

Kibidula News

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Martyr's Blood Becomes Seed for Gospel

By Barry Mosier

"No, father, I cannot herd the sheep today because it is God's Sabbath," replied Kulwa to her stepfather's command. "I want to go and worship God today." "We will see about this!" her stepfather hissed angrily back at her with hatred in his eyes.

When missionary Amos Lulandala opened the work in the village of Mtandika, he was surprised when Kulwa, a 17 year old Masai girl had become the first believer in this little desert village. She fell in love with her Savior as the Bible was opened up to her and she was looking forward to her baptism. However, the conflict between her and her stepfather regarding her new beliefs became more and more bitter until finally, on a Sunday in February 2005, he beat her to death with an iron bar. Although this awful news caused us to weep at Kibidula, we asked the Lord to use the blood of this modern day martyr to bring a great miracle to this village.

When my son Keith told me of the desire of the Meadow Vista Church near Weimar, California to come to Tanzania to conduct an effort, I felt impressed that we should go to Mtandika. After hearing the story, they agreed.

In October, we sent two additional Bible workers (one an expert in Islam) to this 80% Muslim

village. In November we sent a team to start building the new church on the land that Kulwa's mother had donated. Two days before the team from America arrived, we started setting up the equipment and benches.

Part of my job was to dig 80 holes for 40 slab wood benches. The ground was like concrete after 8 months with no rain. With only an iron bar to dig the holes, I had 3 blisters after 3 holes. Mmm...77 holes to go. Just then, the village chairman (a Muslim) arrived and offered to bring men to dig the holes. Within two hours our benches were ready. I was stunned as I thanked him for his cooperation and for his giving us permission to do the effort.

Even more amazing was the 800 people who came the opening night! David Smith and Keith shared the preaching duties while the young people in the team conducted a separate set of meetings for children-also by projection. The young people also gave health talks night by night. Others helped to cook or to finish the church construction. Everyone prayed and many went door to door in the oppressive heat. People were shocked to have "wazungu" (white people) coming to their homes to tell about Jesus.

Opposition came when police started coming to the meeting telling us that our permission was only for day meetings, not night meetings. In spite of national elections coming in only two weeks, the Muslim leaders accompanied me to Iringa and insisted that the night meetings continue. The permission was granted-an answer to prayer. Later when evil rumors circulated that the white people were sucking blood out of those who attended the meeting, the Muslim leaders publicly denounced these rumors.

One day during the effort, our missionary's 8 year old son went fishing in the river. Although there had been no crocodile attacks that whole year, Satan saw a chance to end the effort. A huge crocodile lunged out of the water and grabbed him around the chest, leaving his arm down the crocodile's throat. After wiggling his arm, water went down the croc's throat and it spit him out. Surely, an angel helped him to escape and Satan was thwarted again.

On another day, two Masai ladies came 4 hours on foot because they had heard our horn speakers at night. The Lord had called them, and their request was simple, "We want to know more about Jesus." They returned and brought others to the meetings. At the end of the meetings, we

baptized 28 people in the river, including 6 Masai and 3 of our young people. In the closing meeting, the Muslim village chairman read from the Bible and confessed his own new found faith in front of his people. Praise God!

Now the harvest is growing and 35 more Masai are requesting baptism. The seed planted by the blood of Kulwa has burst forth into new Christians believers! I want to thank each one of the dedicated team of 13 that answered God's call to help make this miracle happen. As we see these primitive people being miraculously called out from the bush to follow Jesus, we see that we are living in the last days of this earth's history.

Maybe God is calling you to short or long term service overseas? Be part of the miracles that God is preparing to do! Let's throw everything we have and are into finishing God's work. It will be worth any sacrifice. I know that I can't wait to see Kulwa in the resurrection and watch her face when she meets this harvest of

Bottom Left: Evangelism Team standing behind the grave of Kulwa.

Below: Baptism of Masai Lady.

To view more pictures of the effort held in Mtandika please turn to page 4.



School Of Evangelism

By Sylvester Temboh

The following are some of the requests, expressed needs and wishes of those touched by what goes on in the school of evangelism.

