



JOSHUA

PRAYER WARRIOR

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>>> DIRECTOR'S COMMENT | alan stephenson

Time certainly flies when you're busy! We so value the prayer and encouragement coming our way from many, knowing that it's these which enable us to continue advancing in the face of many obstacles. Please again join with us as we thank God for victories and seek Him for answers.

In this edition...

- The next intake of leaders and the effect this is having in Eastern and Central Africa
- New strategies in the Education Department and remarkable results to the two back-to-back TaCSA (Tanzania Christian Schools Association) conferences
- More developments and needs in agriculture, business and around the En Gedi base
- New volunteer/interns (Ashleigh Tuck, Sarah Jackson, Shelley Bishop and Amy Shanks) arriving for six-month stints (and less) on the field

PRaise for ...

- >> A **new intake of over 30 leaders** for the next 4-month module, "Church Growth and Strongholds", from early August to late November
- >> The **ongoing development of new approaches** in agriculture, business and education that are already affecting many and will continue to grow
- >> The **safe return** of nearly all our overseas missionaries with much blessing and evidence of God's leading
- >> See inside for each department's praise items.

PRAYER for ...

- >> **Always for God's wisdom** in all we're doing, so that it might be most effective for the kingdom of God
- >> For **Patrick and Rebecca Lubilanji** as they complete their furlough/maternity leave in Australia after 6 great months there
- >> **Ongoing strength, health and vitality** as we pursue God and His purposes in Tanzania
- >> **For new interns** as they orient to Africa, En Gedi and Magugu and into the work and experiences God has for them
- >> A strong push by Muslims to see Islamic religious courts established in Tanzania, the first step towards wider sharia law. **Pray** that no religious politics will infiltrate this country and that its record of **peace and non-sectarianism will continue**
- >> Please see specific prayer requests in each department.

>>> LEADERSHIP TRAINING | owen wagener

The **August–November module** theme is on '**Church Growth and Strongholds**'. It is a challenging 4 month course – addressing the realities and source of so many of the bondages seen in humanity and the church world-wide, and in Africa in particular. In the face of these huge needs is presented the principles necessary to see effective growth.

PRAISE for ...

- >> A deep revelation be received of the truth by the Spirit's work, breaking through the mindsets that keep these leaders and their people in so many bondages.
- >> The leaders, their families and their churches be sanctified from the attacks of the kingdom of darkness, seeking to hinder them receiving this ministry, by bringing sickness, accident and like attacks to interrupt their learning.
- >> More provision of sponsorship as a strategic investment in to East Africa – a number of good men have **insufficient funding** at this stage to continue their training.
- >> Special grace be upon those who are pressing through the challenge of their research assignments or theses as required for the completion of their degree coursework.

PRAYER for ...

- >> The faithfulness of prayer-backers and sponsors continuing to stand with these leaders and so facilitating substantial change in the effectiveness of their ministries for eternity.
- >> Many of these current leaders and those who have already graduated effectively applying what they have received – and seeing the results spreading throughout their situations as planned.
- >> Progress made to date on improving further the training programme as God continues to guide and inspire us.

>>> EDUCATION UPDATE | joanna mcewing & lynda stephenson

The **Tanzanian Christian School Association** (TaCSA) was launched publicly in the first week of August with two back to back three day conferences; the first one in Dar es Salaam and the second in Arusha. More than 90 people attended each conference and there was much interest expressed towards further conferences and development of the association. Lynda currently holds the position of Chairperson on the executive committee in this organisation and the conferences were organised by TJF.

The visit of **Dr Bev Norsworthy** of Bethlehem Tertiary Institute to be the key-note speaker at these conferences has also allowed us some precious time talking about the future of JTTC and the structure of our courses. Bev has made a great contribution while she has been here in many ways. We have also had a recent visit from Bob Frisken, which has also led to some interesting conversations and possibilities for the college. Our plans for the future of the college are starting to take more form now. See the Joshua Report for more information.

On the home front, Joshua School Arusha (formerly known as En-Gedi Preschool) is growing steadily in more ways than one! We have just moved into our brand new classroom, the students have very smart new uniforms, the numbers enrolling are growing and both our teachers are pregnant!

PRAISE for ...

- >> The **safe arrival of Rebecca and Patrick's Lubilanji's little girl**; Olivia Belle Zoe on the 22nd May.
- >> **Allan and Sue Dow's** timely and valuable input into Joshua Secondary School in Magugu.
- >> **Two successful, first-ever, TaCSA conferences.**
- >> The time we have had with **Bev and Bob** over recent weeks.
- >> All our **student teachers completed their examinations** with confidence and we await the results.

PRAYER for ...

- >> **Wisdom and direction** as Lynda works together with fellow committee members to plan the direction TaCSA will take over the coming year.
- >> **TaCSA's registration documents** are currently in the government offices awaiting approval – please pray for favour and speed in this process.
- >> The **wise selection of a temporary replacement** for Teddy as she approaches her time for maternity leave. (He/she will potentially be Celina's replacement too!)
- >> **Teddy's ongoing health and strength** as she gets closer to the birth of her first child due in October.
- >> **God's hand** over the material writing for the new JTTC courses and especially over those who will be writing: Joanna, Rebecca and Catriona.
- >> The **preparations that Catriona and her Paul are making** towards joining us towards the end of October.
- >> **The Lubilanji's final weeks in Australia**, travel and easy settling back into En Gedi at end of August.

