

## Habari from the Ziems

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Well, I had this newsletter almost finished once...went to bed thinking that it would take a only a couple more additions and some proof reading in the morning.....that was 6 days ago....we learned that we really do need to pay attention when the dogs go crazy. Our house was broken into and our computers and flash drives stolen before I could finish it! (*They also took my running shoes!*) So now I am starting over and it seems to be a bit harder this time! There is so much to share.....



The month of May brought several guests...Andrew, a Michigan Tech ROTC student who thinks jumping out of airplanes is fun (*I think there is something wrong with his brain!*), who worked with us for a month, learned about our ministry, helped at the workshop, moved filters around, installed them and certainly entertained us! Rachel who stayed for a couple of weeks, learned how to mix concrete, demold filters..eat fish with the head on, as well as walk through the mud and jungle in her flip flops! And then of course there is our favorite "guest" Madison who arrived at the same time as Rachel. It is great to have her here helping and sharing daily life again. Although, she seems to be a bit taller, more independent, and somehow much more grown up than I remember! Penzi her cat (*the Tanzanian equivalent of Garfield*) is thrilled to have her back! Our "young" guests are keeping us up to date on facebook and all of the "new" ways of communication. Madison is starting to work on our "social network". Rachel put together a short video for us in just a few hours...something that seemed more than overwhelming for us to do! Andrew introduced us to a computer program PICASO to manage all of our pictures....but my most favorite thing is that they can do dishes a lot faster than I can!



In April we hosted a servant learning group from HOPAC...they were a great group of kids whom we really enjoyed. They all worked hard and really showed a servants heart. We pray that these young people continue to seek His will in their lives.



In the last 3 months there have been several seminars, teaching about water treatment, and hygiene while incorporating the message of the Living Water. A highlight a seminar in Morogoro town where close to 100 people attended! It was a bit overwhelming, but certainly showed us the need and interest in the water filter project. We are now

maintaining a strict policy that anyone who receives a filter must first come to a seminar as well as contribute a bit to the cost. We are struggling with ways to make the ministry at least partially self sustaining.

We transported 210 filters from our workshop in Kunduchi to Morogoro town for storage before installation at the Anglican church compound...This involved a BIG truck and lots of macho stuff! Fortunately most of them arrived intact.....with less than 10% being damaged in transit.



we will return with a group in July to conduct a more thorough seminar and sharing Jesus.

A follow-up visit to Mkoko village showed only 1 of the filters installed was being used properly...most likely this is due to not being able to conduct a full seminar prior to installation of the filters. During the visit we were able to get a better understanding of the village community. So



### WE PRAISE AND THANK GOD....

- *For his protection of our safety during the recent break-in at our house (the only one in 7 years) ....we know that his protection is over us. We used to have a decal on our window when we lived in Brighton which said "This HOUSE IS PROTECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT".....I truly believe that we are protected and have seen that over and over again in the years we have lived here.*
- *That both Aubrey and Madison did well on their exams!*
- *That Aubrey has a paying job at Outdoor Adventure for the summer! (see attached letter)*
- *That my dad, John, is doing very well.....he even joined the annual wilderness "fishing trip" this past week. ..*
- *That Ken, Todd's dad , is recovering nicely from his knee surgery....walking now with a cane and is able to get up and down the stairs....we are so grateful God's healing power.*
- *For the increasing demand for seminars and filters.*

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY.....we need your prayers so very much.

- *That we are able to recover all of the lost information and are successful at obtaining a working computer.*
- *For the Tanzanian people of various tribes....for open hearts towards Jesus, for a desire to take responsibility for their own lives and actions- **Specifically for Mkoko village and our trip there in July.***
- *For Paul, one of our technicians as he prepares for and plans his marriage in July. That God will bless them and provide for what they need including understanding and cooperation of all family members.*
- *For wisdom, integrity, like-mindedness and good health for our technicians & their families.*
- *For God to provide the necessary resources, especially financial....for vehicles filter materials, technicians, partners who share the vision of reaching Tanzanians with clean water and The Living water.*
- *For Madison as she is reunited with her friends here in Tanzania, that she will listen to the Holy Spirit and follow his leading on a daily basis serving as an example of Christ's love.*
- *For Aubrey as she continues to seek God's purpose for her life and that Godly people will surround her.*
- *That we can give it all over to God & know that he will provide for His ministry.*
- *For favor and understanding with the Tanzanian government agencies that they will support our work and not hinder it.*

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*Revelation 22*

*And the Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" And let him who hears say "Come", whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*