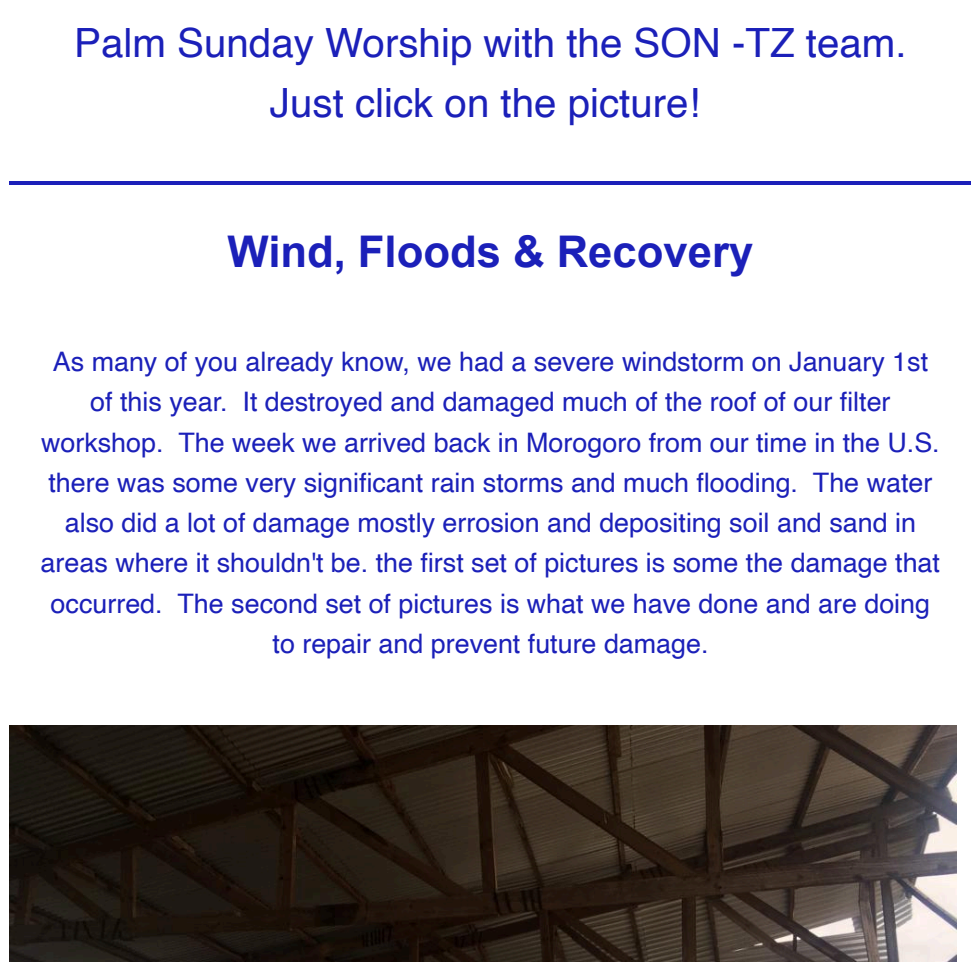
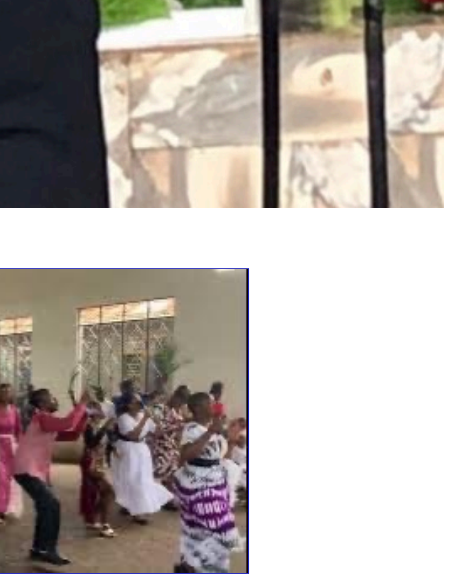
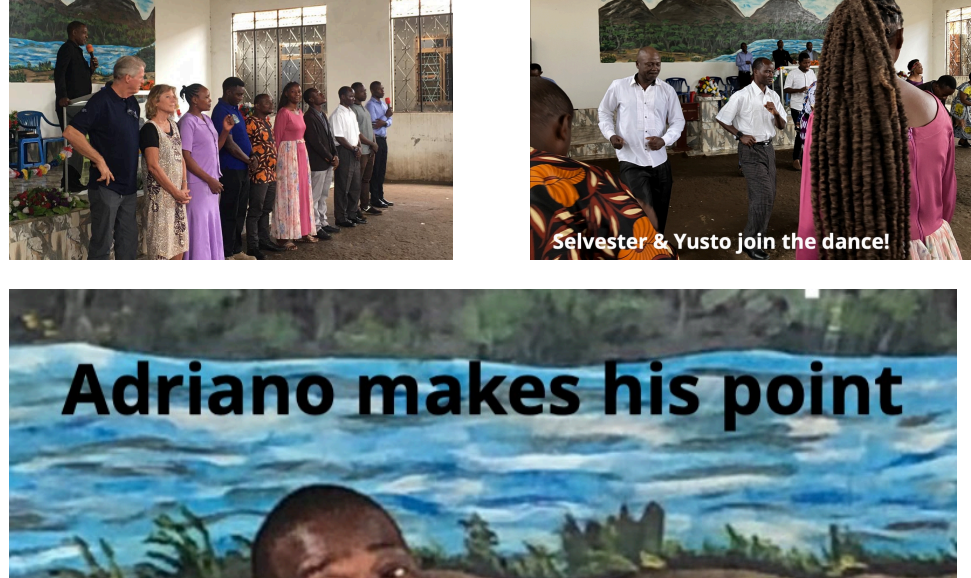
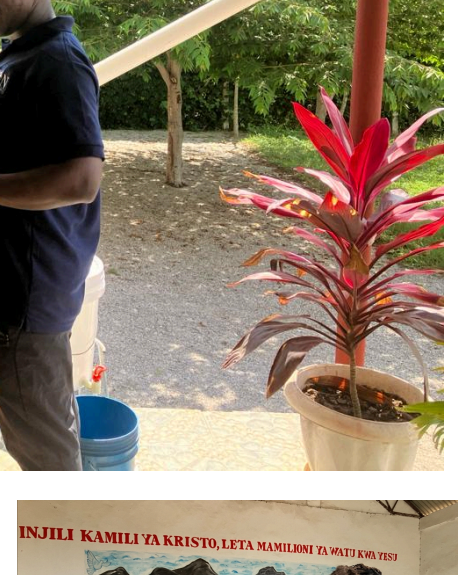
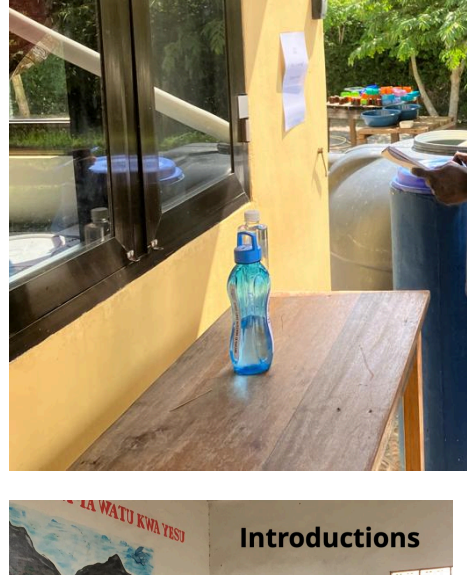
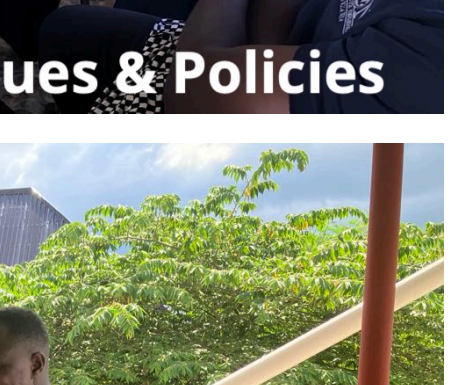
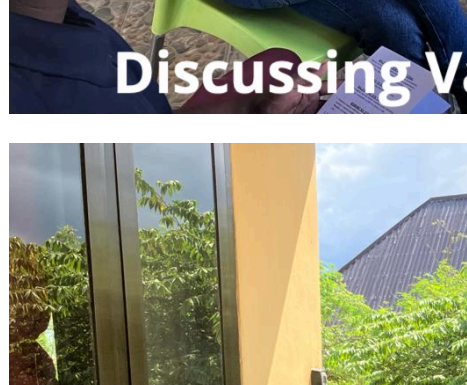




