

# Kibidula News

April - June 2010

## Outreach in 5 villages surrounding Kibidula by Jason Fournier

It was with much anticipation that we awaited the arrival of the team from ASI – Czech/Slovakia. Ten people, mostly business men and women coming to Tanzania to spread the gospel and gain experience in evangelism.



*Team from ASI Czech/Slovakia and visitors from the Conference.*

Five different villages around Kibidula had been chosen several months in advance and Bible workers were placed in three of the villages while the church members in the other two villages were mobilized with Bible study guides to do preparation work. In one of the villages, there was almost no Adventist presence. In this village a vacation Bible school was held by the Kibidula primary school and ten days of friendship evangelism was also done by the European Bible School. This village was also chosen by the Kibidula School of Evangelism for doing door to door work in the months preceding the effort. In anticipation of blessed results we even decided to build a church in that village. In two other large villages where there were already established churches we decided to build additional churches on the opposite side of the village to accommodate church growth. Lots of planning and preparation was needed to make these meetings a success. Five translators needed to be

found. Five Generators needed to be ready. Five sets of sound equipment needed to be set up. Five platforms needed to be built. Permission from the government had to be acquired for each site.

Finally on May 27, the group arrived. Five of them would be speakers, one was their cook, and the rest would help with the building and help at the meetings. One of the challenges we faced right away was the fact that none of them had ever preached in English before and some of them were quite challenged just to communicate in English. The fact that they were using computers to present their messages offered the solution to that problem as the translator could read from the computer if he couldn't

understand the speaker at any point. Holding meetings in the evening in the cold season here in the highlands of Tanzania presented the visiting guests with a grim view of village reality. Many adults and hundreds of children in threadbare clothes came faithfully each night in near freezing weather to listen to the sermon and watch the pictures. It was pitiful to see the children huddle together to try to keep warm. It was decided to buy bales of used sweaters and give one to each child. Somewhere near a thousand children received sweaters. God's blessing was felt by both speakers and audience and all went well. Attendance was exceptionally high for villages. In the end 113 people were baptized and many more gave their hearts to the Lord and are preparing for baptism.

We want to say a hearty thank you to our new friends from Czech Republic and Slovakia for taking time out of their busy schedules and coming all the way over to Africa to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who haven't heard it before. We trust that this investment will be felt through all eternity.



*Speaker Radim (left) and translator Reuben (right) greet newly baptized old lady (holding tracts).*

**Little steps** by Jean-Luc Waber

Do you ever wish you could see big things happening in your life? During our last graduation of the Agricultural School in June 2010, looking at some of our 19 students who spent the last three (some two) years with us in Kibidula, I had to admit that big changes had taken place. Many times I think about how slowly things move, how tedious the work with our students is, and how only very small steps of change are visible in their lives.

But if we could look at time in a “fast forward mode” we would realize that God is indeed working miracles in people's lives. Seeing our students during graduation gave me this opportunity; to remember their first coming to Kibidula and to see them leaving changed. They all gained skills and knowledge, but even more important, some of them have accepted Jesus as their Savior.

There was a girl who in the beginning of the training was involved in witchcraft; she is now a transformed person and has a positive influence on her



Agricultural School graduates June 2010.

classmates. Another student was always cheating, had a poor work attitude and used bad language; not long ago we were able to witness her conversion and her change of behavior. Others, some of them orphans, who lived in very difficult circumstances, gained a sense of worth and of belonging to a “family”.

Many of our students were afraid of the teachers when they arrived. In the first few weeks, when I walked down the aisle of the classroom they automatically ducked – they were so used

to being slapped and hit by their former teachers. Being in surroundings where they were respected and loved, they now look at us without fear.

I am thankful for all of our staff working with the agricultural students. They spent many hours with the students, demonstrating the love of God in different situations. Character changes come about in little steps. We are aware that it is the Holy Spirit who is changing hearts and we need to lift up these students daily in our prayers. Thank you for helping us doing that!



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**Another experience with Jesus** by Markus Assmann

Before I came to Kibidula, I had done my best to complete my education in the medical area. But no doors opened at that time. God has heard my prayers now. I have the exceptional possibility of being trained in Germany

in a very rare educational line: as an Anesthetic Assistant and Operating Theatre Practitioner. This opportunity is granted to only a few students. I am sure that God has led it exactly in this way!

young Tanzanian man. Now he has taken over part of my work, and I trust that Kenedy will do justice to his task. There is always a gap if people turn towards other employment. But even if we cannot replace a person, a major part of his work force is replaceable.

