

Russell News [June 2010]

Wow, what a busy Spring we have had here in TZ. Thank you so much for wanting to keep up with what we are doing.

Maasailand

We are overjoyed to be seeing a season of spiritual harvest in Maasai. The motorbike we got James Kukan in October is seeing a lot of miles as James rides here and there trying to keep up discipling, teaching, and training new believers. We were out there a few weeks ago and gave a couple of young men a ride. Both were new believers and one of them said he and about 50 others were waiting at Matakase for James to come and baptize them. Something he said at the end really struck me. He said, "God is doing wonderful things amongst us ...it's like He is breastfeeding us". Amen! God is good!



Look at that Maize!

In March our friends from the Joshua Foundation Josh and Renee led a "Farming Foundations" seminar out at James place. Byron was able to distribute seed on the occasion and it's great seeing the maize coming to head now. So many cows died in the last drought (how many droughts are there ...are you keeping count?), that it's a joy to see people getting a good harvest this year.

Golf Tournament

Byron and I are just back from our annual board meeting in Pasadena which went very well. We are very blessed by a godly and wise board.

A big blessing of the trip was to be able to show up at the 1st Annual Wild Hope Golf Tournament in Glendale. Our friend Tim Park organized the event and I know it was a lot of work. Thank you so much for all of you who participated! It was such a blessing to Byron and I to see friends show up in support of our Nyota Soccer program in Arusha.



1st Annual Wild Hope Golf Tournament

Family News

Chase has moved from just surviving at RVA boarding school to thriving. We attended his wind ensemble performance a bit ago and were so blessed. He is making good friends and enjoys his studies.



Sounds good!

Skyler has finished his Freshman year at APU and really enjoyed himself. He just got back from his Men's Chorale tour of Northern California and is working with the Office of University Relations. He'll come home in July and we can't wait!



**Skyler on tour with the Men's Chorale at APU!
Can you spot him?**

The Twins are busy with homeschool. Sianna is learning piano and Leighton clarinet. They keep us laughing and young.



Sianna showing off her new braces!

Water Update



Drilling Again!

We continue our search for a water source on our base. We have started drilling our 3rd hole using a new method of casing so we can go deep. A loose boulder has given the drilling company a challenge as they can't get a hold of it to drill through it. They have pulled their rig out till they get some special equipment to get past this obstacle.

In the meantime a water pipeline being constructed by the government is close to becoming operational which will give us the ability to start our construction though eventually we feel it will be good to have our own water source.

Tom and Nadine



Tom with Coleman at a Nyota Leadership Meeting

While I was in the States May 10th I received the news that our intern Tom Shank and a dear friend from Pamoja Ministries, Nadine Feser, were hiking and had a bad fall in a gorge just south of Arusha. Tom is out of the hospital now and Nadine is recovering from a fractured pelvis among other things. We are all very thankful and are realizing just how miraculous things didn't turn out worse.

It reminds me just how fortunate we are to be called the children of God. Not that we are always protected from everything but that, no matter what we go through, we have the assurance of His presence and peace.

Thank you for your love and support. We really couldn't be out here without you guys!

Peter for the family