



# JOSHUA

## PRAYER WARRIOR

prayer bulletin of the joshua foundation

### DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

alan stephenson

Dear Joshua Prayer Warriors – Again, our very many thanks for standing with us “in the gap” to see God’s kingdom come in Africa. We are always so aware of the assistance we receive through the prayers of many “behind the scenes”, and constantly give thanks for you all to our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

PRAISE  
praise God for:

**Joshua Colleges:** the Leaders’ and the Teachers’ Colleges are doing so well! Please see the reports of both, below.

**Land Extensions:** 14 acres have now been purchased across the river for our upcoming “Community Centre”, model school, and agricultural college! This now gives us a total of 31 acres for our ministries, enabling us to reach out more effectively across Africa.

**Planes and Pilots:** Scott Brallier (North Carolina), has spent a wonderful, Spirit-guided 3 weeks in Tanzania in preparation for his family’s arrival in late 2008 as part of the team, and as director of the aviation side of Joshua.

PRAYER  
prayer focus for:

**Student sponsorships:** please see the Colleges’ reports below for more details. These vital ministries of training leaders and teachers are a primary area of concern and need.

**International Travellers** from around the world need your prayers for their vital ministry contributions to our colleges and schools.

**New Missionaries:** David and Judi Owens with their 2 children are joining us in December to assist at the Leadership College and admin. Please pray for the speedy release of their permits, plus final departure preparations from Canada.

**Team Accommodation:** we are still urgently requiring funds for building singles and couples units at the base. Please pray for these, and for pressing renovations to existing structures.

**Two containers,** one from the UK (with a pre-made bridge for access to our new across-the-river land), and the other containing a drilling rig from Perth: pray for safe, speedy freighting!

**Stephensons:** I (Alan) am now overseas for 7 weeks. Please pray for effective, God-led times in the USA, New Zealand, and Australia until I return to Tanzania on November 7th.

**TJF USA registration:** we have nearly completed all formalities to see The Joshua Foundation registered in the USA. However, please pray for current bottleneck-blockages to be finally cleared.

**Personnel needs.** We are urgently needing the following permanent personnel: **A PR / graphic designer** to replace Hannah Allen who is leaving us in December, and has done such a great job for us over the last 3 years. **An IT specialist** to manage our growing facilities and an **Accounts Manager.** Please also pray for the facilities and funding required for these much-needed ministries!

**The Joshua team:** we are so grateful for your prayers! Please continue praying for God’s unity, strength and vision to be ours.

### EDUCATION DIRECTOR

lynda stephenson

Joshua Teachers Training College students are just completing their second term with a 2 week teaching practice at a number of schools. Quality of teaching varies at this stage from surprisingly good to mmmm.....room for improvement!! Overall, not bad for this stage of their training.

Joshua Schools in Magugu are into their fourth and final term of the year. We continue to make fortnightly visits with special input into improving maths teaching. The results are pleasing. October 1-5 our whole education department are going for a 'blitz' week, when we will do maths testing across the primary school and English testing in secondary. We are also sad to report the deaths of 2 of our students there within a week of each other. A secondary student died of malaria complications. Esther, a Std. 5 girl, died strong in her faith after battling Aids for a term. This type of thing is a real challenge in a school. A witchcraft circle has recently been uncovered in the school. The major participants have repented and been delivered and born again!! The fight is on for Magugu!

En Gedi Preschool continues to flourish with our teacher Celina reporting great growth and development in her small charges. Celina regularly has teachers in from other schools to observe and learn in her classroom.

Allan Dow and I have now completed writing up the philosophy documents for the Tanzanian Association of Christian Schools and will present them at the next meeting in October.

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**Ongoing deliverance** and freedom in student's lives in Joshua Schools Magugu.

