

Tanzania Christian Farm Development Trust

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John Ch:5v24

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Dear Praying friends.

It is with great encouragement that I write this prayer letter, as I look back over the recent months and see the hand of God working in Tabora and here in Northern Ireland. I trust that you will be really encouraged and blessed as you read this. First I would like to thank you all for your prayers and continued support and may you be richly blessed.

I would like to tell you about a young lad named Peter who is 18 years old. Peter's mother had died some years back. Peter was living with his dad (A Muslim) and was still at school. (Secondary education has to be paid for). One day Peter received a

gospel tract and took it home. His father seen it and became angry and warned Peter that if he converted to Christianity that he would have to leave home, and stressed that he would have nothing more to do with him. God was working in Peter's heart and was under such conviction that he came and trusted the saviour. Peter's dad stood his ground and put him out. A month or so past and Peter received word that his father was very ill. He wanted to go and see his father but his father didn't want anything to do with him. Sadly his father died. We often talk about the cost of following Christ. Do we know the real cost of following Christ? Pray for Peter.

The Christians at Ndevelwa had been seeking a way forward. They approached Pastor Tim to see if he would be able to help them. During my last visit I was asked to meet with Pastor Tim and the Christians to see in what way they could be helped. It was great to listen to the planning which would involve some outreach work and a weekly bible classes. Pastor Tim is involved in similar work in other villages

around Tabora and is seeing many souls putting their trust in the saviour. Continue to pray for the Christians at Ndevelwa that they will regain their confidence, that others will be added to the number and above all that there will be a people there who will shine for the Master.



Dick and I are planning a trip to Mwanza which is 6 hours drive from Tabora to visit an orphanage there. We trust that we will be able to learn a lot on the setting up and running of an orphanage.

Please pray for our vehicle situation we have three Land Rovers the youngest is now 18 which years old and needs a lot of attention. The oldest is 24 years old and just blew the turbo. The other one is still running but needs a lot of TLC.

We have a monthly Prayer/ news update sent out via email if you would like to be updated in this manner please send us your email address. We are indeed grateful to you all. For without your continual prayerful and sacrificial support none of this would be possible.

Yours for Christ

PS.

If you would like to be visited for an update please contact John Tuff to arrange a suitable date on 028 25881261. It would be a great pleasure to come and share with you what the Lord is doing in Tanzania.

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Back in February we had a staff meeting when all the staff from all the projects gathered together. This was a great opportunity for the staff to meet each other as some of them had never met. We were able to discuss the future of the projects and it also allowed each one to share their views and any problems in their area of the project. This was a great opportunity to encourage the staff. This proved to be a great success. During my last visit we were able to meet again and review the plans that we had previously discussed which again proved very encouraging.



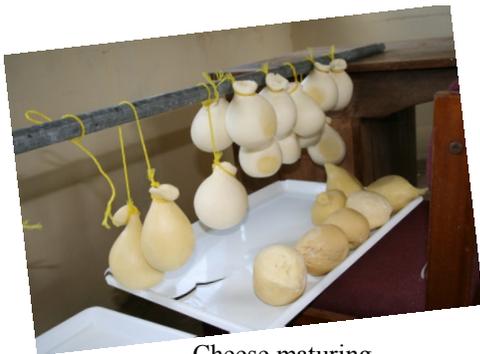
Some of the staff

Back in March we reintroduced chickens to the farm at Ndevelwa. We also employed a man also named Peter to manage the farm. This is going very well and has been a real encouragement to the staff there. We started with 200 day old broilers. The idea was to get a further 200 every 2 weeks and by the 8th week the first batch would be ready for selling. There were a few mistakes made. The staff have recognised these mistakes and have learnt from them. I think that there was also a bit of hesitancy as they maybe felt there would be little or no market for the chickens.



Chickens ready for selling

During my visit I met for the first time the owner of the top hotel in Tabora who informed me they would take 100 broilers the very next day. There were also arrangements made to supply a further 100 the following week and then 200 at the end of the month. It was not only the chickens the hotel was interested in, they are also looking for pork, beef, vegetables and all the dairy products that we produce, what an encouragement to all the projects.



Cheese maturing

orphanage
This was a blessing in disguise. The plastering had been just started but some of the first stage of the electrical fix hadn't been

The construction work at the wasn't as far on as I had expected.

completed and an internal wall that wasn't plumb which had to be rebuilt. This was all put right and the plastering continued. The ceilings are also now ready for fitting. Then a lot of paint. We decide that the main building should have a veranda added to both front and rear of the building. This would help protect the walls during the rains and also keep the interior cooler during the heat of the day. It is beginning to look really well. The foundations have also been put in for a staff house and work is continuing on this.



Front of main building



One of the Dorms

In the last letter you were asked to pray for someone who would have a desire to serve the Lord in Tabora. Some one who would take up the role of managing the orphanage for a period of two years, setting up and training the Tanzanian's for this same task. We felt that this is very necessary so that we will be able to give the children the best possible start in their little

lives and to bring them up in a Christian environment. Give thanks and praise with us to the Lord for the lady who has come forward and shows great interest in fulfilling this position.

Please pray for the process of interviewing etc. and all the things that are involved. Pray that the Lord will give the trustees wisdom, discernment in all the future decisions that have to be made regarding the orphanage. Pray for the next visit to Tanzania which will be at the end of October.



Land Rover stuck and 4 wheel drive not working