

Kibidula News

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Taking a look at the past before entering the new year - by Hanne Lise Vik

Dear one and all,

We are entering a brand new year. 365 days of untouched time. What a privilege and opportunity! Even the possibility or thought of going through that time without the safe and reassuring presence of God makes me tremble. He has been so good to us! I would like to tell you of some of the



*I am Ethan Mgeni. I am learning at Iva Werner Primary School. I am happy about the teachers. I am so happy to be there. We learn many things and they love us. I am in standard four.
Love, Ethan Mgeni*

blessings we have received, because remembering the blessings of the past gives us strength for the future.

I will start with courage. I never thought I would be part of starting a school, but every step of the way God has provided the strength and courage to carry on.

Another blessing I mentioned in a former newsletter is our school's registration. It was a miracle, and an answer to many prayers. Things have been very different for us after we were registered. We no longer have to wonder where our new students will

come from. Our students have been able to do the necessary exams, and we are included when our ward deals with school matters. Now we can see that there is a future for our school!

Financial support is another big blessing. We are struggling to find an industry that can give our school an income, and at this moment we are dependent on God to inspire people to support our school. We are very

influence will have an impact on our whole community.

I am also very thankful for the way I can see God working in the lives of our students. The calming, wonderful

My name is Nathanael Mginwa. I am in standard five. I like to go to school and learn. I can get an education, knowledge; and I can know many things. If I don't know many things it will be a problem for me. So I like to learn many things about life.

influence of the Holy Spirit's work is clearly seen when I look back and notice the differences. God has big plans for His children, and I pray that our school can continue to be a positive influence in their lives.

God has blessed in the past, and therefore with confidence and trust in Him we can all enter this new year. Not that it will always be easy, or that we will never meet hard times; but we can cling to His strength with peaceful confidence. To end with I would therefore like to wish you all a blessed and happy New Year.

I am Uzziah Kayugwa. I have just finished standard seven. I like this school so much because there are nice teachers, and they like their students to pass the exams. So they teach as much as they possibly can. They have nice books that students like to read. It is a Christian school, and it is just a nice school. There's a school garden which they hoe and get a harvest, and the students have a garden that is a little different than other school gardens. I like this school so much.

thankful to all the people who have made it possible for us to financially run this school. It has an important role in the lives of our students and their families, and we hope that this



Hanne Lise Vik

A week with EBS - by Ariane Riederer

I again came to realize how hard life is in the villages when I went on a bush week with EBS (European Bible Students). My name is Ariane and I have lived here in Kibidula for 10 years. This year I was able to join the EBS in their outreach in the village of

Kinegembasi. While there we lived right next to the Primary School, and had the chance to interact a lot with the local people and see first hand the struggle they have for survival. We all shared one house, and we cooked our

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Move to the new farm units - by Jean-Luc Waber



Finally in the new dormitories!

This September was a highlight for the Agricultural Training Program. The students were finally able to move into the new farm units. For all of the boys this means that they no longer have to walk 5 to 10km from the villages mornings and evenings. The girls were also very excited to receive new sleeping quarters.

With these new farm units the training program also changed. The students are now divided into three groups; one with girls and two with boys. The practical work and experience in the fields and gardens is the foundation of the program. The students basically grow their own food. They also share in the preparation of the meals, in worship and in social activities. In this way they get an extensive experience in life skills. The adjustments to this new style of school life is a challenge for some students; as it is not exactly what they expect, but we hope that many of our students will see the benefit of the training they receive.

In September and October the 45 students were very busy preparing the fields for the planting season. After the first good rains in November, they competed with each other to see which unit would be finished first with planting beans, maize and sunflowers. The vegetable gardens received manure and compost and water tabs for irrigation. The fields are all planted, and the first weeding is completed. The students now enjoy a few days at home over Christmas and New Year.

