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JOSHUA PRAYER WARRIOR

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DIRECTORS' COMMENT: *Alan & Lynda Stephenson*

We're back on track with our *Prayer Warrior*, having missed a few months in late 2009 following big time staff and time restrictions. We're grateful for all of you who are standing with us however in the ongoing fight for the Gospel and for mission in Africa.

Praise for

- The completion of Module VI in November with a Graduation at the end of the month for Leaders and Teachers - a great event celebrating significant achievements and challenges in the lives of many
- The expansion of the Teachers Training programme with the re-writing of the curricula in preparation for taking it into local schools and colleges where the training of teachers will continue on site
- Expansions in our agricultural and relief programmes assisting many to overcome the constant threat of malnutrition and starvation
- The registration of a subsidiary company, East Africa Development Limited as a basis for business training and entrepreneurship in the Tanzania environment and beyond
- Successful preparations for Module VII starting 15th March at the leadership college
- Arrival of visitors and interns 'in the nick of time' to assist us in many areas of ministry
- Safe travels within Tanzania and abroad for all missionaries
- The safe arrival of baby Rachel Victoria into the family of Richard and Jenny Wagener on Feb. 27th!

Prayer for

- Ongoing health and safety of all missionaries with heavy work loads and constant needs
- Completion of the re-write of the Teachers Training curricula for the next June intake
- A great start to the next leadership training module on March 15th, and a Spirit-empowered time throughout. Also, the great need for **financial sponsorships** to be adequately addressed and met (even while we offer some of the most subsidised courses around at international levels)
- The empowered take-off of East Africa Development Limited to build a yet-stronger training and financial base here in East Africa
- The Birmingham UK team who are building classrooms for our Joshua School...lotsa wisdom, health and fun!

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: *Lynda Stephenson & Joanna McEwing*

The Education Department is very busy on all fronts! Two schools, a teachers college, curriculum writing, a Christian Schools Association, Head Teachers Training Days...

Praise for

- The Tanzanian Christian Schools Association (TaCSA) under Lynda's chairmanship is now a registered association in Tanzania. This means that it can now accept members.
- Teacher Teddy Enock has a healthy baby boy, Divine. Her temporary replacement Miriam, has been a real treasure and loves the kids!

- Joshua Schools had wonderful input at the end of last year from Amy Shanks, Ashleigh Tuck and Shelley Bishop, all from New Zealand. We were grateful for their expertise and work in areas of curriculum and teaching practice.
- Paul and Catriona Wansbrough have been with us for nearly six months. Catriona has made a huge contribution to the writing of Joshua Teachers Training College (JTTC) curriculum for the next course.
- At the Joshua Schools in Magugu we are thankful for a great team of enthusiastic teachers starting out into 2010.
- Joshua Secondary School is now at full capacity, with two classes of students at every level. It was a big job getting classrooms ready to a useable (but still incomplete) stage ready for these students at the start of this year... but we made it!

Prayer for

- Teacher Celina Moses' baby is due mid March. Please pray for a safe delivery and a healthy start to life for this wee one.
- Joshua School Arusha continues to grow and we have the beginnings of more classrooms... which will need to be completed!
- Corinne Webb has joined our education team from Australia and will help in JTTC curriculum writing and the professional development of teachers at Joshua School Arusha. Pray for Corinne as she settles and establishes her relationships with the team and teachers.
- Head Teachers Training Days are underway for 2010. Around twelve head teachers are being inspired and equipped to be better leaders in their schools. It would be great to see them applying as much of what they are learning and discussing as possible into each of their unique settings.
- JTTC will open July 5th... before then we need to select the upcoming student teachers and have the course all ready to go!
- JTTC's new teacher training course needs overseas teachers who are willing to come for 6 to 12 months to mentor student teachers. The more mentors that we have the more teachers we can train!
- TaCSA is working towards two conferences in the first week of August 2010 and is currently clarifying its membership policy.
- We desire to see ongoing teacher improvement in all Joshua Schools.
- At the Joshua Schools in Magugu we need to complete the water well and secondary classrooms.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: *Lois Wagener*

