

Tanzania Christian Farm Development Trust(NI)

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach
Mark 3:14

Jesus' faithful disciples were ordinary men who became extraordinary because of Jesus Christ. We should not disqualify ourselves from service to Christ because we do not have specific credentials. Being a good disciple is simply a matter of following Jesus with a willing heart. Also the fact is that the Holy Spirit gives to each believer a special ability. (1 Corinthians 12). How will you use your abilities to serve God?



The Children's Home. The number of children in the Home remained at 11 for quite some time then more started arriving. Today we have 20 children in the Home. Some have also gone back to family. One of the latest to arrive was a 2-day old boy who was abandoned in a plastic bag and found by a school boy. We have named him Peter. It is hard to believe that Masanja has finished his second year at school. Esther, Saidi and Sami have also finished their first year. It was a blessing to see Sami accept Jesus as her Saviour. Mussa has recovered very well and is saying words in both Swahili and English.

This past year we have been greatly blessed with many visitors



from Northern Ireland and our highlight this year were the teams that visited over the summer. The construction of the new building got underway with foundations built, subfloor poured and two rows of

blocks built prior to the first team arriving. The team helped to build the block work and after they left we cast the ring beam and almost got the roof on before the second team arrived. The ladies on the first team helped to entertain the children and work with the babies. The second team installed a pre-amp for our mobile phone signal and as soon as the roof was completed they worked hard to complete the first fix of electrics. Our new roof shines in the sun light and can be seen from miles away. Our prayer also would be that the Children's Home would also be a shining light in the community. We praise the Lord for meeting the needs to get the new building to this stage and we are trusting Him to supply the rest that is needed to finish. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity from God's people and count it a privilege to be a part of this work. Although the building is far from complete we have had to start using one of the rooms as we are pushed for space. The children love it!

Ndevelwa. The farm house has been renovated and Andy and Margaret are now living there. The class rooms/ dormitories have also been renovated. Andy hopes that in the not too distant future to begin teaching God's Word along with 'Farming God's Way'. They are also at present drilling a bore hole which is at 122 meters deep. The drilling team (Thirst no More) have gone to Dar to collect some parts. Work is expected to commence again at the beginning of December. Please continue to uphold the little church. Jerry and Rachel Wyatt are involved here. Pray the folk will realise the importance of meeting together, that it will grow numerically and spiritually.

The Dairy. We are saddened to report that the dairy is temporary shut. A retired Pastor has shown an interest in investing in and running of the dairy. A lot of repairs have been carried out but the health authorities are digging their heels in and it has now been taken to higher authorities.

Items for Prayer

For good health among the children and ourselves.

For our staff

For our Family back in Northern Ireland

For the growing financial needs of the Children's Home.

For the completion of the new building.

For safety for the children.

We plan to have a furlough at the beginning of September 2017 for approximately 2 to 3 months. We would value your prayers for this and the arrangements that need to be made.



Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for the Lord's work in this part of the world.

Yours in Christ **John & Pauline**

PS. If you would like an update of the work in your local Mission Hall or Church Fellowship, please contact Sam (deputation coordinator) to arrange a suitable date on 028 9753 1217. A representative from the Trust will be more than happy to come and share what the Lord has done and is doing in Tanzania.