After the next three years in Germany, it is my desire to go where God leads me; to help where people are in need, and where physical problems are pressing. Yes, Jesus spent more time healing people than preaching. The surrounding population of Kibidula has great medical needs. Medical personnel is more needed than ever!

One thing is certain: I will miss my new friends in Tanzania. God bless you and HIS work in Africa!



Kenedy and Markus built this trailer.

Therefore, after exactly one year of being here, I will now leave the Kibidula farm.

I was responsible for the operation of the mechanic workshop at Kibidula. We have done much maintenance work on vehicles and generators during this time. The main task in the development-cooperative work consisted of training a

## God's appointed tools for fitness in service

by Sylvester J. Temboh

**"Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is a golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain."**

*Author unknown*

The year 2010 came full of hope for the School of Evangelism, expecting to have more than 20 students who had promised to report for the new session starting in January. Only 8 turned up and a month later the one who was the last to come was the first to leave. We remained with 7. Yes 7! What about the others? Well, God's plans are not like our plans and when He plans no one can overrule and in-fact His plans always turn out to be the very best.

What impressed me so much about these students was that they possessed the spirit of witnessing in their own style and perspective. **Obadiah** was tall and his personality carried around the atmosphere of authority and at times demanded it from his fellow students. Then came **Peter** who was always smiling and with him a spirit of optimism, always looking at the bright side. There was **Antoni** with slightly big eyes, but a powerful big smile. You have to wait to catch his words and if you are not disciplined enough, you'll be laughing uncontrollably; he is a typical Sanguine.

**Amos** was a person who would not say or contribute readily; but if asked he had all the answers. He just lacked confidence. **Haule**, with his eyes on you in class, was very calm and cool and when he was answering a question he had an experience that would accompany it and sometimes you would notice his eyes tearing up. **Pude** was the only lady we had in this session, of all the students she was the loudest. Especially when it came to "amina", saying "Amen", at the end of a sermon. She led out in most conversations and was quick to apologize if she sensed something had gone wrong. With her was a carefree atmosphere that one would wonder if she ever gets offended. **Sebastian** is actually one of our lay

missionaries who came to sharpen up his skills and get new insights on how to best minister to the people in his area. When given some work to do, he would motivate others and while working he would tell his experiences which would make others laugh hilariously.

Sometimes when God sends people to you, it's not that you will always be imparting but that sometimes they come as teachers, instructors, counselors, comforters, backups, doctors, disciplinarians and the like. When you are open to God's instructions even the most foolish things can become an eye opener to

At the close of the session in early April we went to Makambako (70 km from Kibidula) for a two week practical experience on door-to-door evangelism crowned with a PowerPoint presentation on the Everlasting Gospel with Edgar Emily, one of our teachers, serving as the main speaker.

Brother Jones Hachombwa from Riverside Farm in Zambia was the main teacher presenting Health and Family Life talks with Alex Dickson translating. In the second week after Jones had left, Alex continued. At the end of the series, 14 new believers, as a direct result of the personal



*The complete number.*

life's provisions. I am compelled to admit that God had sent these wonderful people to enable me to see what I could not see. It was a complete number with a complete lesson for me. Yes, they had their weak, repelling characteristics but the other side of them was beautiful. The beauty you can only find if you search for it diligently. Those who seem to be more trying for us are actually the desired tools God has provided to unearth the raw materials in our personalities, we NEED them even when we do not LIKE them.

efforts of these students, got baptized (an average of 1 student, 2 souls) and 5 souls were prepared before by the church. This brought the total to 19 people getting baptized.

On 25 April 2010 we had the graduation ceremony at the School of Evangelism and the students went home filled and refreshed for a new page in their lives. They came as students, but may not know that they left many lessons to be studied by some of their teachers.

## Kibidula's current project needs

Donations received as per 30 June 2010

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

14% received

\$7,760 still needed

Dental Assistance to Villagers: Running costs per year \$1,700

\$1,700 still needed

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

\$6,500 still needed

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

\$2,000 still needed

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

18% received

\$31,040 still needed

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

25% received

\$6,710 still needed

### Service Opportunities

*Kibidula is looking for:*

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

*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!*

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