



## Habari from the Ziems

June 2022



*Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.*

*Jeremiah 32:17*

Ever since I can remember, sunsets and beaches have been favorites of mine. This time of year here in Morogoro, it seems like God paints a picture each evening just for me, reminding me of how much he cares and loves me. Just thought I would share a recent "painting" with all of you. In addition, here are a few other bits and pieces of news from our part of the world.....

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### **Mkoko Village**

*Joyce has been leading a women's group in Mkoko Village which meets at the church with the pastor's wife. They have discussed several topics over the past weeks including Marriage and Entrepreneurship. The group will meet again at the end of June for a cooking lesson.*





## Meet Bwana Tone!

One of the newer SON Team members, Matthew, has created a personality to help both adults & children in Kimambira Village learn about sanitation, hygiene, water treatment and source protection. Bwana Tone, or "Mr. Drop" has been a great success as he educates and interacts with the community. Seventeen families have already received filters and another installation trip is scheduled for later this week.





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### **Protecting Our Children**

Rahab, Joyce and Omari attended a seminar on Child Protection in early May. It was conducted at the Sanga Sanga Retreat Center just outside of Morogoro Town.

They are the members of the SON Team who do most of the education in the primary schools. After the seminar they did a great presentation to the Morogoro SON Team sharing what they had learned.



## Puberty & WASH Education

The latest Puberty sessions in four schools were completed last week and the WASH program will finish next week. The students are always so excited to be a part of these "extra" programs. After each session, during our evaluation meetings, the teachers are always asking us to teach more students. If I got it right, you should be able to click below and see a thank you video from the boys puberty class in Mkoko.



Rahim volunteered to be the class spokesperson. He says *"I am so grateful to SON for this teaching. Thank you all so very much."* Each of the boys received their own book.

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- We have distributed nearly all of our Puberty Books and need to place another order. Unfortunately the minimum order to print both the girls and boys books is 2000. That number should last us for more than 4 years. Each book costs roughly \$1.15 which makes the cost more than \$4500. The publisher is unable to provide additional discount because the price of paper has significantly increased. If you would like to contribute to the cost of printing these books please let us know.
  - Todd & I will be in the U.S. and available to share what God is doing here in Tanzania with the SON Team from July through mid October. We hope to see as many of you as possible! We are looking for places to stay in Southeast Michigan during that time when we are not with family or traveling. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.
  - We are looking for "Taste of Tanzania" hosts to better share the SON Ministry during our time in the U.S. - It is alot of fun, the food is great and it helps SON to share the living water of Jesus.
  - Stay alert for other events which involve COFFEE!
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**Filter Installations are continuing. The SON team is doing a great job. Here are a few pics.**





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***The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective!  
Please commit to praying with us.....***

- For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday.
- Protection of the SON Team as they travel back and forth to the workshops as well as to villages and communities for educational activities and filter installations. We have had more than our share of "near misses" recently.
- For the SON Team Leaders to make wise decisions that will glorify our Lord, especially Charles, Dismas, Emmanuel, Dennis, Nixon, Yusto & Saimon.
- 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 for the SON Ministry. We are so grateful for the continued support and generosity of so many of you. (Vehicles continue to be a challenge)
- 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.  
For our the outreach event the weekend of June 24th ...for hearts to be opened to the message and hope of Jesus.
- Pray for Matthew, a SON team member that is having some health issues.
- For Alphonsi as he makes decisions (or the decisions made for him) concerning his future schooling
- For us as we prepare for our time in the U.S. and all that goes with it! As well as safe and uneventful travel.

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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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