

Kibidula News

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Mkangwe Primary School
Makambako

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Above: The 'First Fruits' of Meida's work, meeting together in the primary school.



Meida Sambasa is a primary school teacher in a remote village called Mkangwe. Life is hard there and people suffer from lack of food and unbalanced nutrition. When Meida first arrived in the village she was the only Adventist. She started visiting her neighbors and new friends and soon her 16 year old cousin joined her in this work. In December 2004 a team from Kibidula together with students from the European Bible School spent a week in Meida's village teaching agriculture, helping people in practical ways, and giving Bible studies in the evenings. After another follow up effort in 2005 one lady and several children started worshipping on Sabbath with Meida. Doris Waber from Kibidula and others have been involved with the work in Mkangwe and so far 3 people have been baptized and 5 are attending baptismal classes. With God's help Meida is planning to have an evangelistic effort and wants to build a church. She is also praying for a lay evangelist to keep nurturing this small company of believers. Please keep Meida and her heart-work in your prayers.

RE: PUBLIC EVANGELISTIC MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2006

Dear Brethren at Kibidula Training Center ,

I hope this letter finds you with burning hearts for God's work (to reach hearts for Jesus). First I would like to thank you so much for what you have already done in Mkangwe village through the 1st and 2nd Norwegian group like you organized in December 2004 and December 2005. These groups visited people, did manual works, taught about health, Bible stories, Agriculture and Bible studies. They also repaired a water pipe system which inspired people so much and helped them to get to know the truths and also to understand more about the Adventists.

Also, in April 2006 the missionary group from Kibidula came and visited people for one week with some teachings like the previous groups. Moreover another group came from Matanana SDA church and visited people for 3 weeks, teaching Bible studies with manual works for those who needed help. All these chances have opened the hearts of people to receive more truths. As we visit them we can see their warm welcome and eagerness to listen. But we cannot reach the whole village with truth, so we can see the need of public evangelism. Also, we organized with village leadership in order to get a place for building a church. We have collected some contributions for making bricks, so we continue now with a work of making bricks.

Also, I remember when Werner Rusch came last year in 2005 with the Norwegian group, he promised that maybe in this coming session of 2006 they will come again to Mkangwe and have an evangelistic public meeting. So please, can you let this dream come true?

God bless you very much as you consider our request. We have 3 baptized members and 5 preparing for baptism. Counting myself and my cousin (a school girl) it brings the total to 10 adults and about 15 children worshipping together at the Mkangwe primary school.

Yours sincerely,
Meida Sambasa

Lives Changed in Rukwa Valley

In July 2006, I had the privilege of joining the four Kibidula lay missionaries stationed in Rukwa Valley to do evangelism. Our goal was to build five churches and conduct five evangelistic efforts in the month of July. Our missionaries had made many preparations, and now was the time for reaping.

Although we faced many challenges, the Lord richly blessed. Not only did we meet our goals of five churches and efforts, we baptized 235 new believers in Jesus. As we worked at the Maleza effort, we happened to pitch our tent near the home of Margaret whose occupation was making beer from honey. During the effort we asked Margaret to join us in Bible study, but she refused. We were preaching two times a day-afternoon and night. Every night Margret would sneak into the night meeting so that no one would see her. Little by little, her heart was softened. As she continued to sell her beer to her customers, she got very discouraged. She wondered, "Is this really what Jesus wants me to do?" The battle in her mind grew stronger every day. Finally, she took her stand and decided she would never again produce or sell beer. She was free at last!

That day she said, "If I will be able to

get money for baptism, I will be happy to be baptized." When we told her that the baptism was free, she was overjoyed. On the day of baptism, Margret was among the 83 people of Maleza who started a new life in Jesus through baptism. Now, instead of calling people to get drunk, she sings praises to God in the new Maleza choir.

In the last location of Ilambo, we found that there were not enough burned bricks to construct the church. We made 4,000 more mud bricks and after they were dried we stacked them in a way to light a fire in the center to bake them over two days. They must be stacked very, very carefully to accomplish this as they will break if the oven collapses.

The next day, we were discouraged to find that someone had knocked down the oven of bricks. Although 200 bricks were broken, we carefully restacked the remaining bricks and prepared to bake them again. This time however, we left one of our missionaries to guard the bricks. Later on as continued to watch, a man came and kicked over the food and destroyed the stack again before running away. As our group met again to decide what to do, the man came

By Pastor Msafiri Mtenzi

back. The "fundi" (expert in a trade) said, "That is the man who destroyed the bricks and his name is Maiko." Although he denied it at first, he finally admitted that he had twice destroyed our brick stack. He said, "It was the devil, I am sorry."

Although many people thought we should take him to the police, I did not want to do this. I told him, "If it were not for the fact that you will be the company elder of this church, I would let them take you to the police." He laughed and laughed and said, "That is impossible." Then, by faith, we built our brick stack again for the third time. Amazingly, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Maiko began to attend our meetings. Then as the meetings were almost over, he made a decision to be baptized. Now, he is among the people of strong faith in that new company of believers.

We thank God for his blessings and guidance during these efforts. We also thank those who provided financial support and prayers for these efforts and church construction. Please pray for these new believers in Rukwa valley.



Above: 83 people baptized in Maleza.

Right: Margret with her beer containers.



A Faithful Warrior at Rest

By Pastor Msafiri Mtenzi

I first met Joseph Kyando in 1996 at a camp meeting in Mbeya where I was presenting the topic of church planting. Joseph was keen to begin, and soon left for Chunya where he planted a church within one year.

