TIYAMIKE MULUNGU CENTER

Malawi East Africa



Will n Pam heading to UK Aug 4 then to Canada Aug 16th and then N.W. USA Sept 27th, 2010

As of: Aug 3, 2010

In Bangula at TMC sites:

43 children... 4 yrs and under

67 children.... 5 yrs to 17 yrs

(of the 67 average age about 12 to 14)

In Blantyre at Baby House:

1 baby... 3 weeks old

2 babies 2 1/2 months

1:baby.....6 months

2 babies.... 1 yrs old

6 toddlers 2 yr olds

122 babies and children in total. We now have four of our older boys working with us.

It has always been our hope to keep a maximum of 100 children at was without a full primary school operating at that site.. \O/

Brad n Lela Olsen

Courtesy of Randy Dykstra and Brad we have a new web site. Just type in:

Tiyamike.com

You are so welcome to join us in Oxford: Aug 7 and 8 then South Wales 9, 10,11 and then to Manchester Aug 14 and 15. Just e-mail us for times, locations and directions.

GREAT NEWS !!! The Tiyamike team is increasing! \O/ Hazel from Australia and Anna from Germany are here and..... Brad and Lela Olsen have now stayed the course here at TMC for four months. Brad is our Manager for TMC as Pam and I visit overseas. What a difference they have made!!! Brad is a Calgary native and Lela is from Australia. We have them until January and perhaps longer.

Please bear with us as some of this update is direct from the previous March one. We leave in about 16 hours for the airport and we wanted to provide this update for you to read and hopefully share with family, friends and whomever you choose.

For those who are not familiar with what we do, for others a reminder..... Our present task here is to provide a home for the orphaned, and or abandoned babies and children in distress. We live in the Lower Shire Valley located in the south part of Malawi, a place (we are told) was once used as a disciplinary posting for out of favor Government officials...the heat, the housing, the remoteness, the roads and the high rate of Malaria, provided the disciplining. The further south you were sent may have been the gauge for the disfavor incurred. We are about 3/4 the way down Hmmmm.....Our babies come after mom has died and sometimes these little ones do not survive due to sepsis, malaria, pneumonia, HIV and other issues. Upon receiving them, we immediately take them to the local clinic for a check-up and if they become ill we again,

take them to the local medical people and then often to Blantyre Hospital but it is sometimes too late by then. Thanks to those responding to the call for help in Nov, 2009, we have now occupied our main home and that the house in Blantyre, which is within walking distance to the Gov't hospital (which has a well equipped Peds unit and excellent Pediatricians) for our new babies and children in need of more specialized care. The house grounds are large and we anticipate many good times of having the older children and staff come to Blantyre, stay in our tents and have a memory builder.

> So a breather as we prepare for the future influx of little ones, as their moms pass away and Dad's have no recourse. It is not just the high cost of formulae but the sanitation, the preparation, finding an available care mother free from the demands on their own life and family and even if the father remarries guickly, culture prevents the breast feeding and it is very unlikely the new wife, will even accept another's baby, let alone become a good mother to the child. It is a hard life and sometimes so unfair especially to the babies, they had no choice as to where, when or to whom they

> > were born... There was only one who willingly, knowingly came as a child ...and









Fact: If we do not develop our secondary school the following will be true...our children will move into 4 yrs of Co-ed Gov't boarding schools with dorm supervision by other students a grade or so ahead of them. Schools may or may not have teachers for subjects needed, labs may or may not have supplies, teachers who, may or may not show up to teach, tutoring will be very rare, if at all available, likely from fellow students. The above and much more is considered normal and unavoidable.... therefore acceptable. The Gov't is working hard to make improvements however they are overhauling a system that has been dysfunctional for a long while. We desire to equip our children as well as rescue them.

Fact: There are many needs all over the world.... Chile, Haiti, Romania, slums and street people in every nation and so many others ...we all need to hear Holy Spirit as to how to help and where...... it does not seem "if " is in the equation..... Hmmm or is it? I think it really is..... as obedience is the issue not the need..... There were many Jesus did not heal and did not help ...but not many that asked... I am asking, not for you to give to us, but to please pray and do what you feel, He is saying ... I ask you to do that for our little ones, as well as our older ones and the staff and their families, we have given a substantial raise thru an incentive system of bonus. Pray about regular monthly giving. I fail so much in the area of faith, as most teach it However, Pam and I do have great faith in who and what our Father is like. He is so good! We need ambassadors talking to people, talking to corporations, talking to neighbors, friends, workmates. We need so much help to make the difference we so want to make here in Malawi.... for the seven years we have been here. Pam and I have been reticent as to chasing funds, and that reticence remains.... however, the fact is the last two years we seem hamstrung as to what needs to be happening ...continually just making payroll and going behind in funds then coming up and and and...celebrating because we can buy good white paint to paint our kitchen... it looks so much better! And so glad we can put in proper sidewalks ..at least some of them... It does not seem that is the way it should be .. There is a problem, am I not being forthright enough in letting others know what our needs are? Is this pushing ahead of Holy Spirit?... I hope not ... my hope is, it is Him stirring me to a more pro-active stance. This past February 2010 we had considerable relief thru the moving of 23 babies of ours to another baby care center. They as well as others are apparently full... So who is going to pick up the slack ??....we need funds to prepare and do at least part of the job, ladies with mothering experience, who can teach our ladies how to care and how to play, people to teach (we urgently need a qualified teacher to teach six grade 9 students in September 1, 2010), an accountant/ administrator.... We need funds to do so many things....We need to build good places for them all to live. All of this is so far above our abilities, it is laughable to us, but then the last 7 years have been that way. It really is no laughing matter but a saving and equipping of lives matter. So many needs, to many for a few to carry, but very workable if many to share the load. We welcome your comments and questions. That's a fact!!!! Too!!!

Fact: We are actively working towards a new (to us) system of child care. We will have self-contained villages with 18 chosen Malawian families with their 1 to 4 children along with 6 of our children all in a separately housed family unit, all within a Tiyamike Village. The first village is slated for start January 2011 and completion Dec 2011. A long term solution with a solid home base for our kids. This is not just for our present children, but again and again for those still unborn. Join with us for life and see what we can do together; that is our heart. We need to move ahead rapidly with the much needed preparation for our growing children, who we believe need a more home-like lifestyle to rise to their potential.

Please meet some of our wonderful staff... baby care ladies, childcare workers, teachers, guards, and maintenance people, time keepers and and \O/Stop and look at their faces.... You are welcome to visit our web site for past news letters and an average monthly expense summary. The web site address is below. Please e-mail us if you care to join us in any way.



ABOVE Real lives...... Real people.... Real Joys ...Real Heartbreaks.....Real Hardships of all kinds.....100 plus families... You affect the lives of about 500 people plus extended families thru the jobs provided at TMC.... In the long run this place will not get smaller as long as HIV is rampantwe have a short time and of course only with funds can we better prepare for the future little ones coming. The time is near when the other homes say sorry we are at our maximum!!!! This is not to forget the ongoing costs for our older children: food, medical, clothing, the primary school...finishing and equipping the secondary school. We also need to Install a sewer system, raise our staff wages, develop our boy's site with gardens and and and...there is much happening here. We need help from those who are willing to join with us. Remember, a little from many becomes a lot, not to make light of those who give generously. (It is often amazing to us.) We can now provide tax receipts for USA, Canada and UK. We greatly appreciate those of you who give: supplies, funds that are large or small, yourself to come here or time to pray or share in so many other ways... Remember tell your friends,,tell everybody \O/ what the Lord is doing here!!!!Thank you. God is so Good!!! With much love Will n Pam

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