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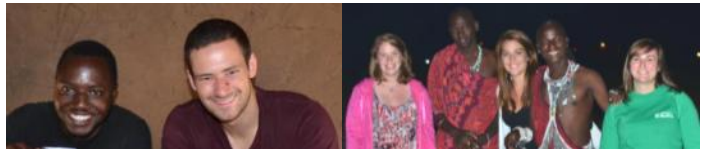
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So much has happened here since our last newsletter....so just some bits and pieces of the SON Team Activity- over the past few months.....

First the Metrics....(for those of you who are accountants, engineers and administrators)

	June	July	August	September	YTD
Filters Installed:	58	69	72	20	472
Seminars Held:	2	4	2	4	27
Opportunities to love people & share Jesus:	UNLIMITED!				

Visitors.... Our house is so much quieter now that all of our young, energetic guests have returned to their "normal" lives of school & studying. We feel very blessed and encouraged to have had each of them share life with us for a while and pray that they will continue to remember what they saw, heard and enjoyed during their time here serving with us.



MKOKO VILLAGE VISITS-

overnight...camping....watching the Team serve other Tanzanians... learning about ufuta (sesame seeds),maize & tobacco, the main "cash crops" of the village.

July 2011 - Water treatment, hygiene & sanitation seminar, filter installs, follow-ups on filters, sharing in the village, Jesus film, building relationships

September 2011: - Water, hygiene & Sanitation seminar, making bricks for community toilet, Women's seminar & fellowship, installing filters, and building relationships, The message of Jesus Christ, the Living Water, was present via the Jesus Film on the most holy Islamic Holiday, Eid, in a Muslim Village! Is that cool or what! We are so very blessed to be a part of His purpose.



Partnerships..... We are blessed & excited by the finalizing an agreement with the Lutheran Diocese of Morogoro to work as partners within their village network. We look forward to working together!

At the beginning of October we will welcome Edson Kamenya as a partner with us in ministry. He is "retiring" from working with the East African Branch of Bible Translation and will be assisting us in the area of Developing Ministry Partnerships



A HUGE PRAISE.... as of last week, we have successfully established Serving Our Neighbor - Tanzania as a registered Tanzanian organization with a TIN (Tax Identification Number) and everything! We have tried to get this done twice before but just got frustrated and gave up. Now after 6 months of work and rework and waiting and waiting outside government offices...It is done! **Praise the Lord!** We are so grateful to Edmond Lyatu and Aba Mpesha for their participation, support and assistance! From an everyday aspect, this doesn't really change anything; it just allows us a bit more freedom. It was almost anti-climatic when Todd received the "certificate" from the Registration Agency (RITA) we could hardly believe it as we were so used to having someone say there was something else they needed!

EXPANSION & RELOCATION: As many of you know, we have been extremely blessed over the past few years by the use of beautiful piece of property for our filter workshop. However, as the ministry moves away from the coastal regions and, as over time, it has been made clear that we will not be able to stay on this property long term, we are in the process of expanding and relocating our primary workshop to the Morogoro area. Over the past two years, we have been making more and more deliveries to the Morogoro area which is over 200 kilometers (125 miles) from our Kunduchi workshop. With the generous assistance and networking of friends living in Morogoro we have a verbal agreement to rent a nice piece of property near the town center with easy access for large trucks of sand and gravel. However, this will be an added expense and we are praying that God will provide the additional resources needed or that it will be completely offset by the closer proximity to the villages in which we will be serving.



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

- *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 Msowero Village***
- *For wisdom and strength as we tackle the task of relocating ourselves and the ministry work to Morogoro.*
- *For wisdom, integrity, like-mindedness and good health for our technicians & their families. They are all working very hard and we are blessed that they have chosen to work with us.*
- *For God to provide the necessary resources, **especially financial**....for vehicles, filter materials, technicians, supervisors, & partners who share the vision of reaching Tanzanians using clean water to show The Living Water. The need for a delivery truck continues to grow.....the old canter is getting very tired! - estimated cost is \$25,000.*
- *That we can give it all over to God & know that he will provide for His ministry.*
 - *For Dismas as he prepares for his wedding at the end of October.....that God will provide for their needs and bless their union.*
 - *For Emmanuel and his family as they learn to live and work in a new area.....for wisdom in their decision making and for good communication to become a way of life. That God will open doors among the villages and government officials in the area surrounding Minziro.*
 - *For Aubrey & Madison to continue to grow as followers of Christ as they begin their new classes and become more and more independent.*



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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.

