

Kibidula News

April - June 2011

An Appeal

by Jason Fournier



Some of our ...

E.G. White told this story: "An American business man ... remarked that he himself worked for Christ twenty-four hours of the day. 'In all my business relations,' he said, 'I try to represent my Master ... All day I am working for Christ. And at night, while I sleep, I have a man working for Him in China.' In explanation he added: 'In my youth I determined to go as a missionary to the heathen. But on the death of my father I had to take up his business in order to provide for the family. Now, instead of going myself, I support a missionary ... And so, even while I sleep, I am, through my representative, still working for Christ.'" Testimonies, vol. 6, pp. 29, 30

In keeping with the great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, Kibidula has 35 lay-missionaries trained and placed in remote areas. With almost half of all Tanzanians being Muslim,



faithful missionaries ...

and that number rising steadily, this work is far from complete. Recently, one of our missionaries reported, that his children were beaten, their belongings were stolen and an attempt was made to drive the family from the village. In

a public setting a Bible was taken from one of his converts by the Imam himself and thrown into the fire. But God's ways are mysterious and wonderful. Many Muslims hold the Bible in great respect, almost as they do the Koran. Such an act of burning the Bible could not go without being dealt with – even by the Muslims themselves. A meeting was called by the village government and our missionary



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was asked to testify. The Spirit of God prevailed and it was seen that the Christians were not holding a grudge or looking for revenge for the burning of the Bible. It soon became apparent to all that the Adventist missionary was not a trouble maker but a peace maker and he was then given a warm welcome by the village government.

We at Kibidula strongly believe in the work of spreading the Gospel. Even while



in remote areas!

donations seem to be waning, we are determined that this work will not stop and we are using whatever means available to us to keep the missionaries funded. If you have already been a faithful sponsor of this program, we want to thank you for your precious support!

But the need is still great and the call is to you! If you as an individual, or a Sabbath School class or a whole church would unite to sponsor one or several lay-missionaries for \$90 per month, we can continue and even strengthen this program!

May God richly reward you as you support the work of the Gospel in foreign fields!

Service Opportunities:

- Administrative Secretary
- Accountant
- Elementary School teacher
- Maintenance Personnel

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

The Lord needs YOU in His vineyard!

Graduation 2011 *by Jean-Luc Waber*

Our seventh school year of the Kibidula Agricultural Training Center came to a close in June.

Seeing how these students have changed in the past two years is a rewarding experience.

present some of the products of their work. The boys made nice stools, chairs and tables – all with hand tools and without any electrical power. The same is true for the girls who had made their attractive graduation dresses themselves. These skills are very valuable for these young people who are now returning to their villages, trying to make a living.

All of the staff at Kibidula are happy to have experienced the baptisms of many of our agriculture students and we wish our graduates God's blessings on their journey through life.



On this graduation day 14 students received their certificates having successfully completed the two year program. They have acquired practical skills and some important knowledge which they will take back to their home villages.

It is not only the theoretical knowledge and gained abilities which changed these young people, but the daily Christian atmosphere that touched their hearts, even with all our shortcomings.

It was also nice to see them



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

Battling for young souls

by Hanne Lise Vik

As I think back on the events from the previous months I am filled with gratitude for God's goodness and grace. A conversation with one of the parents also leaves me with an alarming thought. "We are part of a spiritual warfare, and most of the time we are unconscious of this solemn fact."

The month of May was filled with parents' conferences. During one of these conferences we were talking to the father of a little boy. This child had been absent for several weeks. We knew he was sick, but didn't have the details of what was wrong with him. So the father filled us in on the child's sickness. The boy had been herding cows when two cows started fighting each other, and they stepped on him.

There were no outward injuries, except a scratch on his arm, but the child had been mute and weak for many days after this happened.

They had taken him to several hospitals, but they found nothing wrong with him. Then the father told us that they think the child's



Children at the Primary School

School of Evangelism News

by Sylvester Temboh

“We desire to follow Christ and to be like Him; but we sometimes faint beneath trials and remain at a distance from Him. Sufferings and trials bring us near to Jesus. The furnace consumes the dross and brightens the gold.” Testimonies, vol. 1, p 83

End of April was the graduation at the School of Evangelism. 13 students were getting ready to go back home with tools in their hands from Kibidula to meet new challenges in their calls as lay evangelists. They came from 8 different regions of Tanzania as well as the island of Zanzibar. They were a pleasant and humble team, feeling inadequate for the call, but ready to go. It has been Kibidula’s mission to train and send out missionaries. All the focus of our training is on preaching Jesus.

Of the 13 graduates, eleven are back in their

territories and are experiencing the joy of house to house visitation. One of them was hired by Kibidula as a Primary school teacher, as he had received his teacher's degree prior to coming to Kibidula.

Lay Evangelist Congress in Singida

The Congress (organized by the Tanzanian Union) was attended by representatives from all over Tanzania. The main speakers came from Division

and Union headquarters. The theme was “Revival for Mission”, and the meetings were attended by nearly 450 people. It was inspiring to see more than 40 of our former School of Evangelism students in attendance! We were also given the opportunity to share what is going on at Kibidula, and received a positive response from the church leaders, on how the church is benefitting from the services Kibidula is providing for the Tanzanian Union.



grandmother is a witch and she is exercising some kind of power over him. Several times as the child was growing up, he would disappear and reappear hours later. One time he disappeared at the same place where he was trampled by the cows. So they are certain that the grandmother is the cause of this accident.

I am sure we can come up with rational explanations for many of these things, but it is a fact that the devil is showing his presence in a very different way here in Tanzania than he does in the West. I don’t know what is imagination and fear and what is real, but we do know that the devil is walking around like

a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). The father’s story reminded me again that throughout our everyday life we are partakers in a spiritual battle, and our children are not exempt from this battle.

Being a teacher can be compared to working in a battle zone. Restless bodies, tempers, hurt feelings, lack of attention and so much more can disturb the peace and quietness of school life. Adding to that the teacher’s own weariness and sometimes ill health, and you have either a battlefield where God’s power and grace is displayed or where the devil can sow his own seed. Most of the time it is easy to

forget that our work is not just work, it is a battle for young souls, where the enemy is very much present and eager to push his cause.

I am so thankful for the way the Lord has protected us during the last months. When we know what kind of battle we are in, and things still go well, we know that it is God’s power at work! His sustaining grace is working for our good, and the salvation of his children.

I am also thankful for the two new teachers that join our team as of July. This is an answer to prayer, and I trust that it will empower our team to battle with more strength for the lives and souls of the children in our care!

ASI Convention in Europe

In June 2011, ASI Europe held its Annual Convention in the German town of Konstanz, bordering Switzerland. Jean-Luc Waber and Irma Bauder attended the convention and were invited to present the work of Kibidula to a very interested audience.

It was a big blessing to be able to meet with many partner institutions, all members of ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries). The guest speaker on Sabbath was Elder Ted Wilson, the President of the General Conference.



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Kibidula's current project needs

(Donations received until June 2011)

Evangelism — Outreach Programs: \$5,000

0% received	\$ 5,000 still needed
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School of Evangelism — Running costs per year \$ 9,500

2% received	\$ 9,310 still needed
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Prison Ministries: \$2,000

0% received	\$ 2,000 still needed
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Support of 35 Lay Missionaries with \$90 monthly: \$37,800

23% received	\$ 29,110 still needed
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Water Supply for Kibidula Primary School: \$7,500

68% received	\$ 2,375 still needed
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Clearing costs for Swahili Bible Study Guides: \$8,500

0%	\$ 8,500 still needed
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