



JOSHUA

PRAYER WARRIOR

prayer bulletin of the joshua foundation

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

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As always each two months races by, crammed as they are with much praise, prayer, and labour for the Lord. Thank you for standing with us as we push ahead to see Tanzania and wider Africa filled with and walking in the "knowledge of the Lord" and His ways.

PRAISE

praise God for:

Great Beginnings! Both the Joshua Teachers Training and Leadership Training modules kicked off well in January and February respectively. It's now 'full house' around the En Gedi base!

Wonderful Rains! Improving seasonal rains are giving promise of better climate and harvests in the years to come – provided people are trained in water management and in new methods of farming. We're working on both!

PRAYER

prayer focus for:

Both Colleges: we seek your faith-filled prayers for Spirit-filled, transformational times as our 60 students apply themselves to concentrated times of learning and change.

Staff Workers sponsorships: we're working hard on raising salaries and training funds for our great local staff, while continuing to thank God for the vast improvements we've already been able to bring to so many lives and communities through our work.

Student sponsorships: these too are in need of regular updating and improvement.

The Joshua Foundation: for key understanding in all departments as we grow, while maintaining our deeply held spiritual core values, and developing the precious relationships we have with the African peoples.

The East African region: Kenya's recent mayhem on our northern border has been global news. Tanzania helped broker a major power-sharing agreement with overseas backing and advice. Please keep praying for wisdom in all of Tanzania's foreign relations that this will become the prophetic, ambassadorial nation of God's kingdom to the continent that has so often been publicly announced by visitors to the region. Pray for deep and lasting peace based on a Christian worldview.

See inside for more information regarding each of our departments

We are praising God for the rain that has come to Tanzania!! For our Magugu schools this means clean drinking water for staff and students alike, and water on hand for building. On the down side, roadside puddles for the villagers to drink from brought in a recent bout of cholera to Magugu. Pastor Ezekiel was the only non-medical person allowed in the ward. His prayers saw a turn in the tide of sickness and death and the epidemic fizzled out!! Praise God for influence in the heavenlies and on earth!

On the academic front we are seeing good starting fruit from the new curriculum being implemented in the primary school. We will review what has been written and plan to be able to offer this to other Christian schools next year as the kinks are worked out. We are using the Tanzanian curriculum as our base but broadening it to include Biblical perspective and a wider range of learning activities with higher order thinking components. Ed Dept staff are busy writing again as the deadline for the next set of syllabi comes up!

Our staffing problems in the secondary school have been temporarily relieved with 4 young secondary school leavers coming in to teach Maths and science subjects. We are still praying for permanent staff for these subjects. Meanwhile the staff of both schools are meeting weekly for Bible studies and the Effective Teaching programme.

The first week of April sees us hosting our first ever JTTC alumni conference. With assistance from a team of teachers from the US we are hoping to reinspire and strengthen our teachers in the field for powerful and effective Christian education. We are expecting about 45 teachers to attend.

Joshua Teachers Training College (JTTC) continues strongly with 24 student teachers. Next term we have a special course in phonics being presented by an Australian lady from Light Educational Ministries. We believe this will not only benefit students but also staff who are continually teaching English to all Joshua students. Two teachers from Magugu will also attend.

PRAISE

praise God for:

For rain!!!

That God raised up His standard when the enemy flooded Magugu with cholera

For good results with new curriculum

For a temporary solution to staffing shortages in Joshua Sec School

That the Effective Teaching program is being implemented in Magugu

PRAYER

prayer focus for:

That we will get the next stage of curriculum written in time!

For our teachers conference soon coming – that teachers will be strengthened for their task

For the month long phonics course in April-May – for Evelyn the presenter to adjust quickly to our conditions and lifestyle; for those who attend to learn quickly and recognize how this material can be used to help develop literacy in our nation

For Allan and Sue Dow who are still in NZ seeking to increase their support base

For Janet who returns to work with us next week after a year and a half absence – we are so happy that she is going to be with us again!

MANAGING DIRECTOR

josh moose (acting)

PRAISE
praise God for:

Richard and Jenny Wagener's long awaited move into their new home.

Farming God's Way Classes – The first class involved with 15 of our local staff has been completed. Another class started March 25th with 11 pastors and 1 teacher attending from our colleges.

Praise God! The much needed **long rains have arrived!**

PRAAYER
prayer focus for:

The container from the UK carrying the bridge components has yet to be released from the ports here in Tanzania – we have faced all opposition with this one.

