

REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

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Dear Friends,



Greetings from the Amani Family. All is GREEN at present, although here at Makang'wa we do need some more follow-up rains. The grass and weeds are flourishing so there is much work available for cleaning fields and the grape lines. Attendance is up for the year at the Prince of Peace School. That is a joy – and a headache, as we strive to meet the needs of increased attendance. Wonderfully, payment of fees is also UP!

Development is continuing at the Mahoma Makulu Children's Home project. The three Italian volunteers are a blessing to the work. One of the volunteers, Alan, is planning to stay on as the Coordinator for the personal care of the children. He is professionally trained in health care and social welfare. Through generous donations we expect shortly to commence erecting two concrete water tanks, providing water for both the Home and the village. Water lines have been installed. I have also learned that the two young Dutch adults (right) who visited are eager to raise the funds to drill a DCMW well on the land, giving the Home independence in the provision of water.



Here at the Amani Center the five Agricultural College graduates, housed in the Student Center, are proving to be a blessing to our dairy cow and pig projects. They are effectively training local young adults in correct management of the animals. We do need more dairy cows. Donations towards this need would be a blessing. There is a ready market for milk. This need is an item on the **Wish List** on the web page. www.amanidevelopment.org.



An immediate need is accommodation at the Center. There is very little 'wriggle' room. The matter has become the more urgent as I now have news that we have visitors coming from Australia mid year and visitors from the USA early 2015. In addition, a young man from Australia, Xavier Allen, (left) has just arrived for a visit of twelve months, volunteering at the POP School. We are also beginning to receive visitors from Europe. I have arrived at what I believe is the best solution to the immediate problem.

My Staff Assistant, Godson Magawa, with his wife and infant son, are currently in the Guest



House. We made this arrangement some time ago. They were renting at Mvumi Mission. The initial contract ended and the new rental was greatly increased. They were also trying to build a home. I suggested that they move to the then unoccupied Guest House so that they might apply the 'rent money' to home construction. The building has reached roofing stage. Window and door frames are prepared but will not be installed until the roof is in place. We have

previously assisted two other key staff members with home construction, partly by direct donation, and partly by salary adjustment. I propose to do the same with Godson. The plan is as follows.

1. We need the equivalent of fifteen gifts of \$150.00 to complete the roof. This is the most expensive aspect of home building here.
2. I shall then offer a two month advance on salary, to be repaid on an agreed schedule.
3. I also propose a 600,000/= direct allotment in place of a usual salary increase through 2014 – 2015.

This should enable Godson and family to have several rooms completed for use, with the remainder to be finished out as their finances permit. This will also mean that the Guest House will be free as of June 1st, or earlier, depending on the response to the appeal. I believe that this is the most cost effective means of meeting two pressing needs.

Blessings abound! We are now anticipating a two month visit from eight students and one tutor from ISTOM, a College of International Agro-Development, situated near Paris, where students study agricultural methodology, related engineering solutions, marketing, project development, etc. This means that we shall need to plan to extend accommodation at the Student Center. I do anticipate that this facility will be in regular use. I have tentative plans for a moderate extension. This would be a simple two or three room 'annex' to the present house. The block makers here are steadily making cement blocks. Step by step we shall fulfil the need.

Thank you for reading through this rather long Report. Thank you for generous support. This past week I learned that we have one new secondary school sponsorship and two Preschool sponsorships coming from my old home city of Toowoomba, Queensland. We are thankful.

Sincerely,

John Naumann

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Amani Development Organization.