



## HABARI FROM THE ZIEMS DECEMBER 2025

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6*



During the month of December the "Tanzanian Christmas Trees" are in bloom. I think you will agree that they are beautiful with their vibrant color. They range from deep red to a redorange color. Even though we sometimes miss the beauty of the White Christmas's of Michigan. These trees are a great reminder to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

## MKOKO VILLAGE OUTREACH



The most Outreach to Mkoko Village included both the SON and ZUIA teams. It also included presenting the Woman's Group with a pump and hose so that they can continue to farm and grow vegetables to feed their families and sell to the rest of the village. They had saved a significant sum which was then subsidized by SON. It was a blessing to be able to support this group of women in this project. Other activities included showing a movie about Jesus, Education and Bible teaching with Pastor John, a game day with the primary school students and of course a soccer game!

## SON -TZ TEAM CHRISTMAS PARTY



*A few other bits of news....*

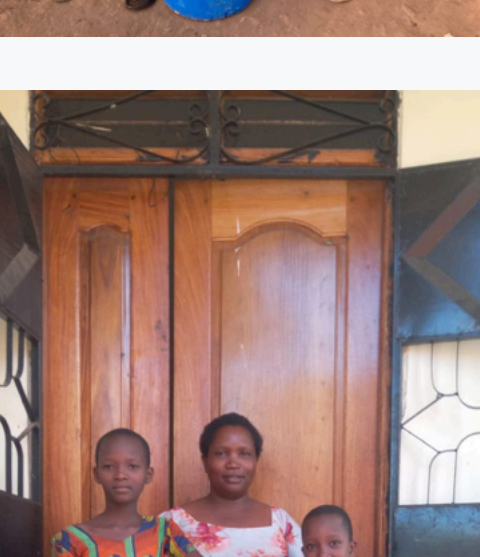
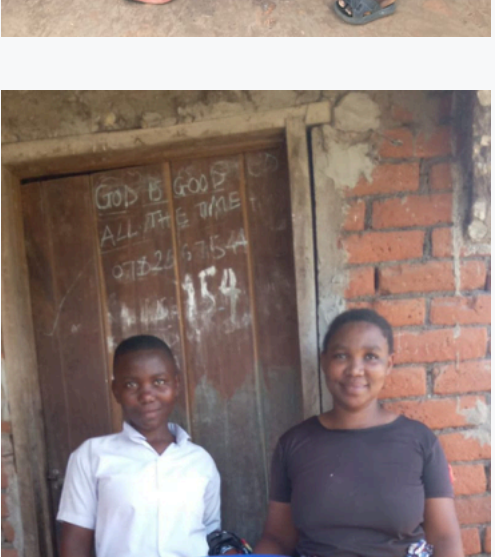
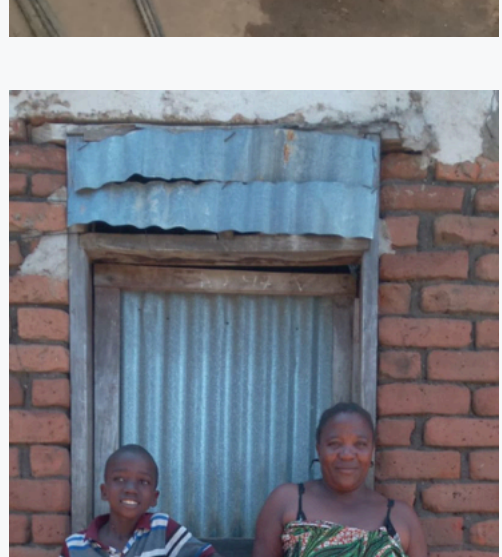
Many of you are already aware of the challenges that Tanzania faced after the National Elections at the end of October. There were violent demonstrations protesting the election results in most of the large cities, military and police presence was limiting travel and using force to disperse crowds, curfews were put into place and communication was very difficult as internet and much of digital communication and social media were shut down. It did make us realize how dependent we are on the internet! We were safe and had only a few minor challenges. Fortunately, peace was maintained during December 9th which is Independence Day, although all public celebrations were cancelled.

The SON-TZ Team has had some significant changes in our leadership since our return to Tanzania. We are still processing all that has happened and pray that God will continue to give us wisdom going forward. While the challenges have been significant in so many ways, the ministry work has continued and nearly all the goals for the filter installations and education projects have been met or exceeded.

*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 every day.
- For peace in Tanzania.
- For us, that God will be glorified and blessed by our decisions and transactions with the SON leadership, family members, and life transition.
- For the leaders of the SON-TZ team that wisdom and discernment will prevail when making decisions. We will meet together on 7th January to make plans for the coming year.
- For our entire SON-TZ team, for health, wisdom and integrity in all their interactions with those whom we serve.
- For the SON-TZ partnership with ZUIA and those in abusive situations in need of the love of Jesus, salvation and forgiveness.
- For Pastor John as he serves in Mkoko Village. For his health, encouragement and the necessary resources to reach those so in need of Jesus.
- Praise for the financial partnerships which have generously allowed the SON Team to continue to serve our Tanzanian neighbors with clean water and related education while sharing Jesus.
- For the resources needed to continue to the SON ministry of serving our Neighbors.
- For Alphonsi as he has started his first year of university. That he will make good and trustworthy friends to keep him from being lonely. That he will follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in all his activities. For dedication and commitment to his studies. For the financial resources that he needs.

## A FEW OF THE FAMILIES THAT RECENTLY RECEIVED FILTERS



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO HELP!

- There is still time to get your 2026 SON Calendar! Give a Gift that keeps on giving! All proceeds go directly to the SON Ministry. Delight in stunning photographs showcasing the lives of the Tanzanian people, wildlife and landscapes complemented by monthly Bible Verse.
- Partner with SON to provide a water filter for a Tanzanian family that will give them clean water for years to come.

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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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