"I am impressed with the new life of one of our church members who attended your school. She is not the same as she was before coming to your school. At first we thought she was just finding life difficult at home, but when she got back, she was different for the better in our church and community. Our women are inspired, our marriages are improving, the art of cooking is changing for the better. Health and hygiene are paid attention to and there is much more to it. Do you mind coming to my church to conduct a seminar in these lines? Sincerely, Concerned Church Elder."

Caller: Hallo, is this Kibidula Training Centre?

KTC: Yes please, this is KTC.

Caller: Ok! I just want to let you know how grateful I am. My fiancé is great! You prepared her very well to fit as a model wife. She met Jesus there at KTC; please keep up with the good work.

KTC: Excuse me, who am I talking to?

Caller: Never mind, I just wanted you to know that your work is not in vain.

"We have 10 potential students to send to your school in one intake, can you take them please?"

"Our church is focussing on evangelism and we have 6 students ready to send. Please send us the forms."

"I am a business man with a lot of interest in soul-winning. If I get you 4 seasoned Bible workers at once for polishing, could you admit them?"

"We have 12 committed men and women ready to get a boost in personal evangelism; do you mind giving them a one month training at your school?"

"Why not add more time to the program? It looks like there is more to learn in such a short time."

"Is it possible for the school to send us your teachers for a week or two to our district?"

"Why don't you open branches of Kibidula Training Centre all over the country to meet people where they are?"

"We wish we could have this kind of school in Masailand, Kenya. Do you mind coming to help us?"

"I am 69 years old now. Where was Kibidula when I had energy and ability? I could have done more for my Master."

Teaching is a calling, not just 'one of those jobs.' Our teachers sense that and this could be the reason why we are experiencing the success mentioned above.

A recognition of a need is a call to service.

According to our team's abilities, we share appropriately our different roles to the advantage of our students. It is in this set-up, recognizing the principles of True Education, that KTC gains strength.

We are halfway through the first course for this year. We have a total intake of 21 students. Three of these students are Masai from Kenya. Almost all have a place ready for work when they get back home. We are planning to have our students go to the Twico/Misitu compounds to gain a practical experience in witnessing and outreach, before this session comes to an end in April. During our last session, July to October 2005, we had students go to the neighbouring village of Bumilayinga for 'seed sowing'. Now, with the follow-up work done by our current students, we are told that it is almost 'harvest time.' We solicit your prayers on these

different programs.

Going out to conduct these programs places us on vantage ground whereby we extend our services to those who may not make it to school. From time to time calls come requesting us to conduct seminars over weekends or even a week in different areas within our Southwest Tanzania Field. In mid February of this year, I had the opportunity to go to Makongolosi (Chunya) with Edgar Emily. Here a retired teacher gratefully remarked during the seminar that it was the first time in his life to hear such a simple explanation of Bible teachings. Out there people are desperate for Bible knowledge and as a school we try to satisfy the need whenever time allows.

The time is ready; the work must be done and it is an urgent matter. People need to be trained and sent to needy areas. God has the means to make all this possible and He wants to use you as a channel!

"Hear counsel and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in they later end. There are many devices in a man's heart; but nevertheless, the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." - Proverbs 19: 20-21.



Left: Kibidula Training Center Evangelism Students.

Publishing Work Grows Amidst Trials

By Barry Mosier

We rejoice in God's blessings in the publishing work over the past year. In 2005 Stephano Kasiri and I accompanied Tanzania publishing leaders in conducting training seminars in each of the six conferences in Tanzania. Together, we sought to eliminate the credit sales of books and promote better financial management among colporteurs.

Then from June-August Kibidula had the privilege of operating the first ever student colporteur scholarship program in Tanzania. Twenty three students from our church university (University of Arusha) sold books in Dar Es Salaam to earn tuition fees. Together, they sold books with a retail value of over \$25,000 during this time.

At the request of publishing leaders, Kibidula opened five new book stores across Tanzania to service colporteurs

and church members. There are now Kibidula bookstores in the major city of every conference of Tanzania. This will enable us to increase in 2006 the 40,178 books and magazines sold last year. New Swahili titles last year included "Through the Bible in 156 Stories"- a much needed children's book that should be a blessing to parents and Sabbath school teachers. The new "Victory in Christ" book in Swahili will help members and non members to better understand the beautiful message of righteousness by faith.