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

Immediate funds in which we can assist the many who are going hungry in the surrounding area.

Increased finances to cover the day to day running of the base due to significant increased costs of commodities.

Funds for necessary general base improvements.

Funds for the completion of the much needed remodeling of one of our resident's homes (Safina).

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

JLMC COLLEGE DEAN
owen wagener

We have a 'full house' for the available facilities with both Colleges sharing all available beds. Those in the Leadership College have really appreciated the effective ministry received on the wide range of topics - from Church History to The Christian Family; effective evangelism, discipleship of those being added to the church and leadership of the church – local and trans-local. There has been so much to take in from the variety of ministry supplied – all being from 'in-house' this module – most unusual!

PRAISE
praise God for:

The much valued input by our newer faculty members David and Judi Owens (with sessions including Justine and Zac on 'family') and Richard Wagener with contribution by Jenny on Leadership.

The Holy Spirit ministering in a variety of ways to the many different needs. The foundation for His work has been the revelation of the ways of the kingdom of God in contrast to those of African and Western cultures. With the insight came heart repentance and faith and the determination to apply what they have received back into their own families and churches - to then see their communities changed by new African role-models.

The good integration of the new participants with those returning from prior modules and the discovery by each one of the value of what God is doing in the lives of others outside their own church groupings.

The Spirit assisting comprehension by the new participants of the subjects being ministered when they are faced with such a variety of English accents!

PRAAYER

prayer focus for:

Great wisdom and acceptance by their people as the participants seek to apply the kingdom ways into their rigid culture settings.

Breakthroughs in the crippling financial situations that so many individuals are facing - including their families, churches and whole communities. This is a matter of continuing prayer on base here – and prayer support internationally would be so much appreciated. They want to see their situations 'restructured' into kingdom ways – not just being recipients of assistance – even though 'bridging supply' can be so vital at times to seed changes!

College facilities generally need expansion – and that also requires meaningful finance. Pray for the release of the small amounts by many and major input by those able to meet this need!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
lois wagner

PRAISE

praise God for:

A very successful leadership weekend with the 12 ladies who constitute the leadership team.

The growth and maturity of the women as they take what they have received and allow time for the Holy Spirit to impart and cause growth from within.

The increased desire these ladies have to disciple other women.

Their steadfastness, with grace and wisdom as they have stood on the word Jesus has spoken to them against the traditions of men and religious systems.

The addition to the leadership of Judi Owens, from Canada. Judi's years of experience in pastoral ministry has added a depth and new dimension to the leadership team.

The contribution from the African women as they have new vision and revelation of who Jesus is and what His purpose is for them as women. There have been big paradigm shifts in many of their understandings and expressions of their love and faith.

PRAAYER

prayer focus for:

The next leadership weekend at the beginning of April. It would be wonderful if all the ladies could attend.

Finance for the continued work among the women – especially for the conference in June.

The hearts of the women God is calling to the annual conference will be prepared and willing to receive all He has for them.

Revelation of Jesus and His ways. This is a constant battle ground as the traditions of men nullify the word of God. Matt.15:6

Deepening love and devotion for Jesus so that we all live from a well of love and not responsibility.

For the conference – that those whom Jesus wants to draw aside, will arise over financial constraints, family and church demands to “sit at His feet” and receive all He wants to impart. For me as I travel, with Owen, to New Zealand and Australia at the end of April, May and return early June.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

joanna mcewing

Children's Ministry Training has got underway for 2008 with seminars in Monduli for children's ministry workers in the local Compassion programme. We are also planning for a conference to be held in July.

PRAISE

praise God for:

Praise reports continue to come in of the fruit from last year's mentor training programme.

The first training session out at Monduli for the year was well received.

The first three lessons of the training manual for children's ministry workers are already in use!

The conference dates are booked for the 6th to 11th of July and already there is a lot of interest.

PRAYER

prayer focus for:

For continued fruit from both last year's training and also from the teaching out in Monduli.

The conference registration forms will be distributed through churches over Easter, pray they fall into the hands that God has appointed to be here!

Encounter Christian Centre missions team that are gathering together to come and help run the conference.

Pray for Winfrida Ivan, the first trainer to be using the manual, that she will find it useful and will be free to give the necessary feedback for its improvement.

The manual's continued development; that the lessons will flow together in the right order and be tailored to best meet the needs of children's ministry workers and children in this environment.