In December we were also very happy to receive two 40 foot containers loaded with Swiss Army material. The farm units benefited by receiving quality beds and mattresses, stainless steel pots and other useful tools. We are very thankful for all the help from those involved in the shipping of these containers.

Tulizo and Lupyana, two former students, and Stumai have been hired to help with the care of the students, and we are happy to have them as Kibidula staff.



Student grafting an avocado tree

A "child" is born

- by Irma Bauder

This title is not only matching the Christmas Season, we are also very happy that the Kibidula Book department gave birth to a "child", a Swahili book called "Mungu katika Historia" (God in history). The booklet had been written originally in German by Dr. Hans Heinz, under the title "Radikale Veränderungen", which implies radical changes that will be marking our world history soon.

This second revised edition with new cover design was edited with the help of Advent-Verlag in Switzerland, and the book was printed at the Adventist Press in South Korea in September, a first fruit from our visit in March this year! We were very pleased when we held the result in our hands and we thank God for the excellent help we got in different areas. The Tanzanian market has responded with big purchases to this newly available book and we anticipate a re-print in 2009.

In November I was attending the year-end Publishing meetings of all the Tanzanian Union and Conference Publishing Directors. Again and again, they were emphasizing the big need of Swahili literature in the country. In the bigger cities and towns the colporteurs are able to sell English books, but in more remote areas, only Swahili is understood by the population.

Another big need they outlined: tracts! We are happy that we are able to

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Happy faces with the new beds in the farm units

Service Opportunities

Kibidula is looking for:

- **Medical Doctor**
- **Mechanic**
(cars, machines in general)
- **Farm Manager**
- **Elementary School teacher**

If you are interested in working at Kibidula please contact us via e-mail, and we can give you more detailed information regarding these Service Opportunities.

Kibidula Aviation - *by Jason Fournier*

On November 27 of this year the long awaited box arrived. Yes, a big plywood crate by now full of holes and breaking apart but inside was held precious cargo – a CH 801 airframe kit. That is the big brother to the plane we have now and will have a capacity of 4 people, travel somewhat faster, and carry bigger loads.

Over the past couple of years, experience has shown us that our little CH-701 was just too small to handle the long trips we've been making. With all fuel tanks filled to the maximum plus one passenger, the

While on furlough in America early this year we began making plans to purchase some farm equipment and ship it over in a container. We then decided to look into purchasing the kit since we would already have to ship a container. OCI had already given us a grant of \$15,000 toward the plane. The kit price was listed at \$21,000. I called up Mr. Heintz of

Zenith Aircraft and he quickly agreed to supply the kit for \$15,000. I felt that God was leading.

Another hurdle was the fact that our little hangar was built to fit just our little plane. There would be no room to house the new plane or even build it in that little hangar. After returning from furlough, I drew up plans for a hangar that could house the new plane and also

be big enough to house most any mission plane that might be used here in the future. With little funds in hand we went ahead and began the



Hangar doors in place

construction of the new hangar. Again God has blessed and to date we have the roof on and main doors hung.

Still needed are the engine, instruments, and paint, but in the mean time we will be busy for several months with the assembly of the airframe. We are thankful for your prayers and support as we seek to hasten our Lord's coming by taking advantage of every opportunity that presents itself.

For weekly progress reports on aviation and other things I am involved with around here, please visit my blog at www.kibidulapilot.blogspot.com



The airplane kit arrives

plane was already overloaded before any luggage was taken on. This meant poor performance especially during hot weather.

Luncheon with Swiss Ambassador - *by Thomas Riederer*

Early in December all the Swiss living in the Iringa Region of Tanzania were invited by the Swiss Embassy to a luncheon with the ambassador, Adrian Schläpfer, and his wife at Kisolanza Farm. In anticipation of this event we were wondering what other Swiss people we would meet! So we were quite surprised to realize that from the 14 people that came, 13 (including our children) actually were from Kibidula. The only other guest was a friendly catholic monk who for the last 30 years has been farming for a

monastery in the area. From the ambassador we learned about the successes, and struggles of

development aid, and heard many new things about how government aid works these days. Mr. Schläpfer was

working many years as vice director of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) before he was appointed as Swiss ambassador to Tanzania.

