

Kibidula News

October - December 2010

Our First Nutrition Seminar by Sylvester Temboh

For some time now we have been thinking and brainstorming about conducting a nutritional seminar, and how

talked to my soul and I have decided that changes must follow. Plan to conduct these programs quarterly.

From Iringa: *What we've got is not enough, we need more time for the deeper things have not been exposed.*

From Sumbawanga: *We admit that cooking is an art and that those of us who are doing it do not realize the seriousness of the responsibility we have.*

From Morogoro: *I would have missed the blessings.*

The following weekend we organized a nutrition seminar in the town of Mafinga that saw more than a hundred men and women attending.

Maybe we need to be reminded that the first test that saw our forefathers fall was on food and Jesus' first temptation was on food. Will it be the same with those who are preparing for the second advent of Jesus? Our struggle is or will be to do things God's way irrespective of our background. The success of this program was a direct result of the backing and support from Riverside and Kibidula administration and God blessing our efforts. We hope to do one or two in the coming year. Thanks once again Riverside Farm Institute and the Zimba's for the blessings you gave to the people of Tanzania.



Cooking classes under a ODC roof in Mafinga

it could be presented to best benefit the people of Tanzania. The door providentially opened when one of the teachers from Riverside, Zambia, wanted to come to Kibidula for a holiday. He asked, „Is there something I can do while there?“ We were more than willing to take Owen Zimba up on the offer and realized, „The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man,“ or something like that. With the encouragement of the Kibidula team we began our week long cooking school on December 1.

Surprisingly, we had 38 in attendance and all representing six regions of Tanzania (Dar, Morogoro, Iringa, Mbeya, Songea and Sumbawanga).

From Dar: *My expectation was very different from what I have seen. God has*

From Songea: *I did not realize how much good nutrition affects our physical and spiritual well-being.*

From Mbeya: *This must be shared to the church family, please do it again and if possible take it to where people are.*

L.I.G.H.T. - came to Kibidula by Joiya Ross (14 years)

I participated in the LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health Training) program held here at Kibidula by people from Wildwood. I learned a lot about our beliefs as a church, Bible, and alternative remedies. It lasted about a month and we studied six days a week for seven hours. Thus, it was very intensive. Four teachers from Wildwood came: Rodney Bowes and

three of their former students who put into practice what they had learned.

Our class consisted of a large group of evangelism students, a group from Nigeria and me. The Nigerians came especially for this LIGHT program because they wanted to use the material in their home country. We studied the prophecies of Daniel and

Revelation, massage and hydrotherapy, common diseases, God's plan for healing, nutrition, and many other subjects.

One weekend, we went to the nearby town of Mafinga to conduct a *New Beginnings* Evangelism training. Sunday we conducted a health expo for the public. We had booths around the room with posters about *NEWSTART*. Each booth had a health screening place or a test. I was assigned to work on station *REST*, so my group and I did five-minute-massages. At the end of the day, 300 people had come by, and I gave about 70 massages. It was a very good chance for us to use what we had learned, and to help others. The *LIGHT* program, overall, was very instructive and I recommend it.



My visit in Kibidula by Manuel Klemenz

From December 20th to January 7th our Swiss - German group had the privilege of visiting Kibidula for the first time. André Butscher came as a board member of REACH Switzerland, in order to get himself acquainted with the present status of supported projects. He was accompanied by his wife Bettina, and their friends Manuel Klemenz and David Strahinger.

After a thorough presentation of most of the running projects in our first week, we were asked to finish painting some newly built classrooms for the primary school.

The second week started with the

construction of the new sheep barn. The site is located 1 km away from the old barn, for the not so little flock, in order to keep away the flies from the residential houses. The same metal construction as for the One-day-Churches was built in line. Together with Bill Ross and his well trained staff, the 212 ft (65m) long barn was completed in less than three days. Of course it was not yet ready to accommodate the 700+ sheep together with their shepherds. Walls, gates and a water supply still have to be installed. This 3-day-job was an excellent training for us because we built a One-Day-Church

the next day about half an hour west of Mafinga.

God blessed these activities by protecting all the workers from injuries and He hindered the usual rain that threatened to disturb our work those days.

We were also glad to present a special movie "The Creation", produced by the German photographer and film maker Henry Stober, who made the extra effort to add the Swahili soundtrack especially for this occasion. The movie was shown at four different evenings in the churches of Kibidula, Kinyambo and Mafinga and for the agriculture students of Kibidula. As some of the shown scenes (especially the artistic representation of light, water and unknown depictions of space, sky and maritime life) were unusual for the local people, we were very glad to rely on the help of Edgar's live comments and his translation of André's introduction and conclusion.

Of course the profit of such a short trip was much more on our behalf than on Kibidula's side. It really broadened our view of what it means to work in Africa, and to devote many years to the more cumbersome corners of Lord's vineyard. From now on our prayers will also include Kibidula in a special way!



Photo by Markus Alt

Image Preservation by Thomas Riederer

In November we had our Kibidula retreat with guest speaker James Rafferty, director of Lightbearers Ministries. We really appreciate him having taken the time and effort to visit us here in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

What a blessing to gain new insights from the Bible and to fellowship together as a Kibidula team! His topic "Image Preservation Syndrome" has touched a root cause for

struggles in our team and has reignited the love and appreciation for God's wisdom presented in His Word.

We also reaffirmed our cooperation

between Lightbearers and Kibidula and agreed to intensify our efforts to make more tracts and literature available in order to reach many more Tanzanians

with the Gospel. Lightbearers and Kibidula have a long history of cooperation in providing tracts to church members here in Tanzania. These tracts are very effective and are highly sought for by church members to help them to reach people with the Gospel.



Educate, Educate! by Jean-Luc Waber

Our Agricultural Training Center has seen a big group of 32 new students in August 2010. These students have been very enthusiastic about learning new things here in Kibidula. Besides the agricultural program, where they learn improved farming methods, grafting and planting fruit trees, and beekeeping, the girls are also receiving practical training in tailoring. Thanks to a carpenter who asked to join the Agricultural training we are now able to also provide additional training for the boys. In the afternoons they learn to craft useful objects like stools, office chairs and tables. I am amazed at their products and the students are very proud of their first accomplishments. If you consider that almost all these students come from homes without a single chair, how would it feel to sit on a self-made really good quality chair? And all made with simple hand tools?

Our goal is to train young people –

not just to improve their quality of life here in the present, but also to give them the opportunity to grow in character. Now this kind of education is not measurable with grades and

certificates, but when you can see changes taking place in those young people's lives we are assured that the work done here may have a long lasting influence.



Agricultural Students with their self made furniture

Service Opportunities

Kibidula is looking for:

- Administrative Secretary
- Accountant
- Medical Doctor
- Elementary School teacher
- Farm manager

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

The Lord needs YOU in His vineyard!



André Butscher from REACH-Switzerland speaking to the students during his visit in Kibidula



REACH Switzerland is a permanent sponsor of Kibidula, supporting students of the Agricultural Training Center.

Kibidula's current project needs

Donations received as per 31 December 2010

Completion of Hangar Building for New Airplane: \$9,000

100% received

Completed - Thank You!

School of Evangelism: Running costs per year \$6,500

100% received

Completed - Thank You!

Prison Ministries: Running costs per year \$2,000

100% received

Completed - Thank You!

Lay Missionaries: Goal for 2010 – 35 Missionaries at \$90 per month: \$37,800

88% received

\$ 4,400

still needed

Kibidula Primary School: Running costs per year \$9,000

100% received

Completed - Thank You!

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