

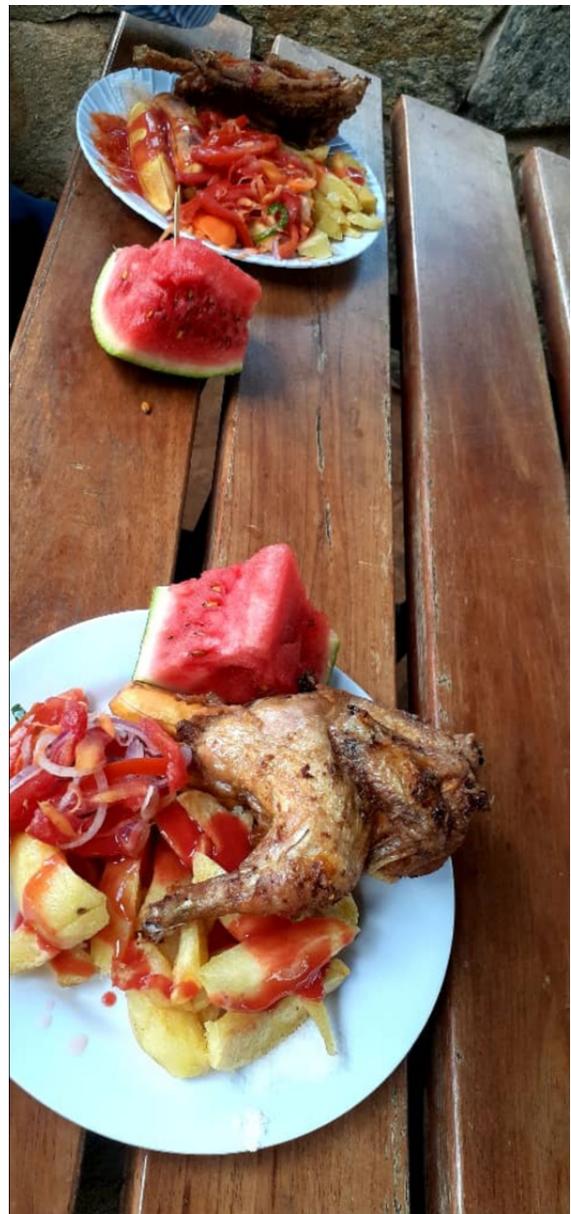
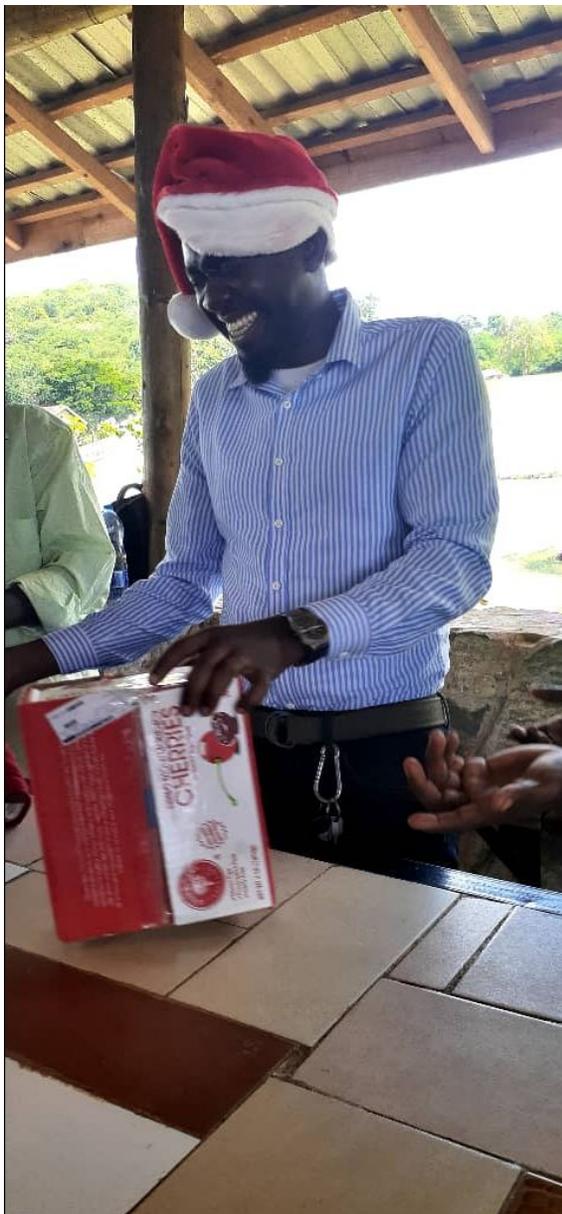


## **HABARI FROM THE ZIEMS December 2020**



### **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

The SON Team took some well deserved time to fellowship and celebrate the birth of Jesus this week before closing the workshop for the holiday. We had lots of fun, food and games. We were surprised and blessed with a beautiful painting as a Christmas gift!



The Dodoma team decided to celebrate Christmas together by visiting a local tourist attraction in Kondoa where there is a hot spring! It was a new experience for all of them. They also enjoyed a nice Christmas meal.