Praise for

- Lois Wagener has been in New Zealand and has had opportunity to share about African Women - the goodness and love of God that has changed so many of these ladies lives.
- The women of NZ are becoming increasingly aware that they are privileged and have growing burdens towards these ladies.
- Eight Tanzanian women's leaders met over 20-21 February in the mining city of Merirani. They prayed, shared hearts and how God has been speaking to them and what He has done for them recently. This is a new thing for these ladies - especially as they are from different denominations.
- God has changed marriages as the Word of God is lived-out by these women!
- The Women's Leadership conference (28 June - 3 July) is being organised and two inspiring New Zealand women pastors and a single woman are speaking at the conference.

Prayer for

- That Tanzanian women will continue to grow the relationships between themselves that are now established across denominational lines.
- That the burden the women share for the younger Tanzanian women will fuel prayer cells so God can move and release His Holy Spirit through the Church to begin a revival that will lead to **community transformation**.
- The Women's leadership conference to a) be anointed, b) have only those God wishes to be present, c) adequate **finances** to provide the necessary accommodation, notes etc. (Few African women have money and they have to save so hard to even gather a few dollars!)
- Revelation for the conference speakers as they prepare. Also safe travel from NZ to TZ.

AGRICULTURE: *Renee Moose*

Praise for

- Personal report: Josh and I are expecting our first child in September!
- The El Nino rains have provided harvests for those who were prepared for them! This has been a huge blessing for those so terribly affected by the drought.
- The good news of the Farming God's Way (FGW) program is spreading and we are receiving many encouraging reports! We were also blessed with the opportunity to take FGW out to a Maasai village very near to the Kenyan border. These people have been severely affected by the drought and have lost 95% of their cattle. They are looking for change and hope and were praising Jesus with the hope that FGW brought to them!

Prayer for

- Personal request: As we continue our work we ask you pray for my health and the baby's health, as I have battled many stomach issues (past and present), that considerably slow me down. We have a lot to accomplish before we go on furlough in July, so your prayers are as always, appreciated.
- For the Tanzanians who step out to apply the FGW principles to their farms. This takes an incredible amount of courage for them to go against what their communities have been doing for generations. They face fierce spiritual warfare because Satan wants to steal, kill and destroy the new blessings that are rightfully theirs for their harvests and their lives.
- We are looking to sell our car and purchase a **larger vehicle** so that we have more freedom and less dependency on others to go out to remote areas and even local villages with ease. FGW requires a lot of follow-up with participants and we are limited with what we can do with our smaller car.

PROJECTS: *Josh Moose*

Praise for the amazing things which are already happening for 2010!

- Financial donations in order to kick off our local hunger relief project. Our TJF staff will be distributing the maize to those in need within their community.
- Many of our TJF staff have successfully completed a ministry training course to be able to effectively share the love of Jesus within their communities through one on one maize distribution.
- Successful completion of phase one on the Enkeua Village well project in needy Maasailand. This will enable us to continue digging for an abundance of fresh clean water for the Enkeua community.
- Our recent training at a Micro-enterprise TOT course will equip us to conduct training courses of our own at the Joshua Foundation and elsewhere.
- We've started phase one of a new classroom for Joshua School Arusha (JSA). Great to have Ben Stephenson around to assist here also!

Prayer for

- Wisdom, courage and safety for our staff as they share the love of Jesus to their neighbours and community through the distribution of maize.
- We need wisdom in order to effectively train and equip locals to win the fight against poverty practically, as well as spiritually through Micro-enterprise training.
- Please pray that we safely strike water at the Enkeua well soon. This community desperately needs clean water.
- Please pray for the ongoing progress of the JSA classroom and the safety of those involved in completing the work. This includes a **British team** from Birmingham who will be here for 2 weeks. May it prove to be a healthy and inspiring experience for all!