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Welcome to the second edition of our *Prayer Warrior* for 2010! As always, so much has been happening with so much blessing to many - but not without significant struggles. These of course make us value the results all the more and are a constant reason for prayer and praise. Our God is always good!!

Praise for

- The completion of Module VII in May for leaders from across East Africa. Again, a transforming semester of nearly four months' duration
- The commencement in June of a new Teachers' Training diploma course spanning two years, along with many innovative training developments that will expand Christian teacher training in Tanzania
- A steady building programme on base enabling conferences and new programmes to continue
- The establishment of our East African Development Company (EAD) and micro-banking to facilitate poverty relief and Africa-based mission initiatives
- Life-changing experiences for visitors and interns as they join with us in many areas of ministry
- Safe, productive travel and ministry within Tanzania and abroad for all *Joshua* missionaries
- The supply of finances, so often from unexpected sources and at last minute! Also for the support of many churches and individuals who enable us to pursue God's call on a daily basis. Thank you!

General Prayer for

- Ongoing health and safety of all missionaries with heavy work loads and constant needs
- Additional capable African and foreign full-time personnel to staff our growing departments. Needed foreign personnel include: Media, PR and IT Manager(s), and ESOL language trainer
- God's wisdom to strategically develop each department, a united team, and to know which localities we should reach out to when so many requests and needs abound all around us
- Alan and Lynda leave for New Zealand in early October, returning in December to Tanzania. Your prayers are appreciated for all arrangements.

LEADERSHIP MISSIONS COLLEGE: *Owen Wagener*

Plenty to seek God about this season! The coming module 8 of three months begins on 2nd August. While preparing for that we are working on three other major areas.

- Agreed improvements to the eight module course need to be worked through in detail ready for implementation in 2011 from Module 1 - which starts a new cycle.
- Also we want to open the course to those with inadequate English - using a second parallel course interpreted into Kiswahili for Certificate level Modules 1 & 2.
- Incorporated into the weekly programme will be tuition in English. The goal is to have them ready for English-only Diploma level Modules 3 and 4 in 2012.
- Further, because two of the leaders who have only one module to complete cannot attend their lectures we are developing a correspondence style alternative to meet their need. To say the least it is all go!

Praise for

- The completion of Module 7 (the most difficult intellectually), with all of the leaders being greatly challenged on a wide range of mindsets that are not of God's Kingdom, and even better - making many heart commitments to change!
- The financial provision for a number that has made further study possible as they press on to complete their training.
- The growing spirit of unity among them all - from diverse spiritual, geographical and cultural backgrounds - forming a growing network of relationships that will greatly benefit the Kingdom over the coming years.
- Unsolicited encouraging reports from those who have completed the degree course and able to focus on putting all they have gained into practice - and seeing great results, from Sudan to southern Tanzania!
- For those around the world who faithfully pray for all here - it makes a huge difference in achievement on all fronts!

Prayer for

- Financial provision for those in this coming final module of the 8 module series - August to end of October. (They only have a 5 week break to gather the needed funds)
- The preparation of the special correspondence course and for the 2 leaders who will be trying to adequately cover the material in this format so they are able to complete their degrees.
- For the mentors as they work on preparation of new topics and a range of new activities and related material to be incorporated into the next 8 module series beginning in 2011.
- For the correct choices of, and availability of, the African mentors to enable the planned bilingual course to begin in 2011.
- For the supply of suitable personnel to enable English to be taught to those leaders electing to enrol in the Kiswahili stream.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: *Lynda Stephenson & Joanna McEwing*

- Time flies when there is a lot to do! We now have 18 students at En Gedi for the residential component of their teacher training course which started on July 5th. At the beginning of September the student teachers will go out to schools to begin their in-field mentoring. Four of our six mentors are here and helping to run the residential course. The others will be here soon.
- A team of 30 from Kingsway School in New Zealand are just completing a very successful 2-week block of Kid's Games at Joshua Schools in Magugu.
- Joshua School Arusha is going well with teachers getting regular input from our mentors who have been waiting for Joshua Teachers Training College (JTTC) to start.

Praise for

- Student teachers have been successfully selected and are in training now. They are a very motivated and hard-working group and we have high hopes for quality Christian educators to emerge from this course
- Our mentors are well qualified and enthusiastic and totally committed to the job ahead of coaching our students in all that it takes to be great teachers
- Magugu school students have had a unique opportunity for input by the Kingsway team, both spiritually and in the area of sports
- The Kingsway team (and us) have successfully managed all the logistics and execution of the mammoth planning job of bringing a team of young people to a Tanzanian village for 2 weeks!!
- Celina had a lovely baby boy and is now back at work at Joshua School Arusha (JSA)
- Lovely testimonies of children's lives being changed through school days in Joshua schools
- Evidence of teachers growing in their teaching skills at JSA
- Another classroom is being built for JSA - big thanks to Paul Crabtree and donors in the UK!!

