

TANZANIA CHRISTIAN FARM DEVELOPMENT TRUST (NI)



Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs ch 3 v 5-6



A NEW BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER

Greetings from Tanzania in our saviour's name. It is indeed a new beginning in many aspects of the work of TCFDT. A new beginning for us personally as we have taken this huge step of faith in obedience to God's calling upon our lives into full time service. A new country to live in, a new culture, a new language, a new climate although not all totally foreign to us. Away from our children, family and many friends and a different type of work. We can also say a New Chapter in the history of TCFDT. Pauline and I are the first full time workers since Gordon and Phyllis McCormick founded the work in 1993. We count it a great honour to be able to serve

the Lord. We praise the Lord for his faithfulness throughout these past years. We can truly say with the hymn writer "we praise Him for all that past and trust Him for all that is to come".

It is hard to believe that we have been here six weeks already. One of the first things we had to get was our driving licences. We spent most of a day driving between different offices, getting photographs, fingerprints, form verification at the head of Traffic Branch, paying the fee at the bank etc to find out at the end of it all they were out of ink to print the licenses. This only could happen in Africa! We were able to collect them 5 days later.

We have been able to get a lot of the minor finishing touches completed on the main building and the new staff/volunteer block. Due to ground settlement and timber drying out, some windows and doors had to be repaired.

We have had to chase up the electric company to get some wires moved as a pole had leaned and pulled off a bracket out of the wall where the main cables go into the main fuse board. We were also only getting 150 volts. We discovered the meter was faulty and when it was finally replaced the voltage was back to 240 volts. The electric supply has been very good since getting all of this sorted.



This year there have been exceptionally heavy rains. During such a deluge the water flowed through the main building about four inches deep. It left a thick layer of mud that took some cleaning. While the ground was still relatively soft we were able to dig out the foundations for a small wall to be built to prevent this from happening again during future rains. Here in this picture you can see the wall that was built.

As we were praising the Lord for the good electric supply, the same day we got water out of the mains supply. It came thick with a rusty scum, but it was water. We were able to get all the air out of the whole system, taps checked, toilet cisterns checked and if memory serves me correct this is only the second time that there has been water out of the mains system since all the plumbing was completed. Our hope and excitement was soon dashed as the next day there was no water coming out of the taps again. We haven't had any since. The water board have said that they will be starting pumping in July. That must have been them testing their equipment. Fortunately we have some water in our ground tanks but may not last until the water board start to pump again.

We were saddened to see the poor condition of the pigs due to lack of the proper diet. After 6 weeks of a proper feeding they are looking really well.

We have prepared a section of land for a vegetable garden. We have planted tomatoes, Chinese leaf and onions at the moment. We have aimed that these will be ready when there no such vegetables available locally and will be an assistance to the running of the Children's Home. We hope to increase the variety in the months that lie ahead. Some fruit trees have also been planted from seed and are ready for transplanting. We have had to clear a lot of tall grass in the fenced area as there had been little ground work done since the rains started. This is all looking smart once again.

The security fence had been completed last year but left the main gates to be fabricated. These are now ready for collecting and installing. We hope that the compound will be secure later this week.

The current permanent staff at the Children's Home consist of two night watchmen and two elderly gentlemen who have been living on site for a number of years as day security. Their jobs are also to care for the pigs and keep the grounds tidy. We had our first staff meeting that went well, when we were able to lay down some new rules.



Vehicle Repairs are On going

We have managed to get one of the Land Rovers up and running. It took the most of three days to do, because of the lack of tools at hand, which is very frustrating. After three days of driving it on the bad roads the bushings in the front suspension collapsed very suddenly and made

driving very unsafe so we had to get that attended to. We then nick named the Land Rover Smokey as it fill the road with smoke each morning as we headed to Kazima. We had the injectors tested and reset. this helped. Please pray that it will keep going (it is 30 years old) as it is very hard to accomplish much without transport.



