



HABARI FROM THE ZIEMS SEPTEMBER 2018

Hello Everyone,

Psalms 33:11 says: "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." In the past month or so it seems that "standing firm" has been a theme repeated in several of the bible readings, sermons, and studies that we have shared. This past week Todd experienced a very physical reminder of the need to "Stand Firm". Upon returning from a walk on the mountain with our dog Simba, he slipped on some loose gravel and when he fell, heard a bone snap. It turns out that he fractured his collar bone and most likely cracked a rib as well. While Todd's bones will heal, it has been a painful lesson in the importance of standing firm from a physical aspect. The same can be said about our spiritual walk....if we don't stand firm there will most likely be a painful lesson. Our Lord will stand firm forever and we are so very grateful that his purpose and heart is forever unchanging. Here is a bit of news from the past couple of months.

MKOKO VILLAGE

Puberty education was completed in Mkoko Village. A video was a highlight of the last lesson. We were joined by some young German guests. Children of Missionary friends who participated in our outreach while on their school breaks. Other activities included sports (soccer of course) and games. A contest between the boys and girls included "umeme" or electricity. It seems that the boys were just a bit better at this game!





Other activities included showing the Jesus film, visiting households and filter followups. Neema continues to make progress and build friendships with many of the village women. They all look forward to the monthly visits. We are praying as she gains the trust of these women the Holy Spirit will open the door for her to share the hope and freedom that trusting in Jesus offers.





NANENANE FESTIVAL

This is the second year SON-TZ has participated in the NaneNane festival. It would be similar to a State Fair in the U.S. It looks like it will become an annual event. The

SON Team did a great job of organizing our booth, as well as showcasing and educating participants about the bio-sand filter. They also enjoyed the festival as participants. More than 500 people signed our guest book during the week long event. Many people who visited our booth already are using a filter were very excited to see us.





WASH - COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATORS

SON hosted a week long Community Health Educator Seminar. Participants included SON staff, volunteers, local evangelists, and representatives from other local organizations. Topics ranged from what WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) activities include to how to influence household member to change their behavior. We learned through games, role play, review contests and discussion.





FILTER SEMINARS

Each family that wants to receive a filter must first have at least one member of the household attend our Basic Filter Seminar. This seminar incorporates Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Education, Spiritual Health as well as how to use and maintain the bio-sand filter. Here are some pictures of recent seminars in Lukwambe and Plambili Villages.



SOME FAMILIES WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED FILTERS



We recently had a visit from Sammy Awami. He is a good friend and one of the trustees on our SON-TZ board. It was really great to have a good chat and catch up on all that has been happening both in his life and with the SON Team.



As some of you know, we generally attend an ecumenical (that means multiple denominations and in our case multiple cultures as well!) English Worship Service. Todd generally organizes the music (using his ipod) and I sometimes do the children's sermon. As you can see, we were recently practicing how to put on the armor of God. "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then...."

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER.....

- Pray for Mgaya and his family. Once the head teacher at Mkoko Primary school, he is now our liaison for the area around Msata village.
- Pray for Emmanuel and wife, Hilda and their family. They are adjusting well to their new home, but health issues are always a concern. Also pray for God to raise up someone(s) for Emmanuel to train in the filter work and seminar education.
- For Dismas and his family as they continue with their lives after losing their young son. Anneth, his wife finished her exams (nursing degree) in August and is waiting for the results. Also for John and Saimon the young men working with Dismas in our Dodoma workshop. They both have young families. Dismas and his team have been doing a great job of expanding their work. Please pray for the truck they are using to continue to be reliable and safe.
- For the upcoming outreach trip to Mkoko Village at the end of this month. Please pray for Neema as she works with a group of the village women. That she will have the opportunity to share Jesus with them and that their hearts will be open and receptive to him.
- Pray for Todd & I as we will be traveling to the U.S. this coming week. Todd's mom, Chris, is on home hospice care. She is okay, but very tired and uncomfortable at times. Pray for her to be comfortable both physically, spiritually and mentally. We plan to be able to spend some quality time with her and Todd's family. Pray for all of us to have grace and understanding with each other.

- For Todd's bones to be healed quickly without complications. Also that his pain can be managed especially during the time of travel. Coughing or sneezing is extremely painful.
- Pray for things to go smoothly both at the workshop and ministry work and at our home while we are away. Specifically pray for Charles, Karim and Dennis as they lead the SON Team.
- Pray for wisdom and grace for all of the SON Team as we travel around for filter delivery and education seminars...the police are quite difficult at the moment and stopping vehicles for no reason trying to find things wrong. This can be very difficult, frustrating and time consuming.
- Pray for God to be glorified through all of our activities as we serve him by serving our neighbors.

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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