In 2001 after graduating from the Kibidula Evangelism Training Center, he came to me again asking to be sent to another unentered area as a Kibidula Lay Missionary. We chose Rukwa Valley- a very dark area. Claiming the promises of God, we prayerfully made ambitious plans to plant 15 churches within 5 years. That same year, 15 people were baptized as the first church was planted.

In July 2006, I worked closely with Joseph and other lay missionaries as we conducted 5 evangelistic meetings and constructed 5 churches in Rukwa Valley. On August 5 we rejoiced to complete the construction of Ilambo church which was the 15th church constructed and the 17th new company of believers established since Joseph started the work in 2001. We were thrilled that the Lord had answered our prayers in meeting these original goals.

On August 27, Joseph became very ill with malaria and was transported to Sumbawanga Hospital, where he died the following day. His wife said that his last words were these: " I thank God for letting me finish what we planned. You see, He has allowed me to finish the work and permitted this disease to take my life."

As his fellow workers, we praise God for the chance we had to work with Joseph. He had a tremendous talent for inspiring others to do God ' s work and he was a recognized leader in our semi annual meetings of lay missionaries at Kibidula. Let us each prayerfully consider what the Lord might have for us to do in finishing His work on this earth. We look forward to seeing Joseph in Heaven where he will rejoice together with those he spent his life to win to Jesus. Please pray for his wife and children.



Above: Joseph Kyando



Above: Maiko (center) after his baptism.



Left : Newly built SDA church in Ilambo.



Merissa Lemmerz

Greetings from Kibidula! My name is Merissa Lemmerz and I am from Armada, Michigan which is about 1 hour from Detroit (USA of course!). I have been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for almost 3 years now. God has done some amazing things in my life and about 5 weeks ago He sent me here to Kibidula to be a student missionary for the next 10 months or so. Praise the Lord Jesus for His divine leading and guidance in my life and the miracles He made to get me here. The adjectives to describe the scenery around here are hard to find. I'll just say that it's probably a glimpse of heaven. When I first arrived here, I met the family that I am staying with. They are Tanzanian and some of the sweetest, most Christ-filled people I have ever come across. I felt so welcomed and I knew that they were very happy for me to be here. Jesus says in Matt. 28 to take the gospel to the world. That is the only reason why I am here. That is my main objective; to get the work done that Christ wants me to do here. I am thrilled to leave my home country to serve the God that saved me from death. I am working with the Agricultural school, teaching health and English and also working with them in their work fields. By God's grace I am hitting it off with the students very well. I am focusing on forming relationships and bringing in a stronger spiritual atmosphere to their lives. God is leading, and since I have been here, my relationship with the Lord has grown stronger than it ever has been. I am learning to depend on Him more and more to help me through each day. I can't wait to see what God has planned for me here and what purpose He wants to fulfill with my life here at Kibidula. Keep me and this work in your prayers!

New Student Missionaries

Hello from the mission field!

My name is Ryan Anderson and following God's path has lead me here to Kibidula, to serve as an short term missionary for this coming year.

I come from Omaha, Nebraska in the USA and I have been studying Mechanical Engineering at Walla Walla College for the past two years.

My mission here is to help out with all the recent construction and reach out to the agricultural students through friendship. It's been an amazing experience this past month, to come to realize what a tremendous help I can be in spreading God's love to unreached parts of the world. I know God lead me here to Kibidula and I'm excited to see what kind of adventure God has in store for all of us here this year.

Please keep the whole mission team and the people we are reaching in your prayers!



Ryan Anderson



Chad Miller

Greetings from East Africa!

I am Chad Miller, an adventure seeking American coming from Colorado Springs, who is eager to serve Christ wherever He may lead.

I have been studying Finance in the business school at Walla Walla College for the past two years. In the early part of the year, I was praying for God to show where I was to go. After having several doors close on me, God showed me one more at Kibidula. I have learned to be adaptable at Kibidula. My main duties include construction, fixing broken things and teaching English to the agricultural students. The more I teach my Tanzanian brothers, the more I realize that they are the ones teaching me the things in life that truly matter. It is a privilege and a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as a student missionary in Tanzania, Africa.

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current project needs

- \$4.50 per Bible - Bible Gift Fund
- Translation and Publication of Swahili Literature.
- \$20,000 - Dormitories for Agricultural Students
- \$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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The Kibidula 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.



Primary School Update

By Hanne Lise Vik

The newest addition to our primary school is a little kindergarten program. We opened at the beginning of August, and the children are still trickling in. My former work experience is from kindergarten, so it was very exciting to be able to open a kindergarten program at our school. We have around 8 children, at the age of 5 and 6. They are the cutest little boys and girls. Open and eager to face what comes in life. Anyone who works with small children knows how touching it can be to look into their trusting faces. All smiles, movement and innocence. God has given us a big blessing in the little ones, but also a big responsibility. Sometimes it can be exhausting with all the little feet and voices that never are still, but on the other hand we get so much love back in response to the activities we do. Hugs are never in want. It is also rewarding to see how open

they are to Gods influence in their lives. When we pray, everyone wants to pray. Earnest little prayers, that I am sure our heavenly father listens to with special interest. Our kindergarten is open two afternoons a week, and is meant to be an introduction to the English language. The school is an "English medium school", which means that we teach in English. This can be a challenge in many ways, so it is good for the children to be able to get used to hearing it, understanding a little and speaking a little before they start the first school year. As with the school we try to cooperate closely with the homes, to support and supply what the parents are giving the children in a Christian upbringing. This is a challenge, and we know that we are very dependent on the Holy Spirit to help and guide us in the work that we do.



Top Left: Andrea Santos, Teacher. **Left:** Hanne Lise Vik, Teacher.

Above: Kibidula Primary School Students. **Top Right:** Sedek, Teacher.