



HABARI FROM THE ZIEMS August 2020

John 4:10

"Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Whenever anyone tells me they have a headache, my response is: *"Have you been drinking enough water?"* A headache is one of the signs of dehydration! It is so easy to get busy and forget that our bodies need water, lots of water, especially when it is hot! It is also very easy to "get busy" and become spiritually dehydrated especially when your spiritual environment is challenging and "hot"! Our spirits need water, lots of living water! During this hot time of year, don't forget to drink lots of water.....physically & spiritually.

WASH & PUBERTY CLASSES RESUME!

Tanzanian schools were reopened on June 29th. Joyce and Rahab along with our volunteers were able to start the second session of both WASH & PUBERTY education. The students were all excited and have done a great job of participating and sharing in the classes.





Visiting villages as well as organizing a banda at the big week long Nanenane event are ways that we get the word out about the SON Bio-Sand filter. It's always fun to listen to the SON Team members share how the filter works and even more exciting when someone who has a filter gives a testimony as to how much they like it.

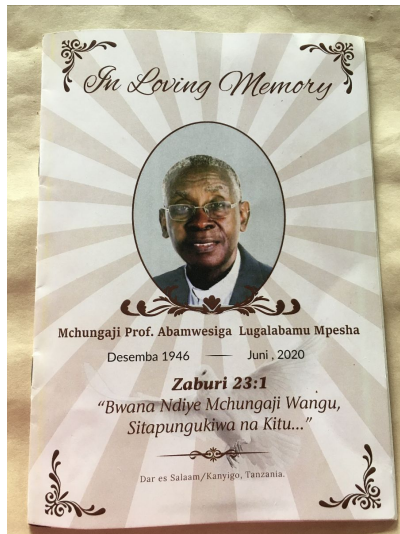


FILTER SEMINARS

For a quite a few months it was difficult to hold Bio-Sand Filter Seminars for more than a few people because of the restrictions on public gatherings. But the SON Team has done a great job of organizing and holding seminars once the restrictions were lifted.

Here are a few pics of recent seminars.





Aba Mpesha served as a Board Member for Serving Our Neighbor (SON) International as well as SON-Tanzania. We so appreciated his advice and service over the years. When the airports were closed Aba was in Tanzania to follow up on his many projects and chose to remain instead of returning to Michigan. We were able to attend his funeral service in Dar. It was a blessings for us to meet briefly with his wife and his daughter. We will miss him but know that he is celebrating in his true home!

Please praise and pray with us.....

- **Praises** that God truly has spared Tanzania from COVID 19. It could have been so very devastating. Life here has, for the most part, returned to normal.
 - **Praises** for willing volunteers to serve on SON Boards both in the U.S. & Tanzania.
 - **Praises** for unexpected donations in the past couple of months to meet some significant needs.
 - **Praises** for many opportunities to share Jesus through filter installations.
 - 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.
 - For resources to be provided in the coming months to meet the needs of those we are serving as well as the SON Team.
 - 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 in operating their workshops and serving their communities. For our
 - outreach and education efforts in Mkoko & Melela Villages and the surrounding communities over the next months and for favor and cooperation with the village leaders.
 - For Ajuaye, a member of our Dodoma Team, who will be married in September.
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At the end of June we had a spiritual retreat for the Morogoro & Dodoma Team members lead by Pastor Njovu. It was a good time of teaching, prayer and sharing with the main complaint being we should had more time!



Birthday's are always a big thing with the SON Team. We generally have cake and sing Happy Birthday. As Rahab's birthday was the day of training in Mkoko Village....we surprised her and the students with cupcakes!



There actually have been quite a few birthdays in the past two months! Joyce and Yusto as well as Dennis, Lilian & Ajuaye. I don't seem to have all the pics!





We are grateful and excited to have Niwaely Sandy join the SON Tanzania Team as a board member trustee. Niwaely worked with us as a dedicated volunteer a few years ago and now has agreed to be an official board member. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve.

*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*