>>> MAGUGU JOSHUA SCHOOLS | allan & sue dow

We have been privileged to work in Magugu for the last 8 weeks, and observe first-hand the progress and achievements, the challenges and trials, in and through the remarkable work of faith which is happening there.

Pastor Ezekiel and Fausta have warmly welcomed us into their home and we are steadily becoming a part of their community. We have real admiration for this couple; their vision and commitment is leading to the transformation of many lives through the *Joshua Primary and Secondary Schools*.

PRAISE for ...

- >> The **steady progress** evident in the Joshua Primary School – positive staff and students and an eagerness to continually improve
- >> A full complement of **secondary staff**, their attendance at the recent Christian Schools conference, and their growing appreciation of Christian education
- >> Donated books and computers forming the basis of a **new library and computer suite**
- >> A **strengthening Board of Governors** as it takes responsibility for the total school programme

PRAYER for ...

- >> The **continued presence of God** in our school and classrooms
- >> The continued development of a **strong and committed Christian staff**
- >> Good success for **students sitting national examinations** in October/November
- >> The **successful drilling of a 100m well** for bountiful fresh drinking water
- >> **Finance** to complete the next 2 secondary classrooms and administration block

>>> BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS | richard wagener

PRAISE for ...

- >> The **establishment of the charitable “East Africa Development Company”** that will sit alongside The Joshua Foundation to develop funding sources from within Tanzania and become an employer and trainer of Tanzanians.

PRAYER for ...

- >> The **right location at the right price** for our Garage that is becoming part of the company's activities.
- >> **Favour in some significant business negotiations** over the next few weeks and plans for other business opportunities that are presenting themselves.
- >> Planning for a **Business School in 2010** - please pray for wisdom and clarity as the plans take place.

>>> EN GEDI BASE | paul carstensen/josh moose

PRAISE for ...

- >> The **completion of the new preschool classroom** and its enjoyment by a new group of pre-primary children!
- >> **Some extra rains**, but much more needed.

PRAYER for ...

- >> Continue to pray for **long lasting and effective solutions to be found for the food shortages** the nationals are facing again after another poor harvest this year.
- >> A number of our **staff need accommodation**; please pray for an affordable solution, practical and close to work.
- >> There is a real practical need and desire to **drill for water**. Please pray for clarity on how best to go about this.
- >> Quite a number of our **staff or their spouses are pregnant**. Please pray for the blessing and protection of both mother and child as well as the provision for their every need.

PRAISE for ...

- >> The **ladies have “caught” the Biblical model of leadership**. They understand what it is to be part of a team and not a committee!
- >> The ladies in the leadership team who are from different denominations and different parts of the nation **have formed strong bonds of friendship**, which is not usual at all in Africa.
- >> **Many are beginning to disciple younger women** into leadership rather than leave them on the sideline!
- >> The **breaking of many lies** that have bound women into slavery and ungodly practises.
- >> For a **committed team of faithful ladies** who love Jesus and desire to walk with Him to ensure the women in their region and beyond find the goodness and love of Jesus.

PRAYER for ...

- >> **For the ladies to have financial provision**, especially as the famine takes it grip. Many women in ministry do not have adequate support.
- >> That the **new truths received** at this year's conference **will become part of the women's lives** and have life changing effects in their families and communities.
- >> The **younger women** who have committed themselves to be discipled and trained to be servant- leaders.
- >> **Teachable hearts** that desire to Know Jesus and His ways.
- >> The **next leadership week-end** – that we will a constructive de-brief of this years conference and lay foundations for the year ahead.
- >> Plans for the next year – until the 2010 conference - **for wisdom and revelation**.

>>> **AGRICULTURE** | renee moose

Even with the scarce rains we had, the people who had implemented the **Farming God's Way (FGW)** principles to their fields and lives have seen abundant harvests, those who did not have seen very meagre harvests. One of the men who just harvested after using FGW said that this was the largest harvest he had ever had! During a time of drought he has been blessed abundantly for his wholehearted effort and his willingness to change!
In July I held a **FGW seminar** for 20 community leaders who had requested help on how they could improve the crop yields for each of their communities. These leaders have experienced a severely hard planting season due to the drought. It was amazing during the seminar to see how God changed their old patterns of thinking and deposited peace and hope into their hearts. The leader of their group said that they will immediately begin implementing the FGW principles in their lives and farms in order to improve the inheritance of their children!

PRAISE for ...

- >> **Restoration**: The hope, peace and lifted burdens physically visible in those that God has touched through FGW
- >> **Revelation**: Those who have seen first hand the promises of God! II Chronicles 7:14
- >> **Opportunities**: Every seminar given opens doors to more areas. The Good Word is spreading!
- >> **Translation**: A new Swahili version of the manual has been completed and I was able to use it for the last seminar
- >> **Tools**: Pastors that attended the seminar said that they never understood God had any involvement in farming but now they understand He cares about the whole man! They said they now have a holistic tool to help their congregations!

PRAYER for ...

- >> **Assistance**: We need more people to help in this field. There are so many in need of this program and right now I am the only FGW rep in the area.
- >> **Communication**: That the news of FGW would spread further out to other communities in Tanzania. Also, that the leaders who have received training would be able to clearly communicate all that they have learned to the villages for which they are responsible.