Prayer for

- Our student teachers and mentors need to develop strong working relationships with each other and the training schools they will be a part of for most of their training course

- Rebecca, a founding JTTC lecturer, is very sick with her second pregnancy. Please pray for her health and the safe arrival of the baby early next year
- That the impact from the Kingsway team visit will bear much fruit as the students remember what they have seen and heard of young people committed to Jesus Christ - that commitments to Christ and living His life will be lasting and meaningful
- Allan and Sue Dow are living and working in Magugu to strengthen Joshua Schools there. Please pray for their health and safety, and insight into spiritual issues that impede the development of true Christian education. Progress is being made - the enemy is not happy to see territory being taken from him!
- For students in all our schools to be truly disciplined into a meaningful relationship with Jesus and a life of servant leadership
- For more labourers in the ripe field of education in this nation - there is a LOT to do here!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: *Lois Wagener*

Our main event towards which there has been much build up has been our Annual Women's Leadership Conference! There is so much to thank the Lord for ...

Praise for

- The 55 full-time delegates and 5 day delegates who received a wealth of spiritual food, practical insights and application as three New Zealand women ministers taught, shared their lives, their hearts and their love with the African women.
- Pastor Jayne Calkin led them to discover God's depth of grace as she traced God's mercy through the Bible, culminating in Jesus. She then led them to understand how God redeems lives from ashes into something beautiful and good as she unfolded the lives of the women in the lineage of Jesus.
- Michelle Young taught on the Book of John and focused on the woman at the well. Our African sisters appreciated in a dynamic way how Jesus does not condemn but sees into their hearts and desires to lead them to drink of the water of life so they can fulfil His purpose for their lives.
- Christine Anslow outlined how house church was such a foundation of the New Testament church. She also shared on ministry to the disabled from her own experience with their adult disabled son.
- The way forward for the next year was clarified at our team de-brief following the conference.

Prayer for

- That the Word of God will continue to dwell in the hearts of the ladies now they are home in their local environment - thwarting all the spiritual battles and pressures of family and church!
- The ladies will continue to study and meditate on the rhema words spoken into their lives during the conference so nothing is lost - but they will abound in every good work.
- Four of our leadership team travelled on 16 July for 10 days at Tabora, 700 km west of Arusha. Please pray for journeying mercies (the roads are terrible!), a rich anointing, open hearts, finances for the trip, a release of the power of the Holy Spirit to heal and confirm the Kingdom of God, leaders established in their calling and pastors wives and leaders freed from hurts, grief, rejection and curses.
- In August I will take another four ladies to Babati in central Tanzania, to lead another leadership seminar for 5 days. Please pray in the same manner as noted above.
- Owen and I leave for Western Australia in mid-September (this is subject to change) and arrive in New Zealand the first week in October. Please pray for our travel arrangements.

Thank you all for your prayer support and love. We cannot achieve anything without you standing with us. God bless you as you partner with us in the work of the Kingdom.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT: *Richard Wagener and Neil Murray*

There has been much development over the past few months in the Business Department.

Praise for

- Completion of the incorporation and registration of East Africa Development Ltd (EAD), a charitable company we have established here in Tanzania
- Arrival of SLIME, a tyre sealant product, and our first significant business venture with EAD

- Finalisation of zoning 4500m2 of land as commercial to enable us to expand business operations
- Commencement of Community Banking, a powerful tool to reduce poverty and inspire hope

Prayer for

- Sales of SLIME and smooth ongoing product supply
- Further business ideas and possibilities we are working on
- Recruitment of new quality staff
- Growth and development of Community Banking, Micro-Enterprise and Business Training
- Release of capital

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH: *Josh and Renee Moose*

Josh and Renee are back home in North Carolina, USA for some 6 months awaiting the arrival of their (first-born) son. Things are going well for them as they plan the way ahead. They write...

Praise for

- Less than two weeks ago we received a phone call from someone saying they had a car that the Lord told them to give to us. This person blessed us with a Pontiac Mini Van and we happily accepted! Plenty of room for Jr. and travel. Thank you Father!
- We recently sold our car in TZ. Now we can purchase the Landcruiser in order to get to where God and our work is taking us in Projects and Agriculture. Thank you for praying with us through this one.

Prayer for

- For an increase in our monthly financial support
- For divine connections with those who want to be a part of what God is doing in TZ.
- Continued good health for Renee and the baby
- Preparations for church and supporter visits, fundraising, and part time work for Josh
- Pray for those who continue the work while we are away and that all will be completed.