It will only be in Heaven that we will know the extent of the harvest of souls from these "silent messengers." However, these advances have not gone unnoticed by Satan. We know that he hates the message of truth in these printed pages and he will do all he can to oppose this work. Recently, we have been trying to clear 2 contain-

ers of books from America and tracts from Light Bearers Ministry. We have faced many obstacles in the shipping and clearing of these containers. Although one is finally out, the second is entangled with seemingly unending red tape, regulations, and hindrances. There has been no solution but to pray our way through this challenge, trusting that God will overrule in the end.

My mind is permanently etched with the awful memory of colporteurs coming daily to feel and examine our books, only to leave because they had no money to buy them with. Currently, Kibidula is implementing a capital program that will provide each of the 900+ colporteurs in Tanzania with about \$50 worth of books (at their buying price). Although the profits will be used for their own needs, they must promise to use this capital only to purchase additional books.

Included in these shipments of free books are large numbers of "The Great Controversy." Satan is furious and we expect plenty of challenges as these books go out. Just last week we discovered that 70 boxes of books headed for Musoma region were offloaded from the bus and retained by the Kenya border officials. Since they were strictly "in transit goods" destined only to pass through Kenya, there was no reason for this to happen. Since then the Lord has helped us to clear these books so that they can do the work He has appointed.

We trust the Lord's council when we read, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public."-*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80. We solicit your prayers and support for the publishing work as we seek to spread these last day truths like the leaves of autumn.

Aviation Update

By Jason Fournier

A few months ago I reported to you that the Lord has led us through his providences to step out in faith and rebuild our airplane and see what He would do with it. I also promised that I would keep you updated as to how the work is going. Well, this is what is happening so far.

In February of this year we had an inspector come out and inspect our airplane. He gave us the green light and as of March 1, 2006, our little airplane has a "Permit to Fly" (the equivalent of a "Certificate of Airworthiness"). Then, just this past week, on March 14, I began flying under the supervision of a flight instructor in Dar Es Salaam to gain the 10 hours of recent flight experience required for the renewal of my license. Actually, because I haven't flown for so long, they decided that I should take a

flight examination. I am happy to report that all went well and on the third day of flying I reached the ten hours required and passed the flight test. Unfortunately there was no electricity in Dar Es Salaam due to the drought that this country is experiencing and they couldn't print out my license at that time - but I just received a phone call today saying that my license is ready and will be sent to me. I thank God for His help. (Ben and Pam Vinson will be going on furlough soon and Ben will pursue getting his license when he returns).

Now there is just one step remaining. In late February, we were finally given the go-ahead from the environmental authority to proceed with the "construction" of the runway. Actually the runway has been there for many years but new

regulations require that it be widened and that we put in numbers and edge markers etc. While Ben was out on the runway trying to figure out how to accomplish the huge task by hand, a grader came driving by going to do some work in the area and Ben was able to strike a deal with the operator to do the work. In this part of the world, you don't find graders just driving around. I believe that God sent us that grader exactly when we needed it. In just one day he was able to widen the runway to 100 feet (30 meters). We are busy now working on the runway numbers and edge markers. We hope to have the runway licensed within

the next few weeks. We thank the Lord for His providences up to now. It is with mounting excitement that we are waiting for God to show us just how we can use this project to glorify His name.

Please continue to pray for us here as we seek to reach the un-reached of Tanzania.



Above : Construction of runway numbers.

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- \$20,000 - Dormitories for Agricultural Students
- \$4.50 per Bible - Bible Gift Fund
- Translation and Publication of Swahili Literature.
- \$60 will sponsor 1 Lay Missionary in an un-entered area for 1 month.
- \$200 will sponsor a needy student for a four month Evangelism training course at Kibidula Training Center.
- \$3,000 for tree planting for future timber industry.
- \$2,500 for 1 Grinding Mill.



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Our Mission Statement:

Kibidula is a supportive ministry of the SDA Church. Being a culturally and socially diverse team, it is our mission to be united and empowered through Christ and to joyfully serve the individual needs of every person we come in contact with, through interdependent cooperation with God and each other.

This we accomplish through:

- Education
- Evangelism
- Health - and Community Services.

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Above : New Seventh-day Adventist Church constructed in Mtandika.

Top Right : People baptized as a result from the effort.

Right : To reach the village one has to cross the river in a dug-out canoe and sit-lay down to help steady the 'boat'.