Habari from the Ziems April 2024

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

I have started this newsletter several times, but have never been able to complete it as our Internet has been quite the challenge these past weeks! I am hopeful that today will be the day! March is always a special month for us and the SON Tanzania Team. We traditionally gather together for a few days of spiritual retreat, to learn from each other, review our Vision, Mission, Values as well as discuss the previous year and look forward to the coming year. This year was no exception. March 22nd is World Water Day which is the highlight of our time together. This year, Easter, the day we celebrate Jesus, The Living Water, was also in March! Our purpose & privilege is to share both clean water for physical health & Jesus for spiritual health. We had Pastor Ilani & his wife join us to share about "The Assurance of Salvation". He was well received by the SON Team and there was much discussion and many questions. We also conducted an outreach in the community where his church is located, sharing about Jesus, inviting people to come to church, watch the Jesus film and learn about the bio-sand water filter. We distributed water bottles, tracts for adults and candy for children. The Team did a great job of working together. Todd & Dennis visited a couple of bars. Rahab & I visited a guest house where 3 very young girls were drunk at 9 in the morning! Everyone had a unique story to share. The community around the church is quite a rough area. Several people prayed to receive Jesus and others promised to come to church both for worship and to learn about the water filter. Adriano did a wonderful job of preaching on Palm Sunday with the SON Team in attendance. Here are a few pictures of our week together.



