

Tiyamike Mulungu Center

Malawi - East Africa

James Peters
JAMES PETERUS
2008

Since 2003 - "Children's lives being made whole thru family love and care"



Dining Hall 2005



Open air Kitchen 2004



Dorm Foundations 2005



Dorm 2005



Thank you, always grace n love. Will, Pam & Mary

January 01, 2016

Dear friends and friends of friends, you who have for one time, many times, short times or years of faithfully coming alongside this incredible happening here at Bangula... Our prayer For you all and ourselves, that 2016 be a fulfilling and exceptional year of drawing close to the one who loves us all so much , a year of realizing how infinitely precious we all are, regardless of who we are, what we do, what we have or haven't, where we were born and under what circumstances... as well as race or creed...even in current relationship or not with him... To let us know his love that encompasses all and is really only beginning to be understood only from the side of having experienced it and then a life of everlasting on-going revelation of the breadth and depth ...of that love. He is the way , the truth and the light of the world.

We expect you all have been so busy with the preparing for's and then the going to's, at least we hope you were and that your celebration of Christmas was all it could be and should be... (without the stress).

We as well have been occupied here!!! The wonderful gift (funding) for our celebration here was sent early enough to allow us to hunt down the gifts before they were all overly picked over. In short YEEHAW !!!! Salaries and operating funds has been another story, but with borrowing (good for my humility quotient) from a long-time Hindu friend we have made it through and will soon have the funds coming to repay him and push on. Last year 2014 we received funds for Christmas gifts, on the 23rd what a challenge...it all ending in success and getting home to Bangula late Christmas eve. Imagine 130 gifts (quite a few older returnees for Christmas) Working half the nite and then finishing Christmas morning. This year we were pretty well done with gifts and ready for Christmas by 3 pm the 24th. So thank you to the fellowship at Hope Christian Community Church where one of our daughters Erin and our son-in-law Paul are pastoring. You really blessed our children so much !!! Thankyou as well for those who listened to not send Christmas funds this year.. AMAZING... how the Conductor of this orchestra plays so well...

So the idea came to take you all for a trip back in time even to 2003... the pictures of where we were and what was happening tell more than my writing and we hope they are enjoyable and **really bring the reality of the effect of your faithfulness over the last 12 years.** It was a bit of a shock to be reminded how young and vulnerable so many of our children here at TMC were so many years ago. Where and what would have happened to them does not take much imagination to envision when you realize a study done in 2013 showed 93 % of the relatives of our children are classified in the ultra-poor category , which means they cannot support their existing families, let alone the children of their extended family whose parents have passed away. **So thank you for the difference you have made here in Bangula,**

(You will find this continued on page five please enjoy the pictures)



Tent Living 2003



3 of 4 Red Cross Tents



Youngsters 2005



1 of 2 Compost toilets 2004



Water tower 2004



Brushing Teeth 2005

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Jim Peters
JAMES PETRUCI
2006



Great gifts !!!



Aunti Mary serving cake..



Christmas decorations



Now what is this all about??



Making decorations



What a smile !!!



Amayi Pam serving cake...



Amayi Pam packing present



Help appreciated !!!!



Aunti Mary decorations...



Maria has a new life !!!



Longani came Jan 11, 2005, born June 4, 2004



I (Will) had always said "No-one under five years of age!!" THANKFULLY Longani broke the barrier and Thoko soon after !! So many



Longani Dec 2015



Thokozani came May 31 2005

born Apr 28, 2005 came at less than 2 kg and 1 month old

Alefa n Omega Born Aug 28, 2005, Arrived July 27, 2006 and now Dec 2015



**** Praise Him !!!**

Precious, a few days old May 2006

Blessings born Apr 20, came Apr 26, 2006 now Dec 2015

****PRAISE HIM ...**



Thokozani Dec 2015

Alinafe 2009 and in Dec 2015
Came at 6 weeks of age Oct 31, 2007

Kalota 2006, 2009 and now Dec 2015

Precious taken Dec 2015

If we don't praise him the rocks will cry out...



