



# JOSHUA

## PRAYER WARRIOR

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### >>> DIRECTOR'S COMMENT | alan stephenson

Many thanks to all avid supporters and pray-ers. May this year be an even greater one for each of you in fulfilling God's wonderful purposes. In Tanzania, it's been an ongoing season of change:

Our usual leadership training module of 4 months has been postponed until August so curriculum and graduating criteria (like theses and research papers) can be completed. A 7-week course (beginning in February) will replace the standard one (see 'Leaders' training' section).

Teacher's College trainees are out in the field doing practicums for the next 5 months, also allowing for new approaches to be integrated into the curriculum (see 'Education Department' review).

The global economy resembles Revelation's 'roaring of the waves' with highs and lows (mostly lows) all over the place. This produces some interesting 'beached scenarios' for many missionaries!

Our business and agricultural departments are also undergoing significant review as we search for God's best, with the determination to assist as many Africans as possible into God's purposes for their lives (see 'Agriculture' and 'Business' sections).

Owen and Lois Wagener are now on furlough for 4 months in New Zealand, while others visit from the United States with the prospect of joining us in the future.

### PRAISE for...

- >> For **God's adequate provision in so many ways** – health, energy, creativity and financial assistance, enabling us to push on into new areas of kingdom endeavour
- >> For undeterred determination to be **examples and witnesses of God's grace** in all areas of life

### PRAYER for...

- >> For the above **transitions and changes** to be worked through effectively as each heralds major shifts in the 'way we do things' in Tanzania for the **long-term future**
- >> For the **Wageners as they minister** in various localities, raising the profile of Last Days' mission
- >> For wisdom and **God's team-building** as visitors and interns consider becoming a part of our team
- >> For **God's ways to raise personal missionary incomes** and Joshua ministry & development funds as per Deuteronomy 8:18: "It is the Lord Who gives you the power to get wealth, so that He may fulfil His covenant with you, as He promised..."

### >>> MANAGING DIRECTOR | paul carstensen

### PRAISE for...

- >> The third container from the UK has arrived safe and sound and will form the end of the **new pre-school classroom**. With the foundations already laid, we give thanks that we now have **funding from the UK to complete the building!**
- >> Funding from the UK to **install a solar-heated hot water system** for the Leadership College will reduce our electricity bills

## PRAYER for...

- >> **Renovations on the Scoullers' old house** progress slowly, as we seek funds to complete the work and make it more usable
- >> **The long rains** (due anytime) -- please pray that they arrive and produce enough for a bumper crop of maize/beans for the surrounding area
- >> **Sponsorships** for our ground staff's wages
- >> **Management of our garage** that is now open as a commercial enterprise

## >>> EDUCATION DIRECTOR | lynda stephenson

I have just completed a week-long head teachers 'caravan' -- head teachers from 8 Christian schools spent a week visiting each others' schools, sharing ideas and networking with each other. It was a fantastic experience to see 7 of these heads (who have trained at Joshua Teachers Training College) demonstrating such a solid grasp of Christian education and vision for the schools of this nation. In the process I was able to assess many of our trainee teachers who are now out in these schools doing their block teaching practice. I was very encouraged with the standard of teaching that I saw, not to mention the passion for the cause of Christian education that is steadily growing. Many of these schools are in remote and difficult areas, demanding strong vision and commitment.

Here at En Gedi, we now have 2 classes of delightful preschoolers. Teddy has settled quickly to the task of teaching here and her little group is making great progress. Having optimistically completed her Form 6 national exams, Celina is now back teaching her younger class. Our new preschool building is underway due to the generosity of a group in the UK. A huge thanks to Paul Crabtree for all his fundraising efforts on this project!

In Magugu, Goodbert is bringing new initiatives and enthusiasm to his role as head of the primary school. At the secondary school we are still struggling to get staff, but God has faithfully brought us a very experienced teacher with a strong faith! We are also very pleased that Allan and Sue Dow will return in May to work and support our Magugu school until the end of this year.

## PRAISE for...

- >> **7 JTTC graduates** who are functioning strongly as **head teachers** in Christian schools in remote and needy areas
- >> **Trainee teachers** who are doing a great job of applying their newly acquired teaching skills
- >> **Teddy and Goodbert** -- who have both settled well into their new positions
- >> **Allan and Sue Dow** who are returning to help strengthen and empower Joshua Secondary school staff
- >> **Funding** for the new pre-school building

## PRAYER for...

- >> **Another teacher** to be added to our staff at Joshua Secondary school
- >> **Our vision for a model/training school to be built at En Gedi** to facilitate both the training of teachers and the education of our local community -- a large financial undertaking
- >> **Funding to build 2 more classrooms** for Joshua Secondary school (Form 3 students are currently studying in the computer room and the staff room!)
- >> **College staff as they plan and write the training material** for our new mentor-based teacher training program

## >>> AGRICULTURAL UPDATE | RENEE MOOSE

God's timing for the introduction of the Farming God's Way (FGW) program is evident. Grain in Tanzania and surrounding countries continues to decline as age-old, deep-tilling practices continue (causing erosion), and the bondages of poverty tighten. Farming God's Way begins with an internal transformation of individuals' hearts and minds before working towards an external transformation within their environment. We have seen God's faithful blessings rain down on people who have turned to him to do what they see their Father doing! (John 5:19) Praise God for His faithful promises!

## PRAISE for...

- >> **God's promises of restoration** to those who whole-heartedly turn to Him and seek His ways
- >> **Carl Schmidt, a representative with FGW in Zimbabwe.** Carl will be working with The Joshua Foundation and other organizations to develop a strong foundation for FGW in Arusha!

## PRAYER for...

- >> **Decision-making** that needs to occur to develop a FGW team in Arusha
- >> **Hearts that are open to being transformed** by the FGW principles in Tanzania

## >>> JLMC COLLEGE DEAN | owen wagener

JLMC is operating a special module during the first half of the year, deferring the standard module to August. This special module is to assist those leaders who have finished or are close to completing their coursework and are required to complete either a thesis or four research papers in order to receive their degree qualification. Over 20 of these leaders will be mentored through this process.

## PRAISE for...

- >> **Mentoring and time** for our leaders to complete their degree
- >> The **faithful prayer backing** of JLMC that opens doors in the spirit realms and brings revelation, heart change and a whole range of provision into the leaders' and their families' lives

## PRAYER for...

- >> The **mentors** during this special module as they guide the leaders through their diverse topics
- >> **The leaders as they undertake their research** – and the difficult task of presenting their results in the required English format – which is not their mother-tongue
- >> **Peace over their families and churches** during this time of rigorous research
- >> **Financial provision** for those leaders who could not be a part of this mentorship **due to finances**

## >>> BUSINESS & SPORTS MINISTRIES | richard wagener

The Business and Sports ministries at Joshua is now well underway with two significant first-up projects:

1. We are in the process of registering a charitable company that will become the “vehicle” for all Joshua business endeavours. Our commercial garage will offer quality service to other mission organisations, companies and individuals, as it's not always easy to find places that are trustworthy and do quality work.
2. To “kick off” the Sports Ministry, we are hosting an East African Sports Ministry Conference from March 16th-20th with delegates from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Rwanda.

## PRAISE for...

- >> The **business registration is making progress** - our name has been secured and our documents are being lodged
- >> **For opportunities, vision and growth in these 2 new arenas**

## PRAYER for...

- >> **The business registration to be finished quickly**, without any beaurocratic hold-ups
- >> **Our Sports Conference** -- that it will be a time of quality and strategic planning - and a place where great relationships and connections will be established