



# JOSHUA PRAYER WARRIOR

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## DIRECTOR'S COMMENT: Alan Stephenson

Welcome to the second *Joshua Warrior* of the year. Each edition looks back on the previous 2 months (in this case March and April) to give thanks and praise for answered prayer, and then looks ahead at the next couple of months. We cover specific things we'd ask you to pray for, and boy! – your prayers on our behalf are really appreciated. Many thanks and many blessings.

### Covered in this edition...

- Our shorter 7-week leaders' research papers and theses course from late February to mid-April went very well and included over 20 leaders who are near graduating.
- Teacher's College finishing students are have returned from their practicums and are now sitting eleven once-only exams for becoming qualified teachers within Tanzania.
- Changes in the agricultural department are bringing great blessing to initial participants.
- The garage business is finding its feet as we are servicing increasing numbers of local missions' vehicles.
- Four missionary couples/families have been away on furlough but will be back on deck from mid-May to late June.
- We're looking for long term Media and PR missionaries to join us on the field.

### Praise

- For life-transforming courses that continue to revolutionise leaders, teacher's and congregants lives across East Africa! Many are stepping into freedoms and abilities they have never known.
- For significant furlough times for all of our missionaries – significant connections, meetings, rest, and renewed vision
- For the arrival of the late long rains which are now rejuvenating the country and will so help to alleviate the already present hunger – once crops are harvested!
- For God's provision of new accounts' person Cindy Wilmoth from "Fountain of Life Church" in Phoenix, Arizona. Cindy arrives in June and will be a great answer to prayer!
- See inside for each department's praise items.

### Prayer

- For God's wisdom as we continue to modify and develop courses and development programs for leaders, teachers, and the community.
- For travelling missionaries as they complete their furloughs or settle back into on-field roles.
- Cindy as she prepares to leave Phoenix Arizona to join us on the field.
- Please see specific prayer requests in each department.

## **EDUCATION UPDATE:**

### **Joanna McEwing and Lynda Stephenson**

We have just returned from three days in Magugu. The main purpose of the visit was to have a staff meeting with all staff and management. It also provided an opportunity to do some general cleaning and sorting in preparation for the start of the term this week. The encouraging part of this trip was to see the strength of the management team as they work together in leading the schools. There was clear evidence that they are now making decisions together and presenting a united front with the staff.

Here at En Gedi we have our student teachers preparing for their final national examinations, to be held from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. These examinations will determine whether they can graduate with a teaching qualification that is recognised nationally. The students appear to be pacing themselves well and are approaching the examinations with confidence.

Celina and Teddy continue with their two classes of preschoolers. Celina's class of 4 and 5 year olds have moved temporarily into the JLMC classroom and are enjoying the extra space, while they wait for their new classroom. The new classroom just needs paint and glass in the windows and we will be ready to move in there! We can also report that Celina passed her Form Six examinations with flying colours!

At the beginning of April we held a Teacher In-Service Seminar here at En Gedi, attended by 50 teachers. The first day was just head teachers, where we followed up the head-teachers caravan (as mentioned in the last Joshua Warrior). We also spent some time discussing what a model Christian school might look like. The head teachers helped us to facilitate school based discussions around the idea of school improvement during the seminar focussing specifically on how we can help our schools to be places where learning is done in an environment of love.

Meanwhile, we continue to work on the plans for next year at JTTC, determining what a more mentor based teaching programme will really look like. Also we are putting together various proposals for staff development and school improvement for the schools with whom we are associated.

### **Praise for...**

- A maturing Management Team in our Magugu Joshua Schools
- Celina's excellent Form Six results
- Smooth student teacher preparations for their examinations, especially with limited college staff at present
- Pre-school children delighting in learning about God's plan for them.

### **Prayer for...**

- Rebecca and Patrick as they await the arrival of their baby and raise support to return to Tanzania
- Allan and Sue Dow as they arrive to strengthen Joshua Secondary School – for quick adjustment to life in Magugu and for wisdom on how to proceed in their new positions there.
- On-going staffing issues at Joshua Secondary School.
- Our vision for all the Christian Schools we are working with to become "model schools"
- God's leading as we continue to plan the future of JTTC and write necessary support materials.
- Student Teachers as they complete their examinations and launch out into being "real" teachers.

## **EN GEDI BASE: Josh Moose**

### **Praise for...**

- The nearing completion of the new preschool classroom!
- The returns of the long awaited rains...thank you for your prayers!

### **Prayer for...**

- The immediate release of the fourth container sent from the UK and its safe arrival to our facility.
- We are still seeking funding to help in the completion of renovations for two of our resident houses. With team growth it has become a pressing need.
- As the rains have arrived in our area, please pray that these will continue long enough to produce an abundance of harvest in the surrounding areas.
- Sponsorship for our ground staff wages.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Lois Wagener**

Owen and I have been in New Zealand since February. Prior to our departure I held a weekend with some of the leadership team, involving very open and constructive discussion. I have also maintained contact with some of the ladies while overseas.

### **Praise for...**

- Women who are committed to Jesus and His ways. There are many temptations to compromise but these ladies have stood in the face of strong pressures.
- Open and honest discussion and sharing of hearts. (This is not usual among African ladies)
- Desire in the hearts of the leaders to move beyond their own communities to share the freedom and love of Jesus.
- The acceptance of the Biblical pattern of team leadership as opposed to hierarchy. It has taken over four years for the ladies to understand how this works!!!
- The successful trialling of the first four Bible studies written specifically for Tanzanian women.  
This has confirmed the need for appropriate Bible study material.
- The financial gifts received, while in New Zealand, towards the women's ministry.

### **Prayer for...**

- The writing of Bible study material, the translation of these studies and the finance to have them printed.
- The weekend leadership gathering 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May at En Gedi. This is to prepare for the forthcoming conference at the end of June.
- A full team of leaders to be present at this weekend
- The Annual conference at the end of June. This will take a different form this year as we evaluate and establish the ways to utilize the teaching material from past conferences to maximize its benefits to the greatest number of women.
- Faith Moshi, who is on our women's ministry leadership team and works at The Joshua Foundation. She is under great pressure at the

moment and is a significant member of the Team. She needs financial breakthrough and rest as she is working very long hours to try to complete their house before they have nowhere to live!

- Finances – 1: for the annual conference; - 2: travel of the ladies to communities beyond their own area; and 3: to assist with the establishment of micro-enterprise projects for our leaders who are under such pressure.
- Safe return travel to Tanzania to continue with the vision the Lord has set before us!

## **AGRICULTURE: Renee Moose**

The rain patterns this year have been unreliable and scattered. We have had reports from outlying areas that they have not seen a drop of rain and that their cattle have been dying since February, and we have also had reports from our staff and Tanzanian friends who have applied FGW (Farming God's Way) principles to their croplands that they are seeing remarkable growth in their maize compared to their neighbour's plots. Of course, this causes the neighbour's to question the difference which opens doors through which the love of God can be poured!

### **Praise for...**

- God's faithfulness with His blessings
- New doors are opening to spread the message of God's great love through FGW in areas surrounding Magugu up to the northeast coast of Tanzania!

### **Prayer for...**

- Hearts that are open to being transformed by FGW principles.
- An extended season of rain so that crops can be sustained until the harvest is ready.
- We have received word that some areas still have not received any rain this year. Please pray that they arrive in those areas as well.
- Creative ways to incorporate our rabbit project into the Farming God's Way curriculum.