All, adults and children, really enjoyed the delicious food and this time together. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Schläpfer and to the Swiss government!



Kibidula's current project needs

- New Engine for Mission Airplane: \$28,000

48%	\$14,450
Received	Still needed

- Container costs + distribution of religious tracts: \$5,000

10%	\$4,480
Received	Still needed

- Lay-Missionaries: Goal for 2008
35 Missionaries / \$70 per month each: \$29,400

85%	\$4,400
Received	Still needed

- School of Evangelism Sponsorship
Goal for 2008: 20 Students / \$250 each: \$5,000

40%	\$2,975
Received	Still needed

- 1000 Bibles in 2008 / \$5 each: \$5,000

98%	
Received	

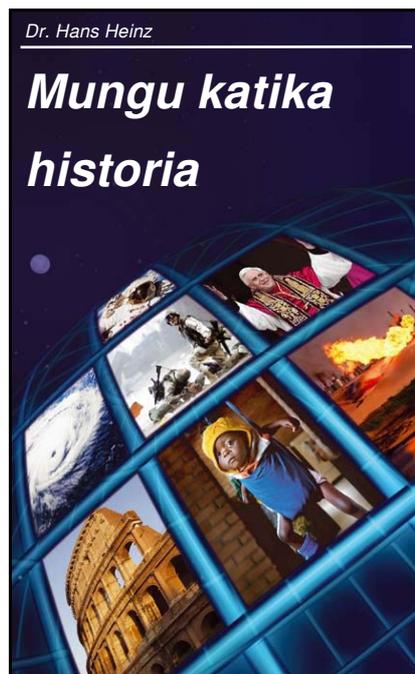
- Kibidula Primary School costs for 2008: \$7,000

100%	Thank you!
Received	

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make arrangements with Light Bearer Ministry (LBM) in America, who promised to ship a 20 foot container full of tracts in spring 2009. The printing and shipping costs to Tanzania are covered by LBM, Kibidula needs to come up with the funds for clearing the container at the harbor and handling the boxes once they enter the country. We know that these tracts will be a big blessing as many hundreds of church members and colporteurs are eagerly waiting to distribute those tracts among the people who are open to receive more light.

Thanks a lot for your prayer and support of the Publishing work in Tanzania!



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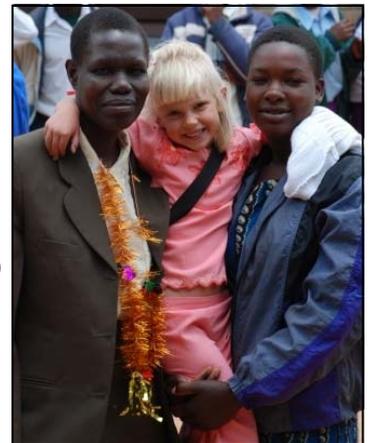
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food on charcoal burners in a straw shelter. In the mornings we helped people hoe in their fields. The first day our group helped a catholic lady with four children. We had a very long discussion about religion, and I just hope I was able to plant some seeds in her heart. She was so grateful for what we did that she gave us one of her chickens! She lives in a tiny mud hut, has hardly any worldly possessions, but is willing to give us one of her chickens! We were very touched by that sacrifice.

On the second morning we found an elderly couple, very feeble, and so happy that we came to help them. They kept thanking us over and over. Their looks of true happiness were the greatest present.

In the afternoons we taught health, biblical history and agriculture to the Primary students. The children enjoyed it a lot. After school, we played games with all the kids, and even though they did not always understand the rules, they had a great time. The whole week was a blessing for me. I learned that helping others makes you happy! Thank you EBS for coming to Tanzania!!