Allan n David 2005 and Oct 2015



Amayi Pam and Samson taken Dec 2015 and 2007



Frank and Samson 2005



Frank n Nowell Oct 2015



Nowell 2005



Isaac taken Dec 2015 and 2006



Epheson 2004 and now Dec 2015 TMC Admin. Mngr.



Yamikani 2005 and now Dec 2015



Patricia with John n Chitani 2005 and now Dec 2015



Noah 2006, 2012 and now Dec 2015



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2006



Chim... n bro Longani 2005



Chimwenwe Dec 2015



Stephen n Chim...2014

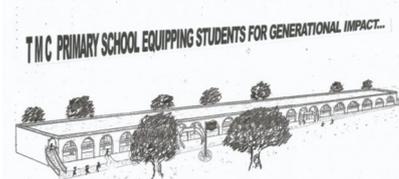


Stephen Tchr Grad 2015



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lives changed and good realistic seeds of hope, sown into the lives of these who would have been the very very bottom of the society as it is in this area , not through desire of the relatives but through the crushing reality of the poverty they face daily here in the valley. **Quality affordable, available education is a primary goal** we have set to be accomplished now and in the years ahead! We are working towards becoming one of the best providers in the Shire Valley and then the country. In the mean time after the teacher salary challenges and the buying of school text books and not to mention the soon needed construction of new primary classrooms to supplement our existing, and soon after the construction of a Secondary School to replace our leased "House School" which we expect will be far too small to accommodate the coming September enrolments. So beside our efforts at education we are renovating our maize mill to accommodate the public as an income source, one of the most exciting is our coming **Wooden Toy Making Shop** and the vision for it to become a real productive factory with jobs and income for many as well as TMC. We have no shortage of projects and needs here, we do need trainers and helpers and instructors. **The schools are our primary goal** and the other efforts are to support TMC and the school until; they carry their own weight. We have some good hope as the "Education Industry" is an attractive and lucrative business here in Malawi and we have the advantage of not using the profits for other than school and if some extra TMC purposes. So have a wonder-full 2016 and we truly hope you had a great Christmas celebrating the birth of our great King. To so many, Christmas has become (maybe always been) just a family time to get together.... And nothing wrong in that is there... if one doesn't know him... Pam and I cannot imagine how we would live full lives without Holy Spirit alongside... Hmmm for us we must be aware Christmas does not become the season of unending work.



School costs: Impossible to say accurately, We plan (with the assistance of an engineer friend in UK) to go with a concrete skeleton structure and have two story to give us more ground space, the second floor for more air movement and concrete floor and roof helps much with sound (for floor above and rain on tin roof is so loud for the days we have it impossible to have school) and even heat as we can pour water (our own well) on the roof on hot days, also longevity, durability, much less maintenance, guestimating at 250,000 USD **doing it in stages allows any amounts to start and do as we have funds..Our goal is six classrooms ready for Sept 2016**, allowing for 69.000 USD to get us to that point. One benefit of concrete and brick is sound proofing for adjacent classrooms being built and the ones that would be in use. We are planning to use clay n cement bricks which are more costly, the number of bricks we need is great and that would use a lot of trees for burning the ovens to bake them. The fluctuating exchange rate is affecting prices and while it is a short term benefit for those having funds come in from outside it fuels inflation over longer term. So good timing to build as for exchange rates. The guess (help us hear Lord) comes in as to when it tops out (or if) and they devalue the kwacha. Our Oct 19 News Letter which is on our web site Tiyamike.com has good info on schools and whatever you wish to know. **Questions are welcome.**