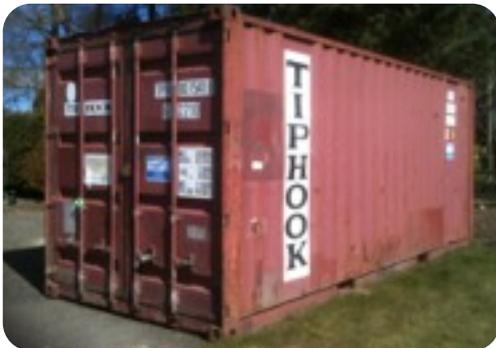
We praise the Lord for the overwhelming response to the Container Project. Items came from far and near. The packing of the container was delayed somewhat, as John felt there was a necessity for a suitable roof rack for the Land Rover which needed to be found and fitted before being packed in the container. One was found in mid Wales, it was bought and shipped over to NI and fitted. The delay was a blessing in disguise as there were two small problems that developed with the Land Rover that were able to be rectified in time before loading the container, for which we praise the Lord.

We thank the Lord for those who came and helped as well. As it proved to be a greater task than first anticipated. To Colin Alexander, Robert Wilson and Samuel Alexander a big thank you. We are also grateful to Robert for allowing us to put the container in his yard and supplying cups of tea etc. We also praise the Lord for the good weather that we had while packing and getting the Land rover well dried before being packed. I would just like to share of one instance on how the Lord provided and there were many. In-between the two days that we were packing the container Pauline and



I were down town getting items together for the container. We were talking about different things that we could really do with to help with the projects here in Tanzania. One of those things was a set of butcher knives. So off we set to the shop where we could buy such things but it was closed and on we went gathering together other things. The following day had been arranged do finnish packing the container and we were busy packing when my phone rang. The man on the other end asked if I was at home. I said that I was at Roberts packing the container. He said "wait here I am coming now." After about 15 minutes the man arrived with his wife and daughter, they got out of the car with armfuls of things for the Children's Home to be packed in the container. He then called me over to the car and opened the boot and he lifted out what looked like a briefcase, he opened it and said that I feel that you could use these in Tabora and you have guessed, a full set of butcher knives. Praise the Lord. We had told no one, but the Lord knows all of our needs. Thank you.

Please pray for the safety of the container, for speedy clearing at customs etc. It has arrived in Dar es Salaam.





Pauline has spent many hours in the store sorting out very dusty cloths, toys etc among other things like nails , screws and other valuable items ready to move them out to Kazima when we have places for them.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

1. FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH
2. SAFE ARRIVAL OF THE CONTAINER
3. THAT THE LAND ROVER WILL KEEP GOING TILL THE OTHER ONE ARRIVES
4. THAT THE STAFF WILL BE ENTHUSIASTIC IN THEIR WORK
5. FAMILY AT HOME
6. CHRISTIAN WITNESS
7. THE INCREASING FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE TRUST
8. FOR THE TRUSTEES
9. REGISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME
10. THE TRIP TO DAR ES SALAAM TO GET THE LAND ROVER & CONTAINER

Since our arrival six weeks ago we have been living in the home of Tim and Kim Whitfield which has been a great help to us as we get our place at Kazima ready. This has been really appreciated. A big thank you to them.

We are waiting for the completion of the kitchen units which are currently being made and also some furniture these are due to be ready around the beginning of June. We plan to move to Kazima soon after these are in place.

When the container is cleared and ready for coming out of port we need to be present in Dar es Salaam at that time. Please pray that all this will go smoothly.

We know that it is early but we would like you to know that we will be home in N Ireland on the 20th September 2013 for a period of around two to three weeks and will be available for deputation meetings. Please book now to avoid disappointment.

Thank you all for your continuing prayerful and financial support that enables us to be here serving our Lord

Yours in His service

John & Pauline

PS. If you would like a visit in your local Mission Hall or Church Fellowship. Please contact Mrs Ruth Coleman to arrange a suitable date on 028 92676175. A representative from the Trust will be more than happy to come and share with you what the Lord has done and is doing in Tanzania.

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