**Exciting developments** in the teaching of maths in Joshua Schools.

**The developments in our preschool**, including children starting to use English.

**Inspiration and patience** received to complete the writing of the school association documents.

# PRAYER

prayer focus for:

**The staff and students of Joshua Schools** as they process and handle the recent deaths.

**A good close to the school year** in Magugu as students face external exams.

**Ongoing wisdom for staff** as they handle the spiritual opposition in the schools.

**JTTC students** as they process their teaching practice experiences and move on with their training.

**Our JTTC staff member Rebecca Bell** as she prepares for her wedding on November 10th.



## MANAGING DIRECTOR

paul carstensen

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**The Dows permit** which has now been granted.

**The Wageners house permit** which has been approved and work has now started with vigor.

**The first rabbits have arrived** for the Agriculture rabbit project - here's hoping they live up to the saying and 'breed like rabbits'.

**The container from the UK** has been packed and is on it's way. Included is the bridge which we hope to erect in January 08.

# PRAYER

prayer focus for:

**An abundance of finances** to overflow in the following specific areas:

- Funds to complete the mid-section terracing area.
- Increased finances to cover the day to day running of the base due to significant increases of commodities.
- Funds for necessary general base improvements.
- Funds for replacing the roof on one of our resident houses (Ngome).

**Continued good health**, prosperity, unity and wisdom for our staff.



## JLMC COLLEGE DEAN

owen wagner

The recent ministry by Owen and Paul Prentis into Uganda (with 3 day leadership seminars in 5 locations) and by Lois into churches

and in leadership seminars in the Arusha region emphasises again the need for follow-through ministry beyond the Joshua base. The feedback from the Ugandan ministry has been very positive and the call is for it to be continued on a regular basis. One church was so impacted through the visit by Lois that the pastor decided he couldn't attend this module for further training because of the rapid growth in his church!

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**The blessing of God on the ministry 'off-base'** that assists the pastors who are being equipped at Joshua to implement into their situations what they have received during the modules.

**The testimony** of the changes in the lives of the leaders being trained here by others who know them in their home locations.

**Continued growth and blessing** in the various churches of those who have been through the College – the vision is working!

**Three graduates** who have been back in the College this module ministering to their fellow Africans.

# PRAYER

prayer focus for:

**Understanding of the strategy and the supply of resources** to best meet the need of this on-site follow-through ministry. The requests are many – and every module the network of contacts and therefore the requests and opportunities increase.

**Better funding/sponsorship for the leaders being trained** – and - not just for their course fees. Three needs came to light last week alone – a pastor's son at boarding school being hospitalised because of no funds for a machine to monitor his diabetic condition, another's son going deaf because of an untreated ear problem that had given him pain for years – and a wife hospitalised from continuous vomiting – there is no free emergency care in these impoverished African nations – it is cash or you are left to die!

**Continued protection and blessing** upon the ministry of visiting mentors - their contribution into the leaders is so valued by them.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

lois wagner

After our very successful third conference in July the African women whom God has called together as a team of leaders has met twice and ministry has also been conducted in several of their churches.

# PRAISE

praise God for:

**Impartation** received from the Holy Spirit at the women's conference and following.

**The reports of multiplication** continuing as the result of the July conference and seminars conducted this year.

**Bimonthly meetings of the leadership team.** This has been a catalyst for unity across the various denominations and tribes.

**The ladies,** who are maturing in their relationship with Jesus and their faith to hear His voice and implement what God says.

**Times of prayer** for the women of Tanzania and successful seminars at Mererani; Maasailand; and teaching at Korogwe.

# PRAYER

prayer focus for:

**The continued multiplication of fruit** from the conferences and leadership seminars.

**Continual growth of the leadership team,** both spiritually and relationally, as we cross denominational and cultural boundaries.

**The release of mature women** into specific areas of need to train other women.

**The establishment of bimonthly leadership seminars** for women who need teaching to discover who they are in Jesus.

**The finance to facilitate travel** to other regions to train women and encourage them in the ongoing work, and seminars.

**Wisdom** in knowing how to lead the women from cultural traditional thinking into Kingdom thinking.

