 leaders from various church denominations and four African nations are gathering together for a life-changing time. Module fees are only US\$400, but nearly all leaders struggle to obtain this. Please pray for:

**Regular, improved sponsorship** to cover fees, travel, visas and emergencies. This is urgently required!

**God's protection** over all aspects of the course, and empowered delivery of His Word.

**Transformation of leaders' lives** which will be reflected in the ongoing transformation they bring to their local communities.

**Increased accommodation** enabling us to commence a second stream of concurrent training.