



## Habari from the Ziems May 2021

*.....Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.  
Exodus 17:6*

As I was struggling to come up with a meaningful opening for this newsletter, I read the "Daily Bread Devotional" and the message was just what I needed! The Israelites had arrived at Rephidim, a place where *"there was no water to drink."* They were in the desert. It was hot, they were tired, thirsty and there was NO water! They quarreled and complained. Moses turned to the Lord to solve the problem and He provided water from a rock! Then they had plenty of water to drink for themselves and their livestock. We all know that water is essential to sustain our physical lives. But what about our spiritual lives? Do we remember to ask God for His water when we are thirsty? We need His Living Water each and everyday. Our prayer is for each of you to drink deeply each day of the water God provides us through his Son.

Also a quick story from last week... We were headed to meet with some friends whom we had not seen in a very long time, at a place that we hadn't been to in a long time.....it was dark, very dark....we got lost...turned into a "street" and realized almost immediately that we couldn't go that way.....started to back up....decided to get out and look, because well, it was very dark!.....And oh my! We had passed between two deep manmade holes, just exactly the width of our car tires! It was a really a miracle we had not hit one of the holes on the way in....Todd was able to turn around and then with the help of two friendly young men, pass back between the holes without incident! We really still can hardly believe it! God was certainly taking care of us! Unfortunately we didn't think to take any pictures!

***The last few months have been quite busy for us and the  
SON Team! Here are a few of the highlights.....***

## World Water Day!

Our World Water Day Celebration in March was a good time of learning, review and fellowship for the entire SON Team. We held a friendly filter making competition and the Dodoma Team came away the winner! We are very grateful to Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo for their transparency in sharing their experiences and teaching in the areas of personal finances from a biblical perspective as well as what it means to live for Christ. Our last evening together we went out for street chicken & chips which is very much a local favorite.





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### Mkoko Village

During a recent WASH lesson with the primary school children, the activity was to clean the filters that are at the school, and then collect water from the river in a safe manner so the filters can be properly used by the school. Crocodiles are still a very big problem for those that are collecting water from the river. Here are a few pictures.





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## Filter Project Implementation Training

SON hosted a two week filter project Implementation training in April for a new organization who wants to start a bio-sand filter project in the town of Moshi in northeast Tanzania. It was great to see the members of SON sharing, teaching and working together with these young men.





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A good day for Nuhu and his family! It was his turn to get the chicken! In many of the needy villages, we accept crops, usually maize or beans, or animals (usually chickens) from filter recipients as their contribution to the filter cost. SON Team members and their families are then gifted with these items.





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Rahab, who is part of the SON Team, and her husband Stephen have planted a church very close to our Morogoro Workshop. Last Sunday was their official opening. It was a privilege to be included in the festivities.



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

- Huge Praise - Todd has his work permit and residence permit. Good for 2 more years!
- For favor with the Tanzanian government as we wait for the results of Ann's work permit application.
- For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday.
- That all members of the SON Team will work be likeminded and work with integrity and hearts for ministry.
- For our continuing ministry work in the areas of Puberty and WASH Education in the local primary schools. That God will be glorified and funds will be provided to continue with the ministry.
- 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.
- 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 Rahab & Stephen as they reach out into the Mkundi community sharing Jesus the Living Water. That God will provide the resources they need.



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Earlier this month we had some new neighbors move in next door. They aren't very friendly and certainly don't talk much. But it seems that they have been able to keep the birds and the monkey's away.



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An opportunity.....if you are not already doing so, please consider a monthly or one time donation for the following needs:

- **SON Kids to Camp June 2021 - \$35 per camper**
- WASH Education - \$450/class or \$10/student
- Puberty Education - \$450/Class or \$20/student
- Bio-Sand Filter - \$100
- Mkoko Village Outreach and Support (*pipe and pump to carry water from the river*) - \$2500

***AND DON'T FORGET...***  
**When you are thirsty ask God for His Living Water. It will satisfy your Thirst.**

*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*