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## **BUSY WORKING HARD!**

The SON Team has been working very hard in the past few months. Records have been set for the number of Filter Installations as well as maintaining a full schedule of WASH, PUBERTY, OUTREACH and BIOSAND FILTER SEMINARS. Here are a few of the highlights!



Dennis visited Ibuti Village to Introduce the Bio-sand Filter's. As you can see there certainly was a lot of interest!



Rahab & Joyce were invited to an education and promotional event at a local secondary school celebrating young girls. They were able to talk about the importance of treating your water and share about the filter.



One of the leaders of a large TAG Church in Morogoro Town invited us to put on a Bio-sand Filter Seminar after he had attended a seminar at our workshop and received his filter. It was a new and exciting experience for Joyce to use a projector in her training! With the help of Charles, the SON Team is certainly becoming a bit more tech savy! While many members of this church had been aware of our filter ministry, this is the first time we had been asked to do a seminar! They announced the seminar on several local radio stations. We are praying that this relationship will continue into the new year as it could have a significant impact in the community surrounding the church.

## **TODD'S BIRTHDAY**

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The celebration of Todd's 60th Birthday, more commonly known as **WORLD TOILET DAY**, found the SON Morogoro Team wearing new T-shirts, inviting people to the Biosand Filter Seminar and handing out rolls of toilet paper. One elderly gentleman asked what he was supposed to do with it! Karim was even interviewed by a local reporter. The WASH and PUBERTY classes were introduced to "Freddy the Fly" and shown a video about how disease is spread when toilets are not used properly. We are also so very grateful to all of you who helped celebrate with us by contributing to the toilet projects of SON Staff members. Because of your generosity SON staff members have been able to dig and prepare proper toilet soak pits at their homes.



## Mkoko Village December Outreach

Rahab shared the Story of Noah's Ark and the promise of the rainbow with students at the primary school. Most of them had not heard the story before and were amazed! They enjoyed the coloring and the cotton clouds! Joyce organized games including "catch the chicken"! Nissa, one of our SON Volunteers organized gifts for Pastor John and his family, as well as taught some bible lessons with the younger children at the new church in Mkoko! Having a proper church building in Mkoko Village with a dedicated pastor is an answer to years of prayer. It was also wonderful to see that they are using their filter properly! We will see what God will do going forward.





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SON has a new member! Meet "Tone".  
His name means "water drop" in Kiswahili. He will help to guard the workshop.



Vehicles are always a challenge here in Tanzania due to the poor roads! To minimize the repair cost of filter delivery trucks, we turned over our 10 year old truck to the filter workshop. The Team was so excited because they were never allowed to drive it before! We purchased a new FORD, receiving it at the end of October. For us it is quite fancy and Todd is especially enjoying the blue tooth tech and sound quality along with the air conditioning! It will however take a long while to replace these funds, so your contributions are very welcome.



THANK YOU THIRST RELIEF ALONG WITH ALL OF YOUR PARTNERS!  
BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS A RECORD NUMBER OF FAMILIES HAVE  
RECEIVED FILTERS THIS YEAR.



## WASH & PUBERTY Education

Joyce and Rahab along with our SON Volunteers continued with a WASH and PUBERTY education in the local primary schools. Get materials for the girls puberty program can be a challenge, but we were fortunate enough to have a family returning that was willing to carry some of the supplies that we are not able to get here. Joyce along with a local seamstress worked hard at preparing the menstruation pads and shields so the girls could receive them. We are beginning to look for alternatives for the new year, as traveler from the U.S. to Tanzania are few due to the COVID concerns.



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***The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective!***

***Please pray with us.....***

- Praising God for his amazing provision over the past year. Our funding partner, Thirst Relief, and through them, Aqua Gear Foundation, have been so very very generous. We are so grateful to them as we were able to install a record number of filters.
- For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday.
- For each of the SON families for protection and good health. It seems like every year at this time, there is a lot of sickness.
- For wisdom and grace as we plan and schedule activities for the next year. That we will be open to the voice and leading of the Holy Spirit. That we will be servants of the Most High.
- For our continuing ministry work in the areas of Puberty and WASH Education in the local primary schools. That God will be glorified.
- For Alphonsi as he begins form 4 in January. Pray that he will be encouraged and remain healthy. He has improved significantly over the past 6 months, but still has a long way to go if he wants to graduate next year.
- For additional volunteers & partners that have a heart for sharing Jesus in practical ways, especially in the areas of education & outreach.
- For God to continue to provide the necessary financial resources to accomplish His purposes here.
- Specifically for Charles and Karim as they take on more responsibilities for SON-TZ that they will continue to be men of integrity and faithfulness.
- For favor with the Tanzanian government as we prepare to submit Todd's work permit application at the beginning of the new year.
- For Pastor John & his wife as they serve the people of Mkoko Village. That they be able to trust God and show his love through their integrity and real life examples.

*A few other opportunities.....*

- Don't know what to get that special someone for Christmas? Consider donating \$100 on their behalf so that a needy Tanzanian family will receive a filter and have clean water for years to come!
- Consider a year end donation to contribute toward the cost of the our new truck
- Commit to praying for the SON Team consistently in the coming year.
- Consider helping to organize a funding event in the new year.
- Consider contributing towards the education of Alphonsi or one of the SON Team members children.

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*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."*

*Revelation 22:17*

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