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# JOSHUA PRAYER WARRIOR

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## **DIRECTORS' COMMENT:** *Alan & Lynda Stephenson*

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

Our mission statement, *Growing kingdom leaders to raise godly generations* is what we're all about. In line with this, this edition of the *Prayer Warrior* comes at an exciting and challenging time for us in *The Joshua Foundation!* There are many developments occurring at our central base, in our schools, in the overall ministry, along with significant changes within the country as a whole. There are many occasions and points for praise, as well as those needing prevailing prayer! Thank you for standing with us as we press on to make God's wonderful kingdom known in this continent.

Enjoy, and many blessings!

## **JOSHUA LEADERSHIP MISSIONS COLLEGE & NETWORK:** *Richard Kay*

Many of you know that we postponed recommencing our *Joshua Leadership Missions College (JLMC)* courses for the whole of this year, having run solidly with it for the last 15 years. We've used this year effectively to develop the whole 4-year course further and plan to reopen in February 2012.

On **Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** we'll have yet another graduation for remaining degree students of previous years. Preparing for the new, tying up 'loose ends' from previous years, and preparing for the graduation has taken much time and effort! This has included ongoing building repairs and new construction on our 'En Gedi' campus of 17 acres.

In conjunction with JLMC, Rev. Richard Kay and I have been conducting leaders' conferences in different parts of East Africa, while re-launching *Christian Leaders' Network (CLN)*, a relationally-based network of kingdom-minded leaders extending through the region. Along with our JLMC alumni, God has given us some wonderful men and women to work with who are intent on bringing community transformation to their regions. This of course, has been the objective of all our JLMC on-base training over the years!

**CLN summits** have now been held in the strategic gateway Nairobi township of Mlolongo (several visits here), Eldoret (the western city where Kenya's massacres of two years ago occurred), and in a suburb of Kampala, Uganda. These and other visits to summits around Arusha (our city in Tanzania) have generated considerable momentum towards JLMC training and to partnering with us in regional transformation through CLN. Significant leaders are requesting maximised input into their regions across the denominational board for which we praise the Lord Jesus.

## PRAISE for ...

- **Remarkable breakthroughs in Eldoret** where church leaders acknowledged their failures in the face of recent tribal massacres, along with their determination to work together and bring serious change to their communities!
- **Encouraging breakthroughs** elsewhere and the regional growth of CLN which will also facilitate JLMC's expansion
- **Encouraging support** to conduct these strategic summits, as well as larger gifts to develop the much-required facilities at our En Gedi campus for leadership training
- **Health and protection** plus God's empowerment as we travel to and minister in these different localities!

## PRAYER for ...

- **Leaders' finances** as they apply to attend JLMC courses as African economies continue to reel from worldwide recessions and regional droughts and food shortages
- **Regional stability** as many leaders across East Africa testify of high-level violent crime and corruption that also corrupts the church and intimidates those wanting to stand for righteousness
- **Tanzania** our host nation: recent prohibitive residents' permits and fees have every possibility of gutting non-Tanzanian student entries into the nation, as well as undermining all forms of help to the peoples of Tanzania. This could affect many sectors within the country as well as 'faith-based' and NGO activities (non-government organisations) which account for over 40% of the country's GDP. Please earnestly pray for these repressive fees to be revoked – permanently – and well before 2012 starts!
- **Food shortages:** the prolonged drought affecting Somalia and northern Kenya is also affecting the lowlands of Tanzania to a lesser but real degree. This, plus power and fuel shortages due to mismanagement and corruption are matters of considerable concern.

## EDUCATION: *Lynda Stephenson & Joanna Wamala*

Well into the second half of the year everyone is heading into **exam preparation** and sitting national exams. First up are our Standard 7 students on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Standard 4 and Secondary exams are in October and our student teachers have their mock exams in November. On the capital development side our Joshua School Arusha classrooms and composting toilets are in the final stages and we are almost ready to start building our first teachers house. We are also putting in a lean-to kitchen for cooking the kids' porridge each day. We are trialling a stove that burns waste oil – it's a fraction of the cost of electricity or gas cooking, and recycles a toxic product – all part of our sustainability emphasis.

## PRAISE for ...

- Two new **qualified teachers** for Joshua Secondary School (JSS), both believers who feel called to Magugu

- A new **leadership team** for Joshua Primary School (JPS) who are enthusiastic and ready to make positive changes
- Our **ex-JPS principal** graciously taking on the empty post of school cash clerk, an extremely important position that needs to go to a faithful person
- Good **progress** on the building front
- Excellent regional and district **exam results** for our Std 4 & 7 students in Magugu

### PRAYER for ...

- **Good progress** on building our new teachers house
- All the **students** preparing for and sitting exams over the next months
- Four more secondary school **teachers** to complete our staffing needs at JSS
- **Wisdom** and fresh vision for our new leadership team at JPS Magugu
- Care and wisdom for our **new cash clerk** in Magugu to do his job responsibly

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS: *Richard Wagener & Neil Murray*

The business environment in Tanzania has become very challenging in recent months. **Electricity** is in undersupply resulting in power rationing, with some areas receiving power less than 50% of the time. This has direct implications for many businesses with an inability to supply products and services and increased costs. The Tanzanian Shilling is under pressure affecting the price of imported goods and thus hurting every sector of the community especially those that rely heavily on fuels for cooking and transportation.

In this economic environment we are grateful we can spread our business to other East African countries and so lessen the impact on our development.

Here at En Gedi we plan to expand the **Community Banking** system in the near future and so benefit more of the rural population. Basic Kingdom focussed business training continues and is greatly appreciated by those who attend. Improvements in our local network (IT) infrastructure are planned as reliable and effective electronic communication is fundamental to all areas of work here.

**So with gratitude we give:**

### PRAISE for ...

- A new staff member for the Slime business, **Happyness Chande**, who joined in August and is responsible for procurement and logistics.
- **New opportunities** opening in Malawi and Uganda.
- New and faithful business channels in **Kenya**.
- For **IT specialists** who have helped develop our network infrastructure and sourced contact management software for our business.

**And in expectation we ask:**

## PRAYER for ...

- **Wisdom** when presented with new business opportunities and patience when business deals and administration processes take so long.
- **Clear strategies** in growing East Africa Development Ltd.
- **Perseverance** when exciting new business opportunities begin to waver and weaken.
- For the strengthening of the **Tanzanian economy** and our existing customers to prosper.
- **Development of skills**, abilities and the desire to exceed customer's expectations.
- **Funds** to develop a base wireless network.



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