Wind, Floods & Recovery

As many of you already know, we had a severe windstorm on January 1st of this year. It destroyed and damaged much of the roof of our filter workshop. The week we arrived back in Morogoro from our time in the U.S. there was some very significant rain storms and much flooding. The water also did a lot of damage mostly erosion and depositing soil and sand in areas where it shouldn't be. The first set of pictures is some of the damage that occurred. The second set of pictures is what we have done and are doing to repair and prevent future damage.



Holy Week Celebrations for SON included watching video clips of the Jesus film and discussing them during our Monday bible study, a game involving pictures representing Holy Week and of course coloring eggs!



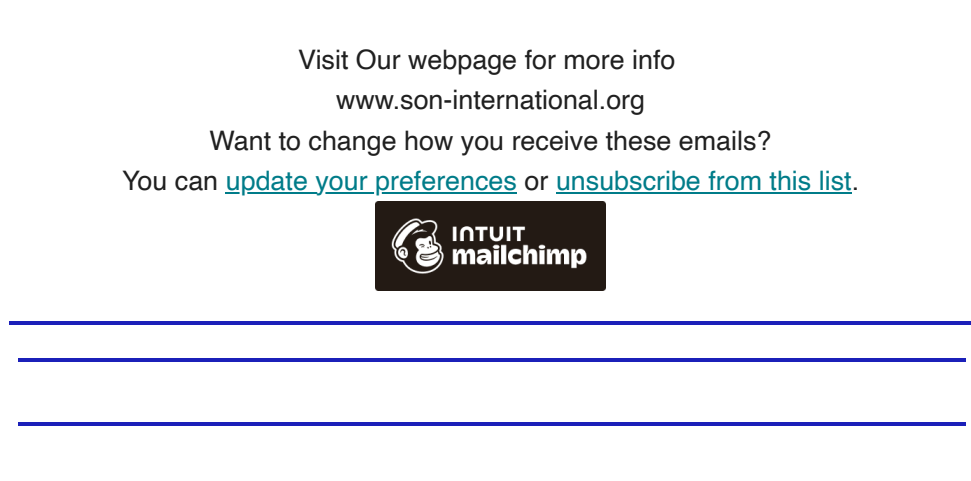
EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Under the Leadership of Dennis, the SON Outreach and Education team has completed many Filter Seminars. Although, because of the heavy rains we haven't been able to deliver many of the filters! In addition, the first full sessions of WASH & PUBERTY were completed the last week in March. We will begin new session in a few weeks. The SON Team has also conducted many awareness building events in the past two months. This helps us to share the good news about the filters and invite our neighbors and community members to learn more about the bio-sand filter and to attend a basic seminar. Here are a few pictures.



Todd repairing the road to our house.....

- The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective! Please commit to praying with us.....**
- Praise God that Nuhu, who was literally run over by a motorcycle a few weeks ago, is fine and back to his normal jovial self. He was knocked unconscious, but had no broken bones.
 - Praise God for his goodness and mercy.
 - Praise God for our friend, Harold, who is a retired Swiss architect who has lived in Tanzania for many years. He has been giving us his time, advice and contacts of skilled, trustworthy, and reliable "fundis" to repair and rebuild the damaged roof.
 - Specifically for the filter basic seminar that will take place on the 6th of April in the community, Ndege Wengi, that we visited during world water week. Pray for people to be open to the Living Water of Jesus.
 - For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday and that we will all "hunger & thirst after righteousness".
 - For the SON-TZ Leadership Team - Especially Charles, Dennis, Emmanuel, and Yusto to make wise choices and decisions that glorify our Lords.
 - Pray for our partnerships with other organizations, pastors and government leaders, that we be able to trust each other and work well together in our service to God and the Tanzanian communities.
 - For God to continue to provide the necessary financial resources to accomplish His purposes for the SON Ministry.
 - Please pray for the SON Board Leadership. Both SON International & SON Tanzania have Board meetings this month.
 - For the visitors that will be coming to spend time with us and see the work SON is doing during the months of May & June.



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And don't forget..... MAJI NI UHA!! - WATER IS LIFE! Drinking enough clean water each day is essential to maintaining life.

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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