Stephen n bro Louis 2006



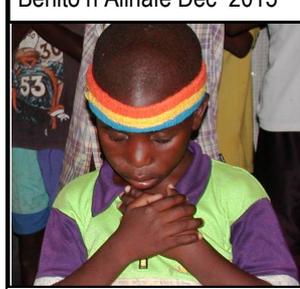
Louis n Cecilia 2015



Benito 2005



Benito n Alinafe Dec 2015



Praying in 2004



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Stephen n Chim...2014



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(From the purple on page one) **THE BUT...** For those who are blocked or hindered from surrendering to this one who created us, perhaps by thoughts of: a real or perceived broken promise, a lost maybe but really not likely dream, an unrealized potential ... betrayal of possible truth.... What if it really was...maybe its... doubts... questions...maybe..forgiving a friend, relative or parent's religiosity... hypocrisy ..failure.. cruelty? Usually those of us with those thoughts, find them soon washing away any thought of pursuing real truth and we go back into the striving and efforts of life, The I'm ok your ok club, we are good people, much better than so many... And that can be very true ... when we use our own plumb-bob... the problem is we need to use the Jewish Carpenters plumb-bob and then even the best of us in the the do-good, be-good club fail miserably (sometimes the biggest blockage is our doing good) so many self justifying, fill the God space in us, things we all are prone to. What in our lives replaces the desire to come into the fuller ... fullest relationship with Jesus, that he freely offers? For some of us, what offense have we hung onto to justify our indifference or even bitterness towards him? What heart excuse do we believe valid to offer to like minded "friends"... And even to use to keep others from him? Well, this part of the letter is not expected to win friends and influence people in the majority, but maybe...some who read it but is that really the issue? Not to offend but to care enough to say I was a poor beggar who has found good bread and good clear sweet cold water that quenches my thirst, such that never again will I thirst. I don't write to intentionally drive people away but in the hope ... even at times when thinking of some... the smallest flicker of hope that it may touch a part of their heart not hardened to stone... If one out of three hundred (three thousand) is brought to some truth, that will make even a crack in their/our defences and misconceptions ...its worth it. How I wish there would have been enough humility in me to listen to one of those who knew and the few that tried to tell me...it surely would have helped me keep from wounding the many I have. If they and now myself take the grace (enabling power) to share of and in the love and truth of the experience of Christ and Holy Spirit. Isn't it worth the offense of others who likely would judge this as ramblings of a (hey I can almost be a crazy old man ... to some I am) The interesting thing is for those who have a bee in their bonnet reading this, that is good !!! You have enough life to at least fight, even if it is in ignorance of the greatest love given to man for all time....I say this not in mockery, but in the knowing the truth of where I was until 27 years old....but those who are luke - warm ... com se com sa.... don't care if they read it or if they give it to another...that is the heart break, the loss At the same time he does extend mercy... forgive them they/we know not what we do or don't do? Can a blind man understand what colour is, if he has never seen even shades of light? Is that not the same? To argue with a person who has had an encounter with Jesus (not just reading about him) and filled with Holy Spirit and getting to know the reality of his leading us in life, is really a hopeless cause to argue, for the one not so aware. A person who has no revelation of the love shown by God-man Jesus Christ of Nazareth willingly mocked, tortured and hung with criminals on a cross, and think of Steven, a waiter of tables, powerful in miracles and love speaking boldly to the religious knowing he would soon be stoned to death and both saying "Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." the disciples, sawn in half, hung upside down on a cross, slaughtered... willing to give their lives for the privilege of sharing the good news about the one they knew as God come to live with them..... and give his life for them/us. These are men who covered in the upper room hiding... frightened mice ... what happened to change them to who they became? Talk about "Action Adventure Stories!!!" Reading the book of Acts is like ... well for those who haven't don't let me spoil it!! How can I not mention Saul, a persecutor of Christ's followers, approving the stoning of Steven! Saul a man highly educated, destined for greatness, stuck blind... hears Jesus ask him "Why do you persecute me?" then after three days prayed for by Ananias a follower of and sent by Jesus. He sees, has name changed to Paul and Paul becomes one of the greatest evangelist of all time, even to writing so much of the new testament. Well friend to be, child or parent of our friend or friend of a friend I write from my heart with the hope you consider what you are told not just thru words but thru what you see in the lives of your parents, friends, work mates... the reason they gave you this part of the news letter (maybe sent by mistake with the rest of it?) is that they care and if you already know and follow this one we speak of, love and serve...perhaps it is for you to share with another who may not know. With grace n love Will n Pam