

# TANZANIA CHRISTIAN FARM DEVELOPMENT TRUST (NI)



Greetings from Tanzania in our Saviour's name.

I am sure those of you who receive this Prayer/news update are wondering what is happening in Tanzania. First we must apologise for the delay in putting this together.

It has indeed been a long time and there has been so much happening. We will share some of these details with you here. We have had computer problems for over four months which have proven a real challenge here in Tanzania. The internet speed is poor and takes days to download. We are truly humbled by the way our Lord answers our prayers in many circumstances.

We continue to **praise** the Lord for the Land Rover which arrived in Tanzania back in June. It continues to be a real blessing for us and the work here. It was even useful when putting the spouting up for us to be able to harvest the rain water. The rains have been a **blessing** so far this year, but it also reminds us that water is very precious here. We are still working on getting a bore hole at Kazima which will take the uncertainty of water supply away. Please continue to pray regarding a borehole it is going to cost between £10,000 and £12,000. We **praise** the Lord for some donations that have already been earmarked for this.



Pauline has been very busy in getting all the equipment unpacked, sorted and setting up the Children's Home. We have had two sets of interviews and finally have selected five to join the staff once the children are here. China joined the staff in November and has indeed been an inspiration to us all.

We have now had three inspections which went well. On the first one there were some shortfalls which we were asked to put in place. The biggest obstacle for the final inspection was going to be the water, or I should say the lack of water from the mains as we have not had any for some months. We have three underground water tanks nearly all full of rain water. The night before the inspection was to take place after we had everything set out, I sat down on our veranda weary and totally exhausted and just asked the Lord to undertake. We had done all that we could and now it was in His hands. I was wakened at 6.15 am, the next morning by the sound of running water, it wasn't rain water it was mains water. The mains water was on - a real answer to prayer. **Praise the Lord.** We were full of excitement, now we had to make sure the water was coming out of all the taps and toilet cisterns were filling up. There were a few leaks that we soon got sorted. The inspection took place and all the shortcomings from the previous inspection were looked at. What smiles were on our faces when the inspector turned on the taps and water came out. **Praise the Lord.**



Bacon

The pigs and chickens are doing well. This little piglet was the runt of a litter of seventeen and had little chance of survival. Pauline rescued him and managed to get him to feed out of a baby's bottle. Within a week he knew Pauline's voice and followed her around the house. After two weeks we introduced him back to a foster sow who had only seven piglets that were the same size as Bacon. (We called him Bacon) We have 41 piglets in total. We have moved twenty of them out to the farm at Ndevelwa. Our Land Rover pickup is off the road at present so we hired a bagaji (three wheeled motor cycle with a back body) to help transport the piglets. From the pigs and chickens we are able to receive a little income to help with the running of the Children's Home.



Piglets being moved

You might recognize one of the containers here which we put into good use along with another one making them into secure storage for the valuable equipment, in between them we made into a workshop, to be able to carry out our necessary maintenance. We have started to overhaul the old Land Rover which will give us a second vehicle. We moved some of the equipment from the farm that needs worked on. John tried some plowing with the tractor after he spend some time getting it going. We were hoping to plow a new area (for sunflowers) but there is a problem with the cooling system on the tractor that now needs sorted.



## ITEMS FOR PRAYER

1. FOR GOOD HEALTH
2. FOR THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS
3. THAT THE STAFF WILL HAVE ENTHUSIASM IN THEIR WORK
4. OUR FAMILY AT HOME
5. OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS
6. THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE TRUST
7. FOR ALL THE TRUSTEES IN IRELAND AND IN TANZANIA
8. REGISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME
9. FOR THE TEAMS FUNDRAISING EVENTS
10. FOR THE CHURCH AT NDEVELWA

We are excited about the prospect of two teams coming to help us in the Lords work here this summer and are busy getting things ready for their arrival. One of the main tasks for the men will be to build a laundry and staff toilet block. We have already got the foundations and sub floor in place. The ladies will be helping with the children in the home.

All the documents for the licensing and registration of the Children's Home are now in Dar es Salaam. It is now just a waiting period which is difficult. Social Welfare here in Tabora have now given us the go ahead to start taking in the children. The only way that we can accept children is through the social welfare office which we are happy about as this is a safe guard against all sorts of issues that could arise.

There are children found in the garbage dumps, left at the hospital and at the police station, even left at the side of the road in a plastic bags. This is the ministry that the Lord has called us to and we are excited of what the Lord has in store for us. **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 the Trust Secretary to arrange a suitable date on 028 25898579 . 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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