



## HABARI FROM THE ZIEMS March 2020



### PROPER HAND WASHING

It is, without a doubt, the best prevention from sickness no matter where you live! It doesn't matter if you are young or old, the importance of washing your hands with soap and water "mara kwa mara" or frequently cannot be said enough! It prevents the spread of viruses and bacteria and keeps us healthy! Our WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) Educators help students to remember this through participative activities where they learn the HOW, WHEN & WHY of hand washing. Although a recent article by CNN suggested humming Happy Birthday, at SON like to use the ABC song as it also helps students to remember their alphabet. Just like cleaning our hands can prevent disease, reading our bible's can help prevent sin from taking control in our lives. I was reminded of this during a recent bible lesson about the Temptation of Jesus found in Matthew 4:1-11. He used the words from the Bible to answer each of the temptations that Satan put in front of him.

During this time when so much of the news is about preventing the spread of a virus, myÁ  
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This week the SON Morogoro Team will complete the last WASH session at four local primary schools. Over the last 7 weeks, these students have learned so much about keeping themselves and their environment healthy. This last lesson is a review as well as learning how the bio-sand filter works. Acting out the different ways that the pathogens are removed from the water and making their own filters out of plastic bottles is always a big hit with the students.









# RAMADHANI

This story, while very sad, encourages my heart and gives me hope! The SON Tanzania Team have "adopted" Rama, by taking a very big interest in him. They have contributed their own money to purchase healthy food and clothes for him. They along with several village members along with his teachers are investigating ways to help him and get him the care that he needs. It is so very exciting to see our SON Team members live out in a very real way the values and purpose of the SON ministry. Rama lives in Mkoko Village with his father and stepmother. He is very small for his age, has a large head, extended







## HELPING ALPHONSI

Some of you may remember Alphonsi as a little boy. He was always wanting to be with Todd when we attended Haven of Peace Church in Dar es Salaam many years ago. He has visited us several times over the years. He has recently moved to Morogoro to be closer to his Uncles (Amri & Charles) as his living situation in Dar was difficult. This picture was taken on his first day of school here in Morogoro Town. It is a strict boarding school and he will have to study very hard, but we are confident that he will do well. If any of you would like to help with his school fees which are approximately \$1200 per year it would be greatly appreciated by all of us.

## A ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE!

In February we took a road trip to visit Emmanuel and his Workshop in Northern Tanzania. The paper map that we have of the Tanzania roads are very dated (since 2004) and pretty ripped up.....and no new ones are available! So Google maps it was! Not a good plan! After about 5 hours into the trip we were thinking it was going to be an easy day, because the road was paved really nicely. Then we had to take a left turn...and within 200 meters used the snorkle on our truck for the first time in 9 years! We continued on that road for more about 4 more hours.....with several challenges including missing bridges and a VERY rough ride until we reached the next tarmac road.....but even then we didn't learn our lesson, and continued to follow the google directions....and ended up on another similar road that was...well good, until it wasn't! There were huge potholes, maybe craters, is a better word! Just after dark, nearly 15 hours since we left our house, we arrived in Kahama Town where we had planned to spend the night. It is very dangerous to drive in Tanzania at night so we try very hard to avoid it. The next day we decided to forget google and follow the buses and ask a lot of questions at every intersection! Road signs are not typically available or very confusing. We had a good visit with Emanuel and his family. We brought another filter mold with us to make it easier to make filters as well as some supplies and a few gifts. We spent time discussing plans for his filter workshop and the surrounding villages. A few of our observations....the baboons near Bukoba have alot more fur and refuse to move out of the road, monkey's like to run through the workshop area, Hilda is a very good cook and Tanzania is a beautiful country. The trip back to Morogoro while still long, was much more pleasant as it seems that you can go the entire way on paved roads! Imagine that!



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

- 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.



- That Ramadhani will be able to get the care he needs. For wisdom and favor with the village leaders and ministry of social welfare to help him.
- For additional SON -TZ board members that will understand and embrace the vision and mission that God has given us.
- For our continuing ministry work in the areas of Puberty and WASH Education in the local primary schools. That God will be glorified.
- For additional volunteers & partners that have a heart for sharing Jesus in practical ways, especially in the areas of education & outreach.
- 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 Emmanuel & Dismas as they also continue to take on more responsibility to in operating their workshops and serving their communities. Especially for Emmanuel as he needs to find two people to assist him.
- For our upcoming 2 week Training and Staff Development session in the middle of March.



Because of all the rain a bridge went out on the Dodoma Road. It was out for two days. This is what the road looked like on our way to our workshop. The line of trucks went on for a VERY VERY long way! We were just grateful that they pulled over to the side!

*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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