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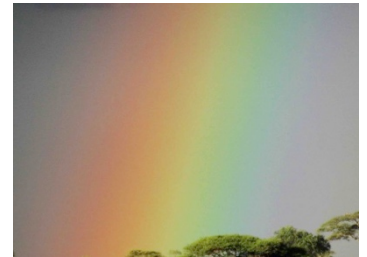
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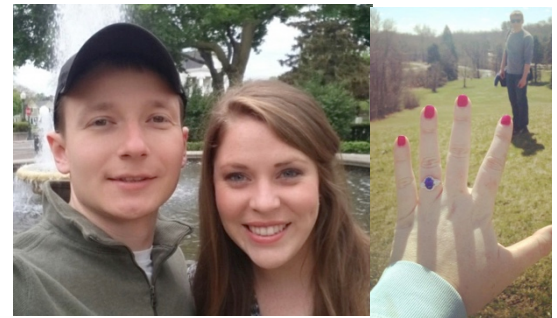
"I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Genesis 9:15-16

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY! COME BACK SOME OTHER DAY! That is typically how we have been feeling for the last several weeks...well wait, no, I think it is could be months now! But even though it seems like the rain will never stop, we have been frequently reminded of God's promise to us by enjoying some extraordinary rainbows. Double rainbows and brightly colored rainbows that radiate with color! Our God is so good! When they appear in the sky we forget for the moment, the mud, mildew and crawly things!



FAMILY NEWS UPDATES! For those of you who are not regular facebook users.....Madison is engaged! It happened on April 1st! Yup, April fools day.....I'm not sure what that means, but we are excited for the happy couple! Congratulations Madison & Andrey!



We will be coming to the U.S. in the very near future! July-Sept of this year. We would love to meet with any of you and share what God has been doing here in Tanzania. We are starting to set up our schedule, so contact us now if you are interested or know of someone who is! We are looking for new partners for the work here.

Some of our activities with the SON staff & Volunteers has included.....

Mkoko Village

- Teaching at the primary school how God created the world, his love for us and the kind of behavior that shows our love for him. Joyce & Rahab created a specific lesson for them and many of the children acknowledge that they needed forgiveness.





- Playing Games and encouraging the school children.
- Education about Maternal & Children's Health at the monthly clinic. Niwaely is doing a great job working with these women.



- Showing the Jesus Film in the village
- Leading a discussion with grades 6 and 7 at the primary school about puberty and positive ways to deal with the changes, which led to another session where discussions were reviewed, the girls sewing reusable pads, and the boys helping to repair the floor of the girls toilet.



- Worshiping with the small church congregation and teaching the children who attended the service about David and Goliath.



- Getting to know Pastor Ester. She is a widow with 6 children who upon learning from another pastor that the little church in Mkoko Village was in need of a pastor, moved with 5 of her children to live in the village. She proved to be a great speaker/teacher during the Friday worship time. She is a sweet humble woman, who has a very difficult life. She has been working in the fields with the village women, they are paid by the rows of onions they harvest. The wages are 1000 Tsh per 3 rows....a typical day includes 30 rows which results in 10,000 Tsh or about \$5.



- Praise the Lord! Niwaely, Ester and Rahab were able to chat with and pray with Mama Kulvent a widowed Muslim with a heart condition and she said she was tired and need to have Jesus!

WASH Education (That's Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)

Continues with a new group of class 6 students in Morogoro Town Primary Schools. This semester is a bit shorter than normal so we are trying to consolidate a couple of the lessons.



Education & Projects - Becoming a woman

This is an area where we have started to include in our education programs. We are investigating a few possibilities and are looking for support and funding for this type of project that we would include as a part of our WASH training. We learned that Joyce is quite the seamstress!



Bio-sand Filter Construction, Education & Installation



A FEW OTHER BITS OF NEWS.....

- The SON Team from Dodoma and Morogoro came together to learn more about HIV/AIDS education and to do a review on proper filter installation procedure. It was a great opportunity for fellowship & education.
- SON Team Easter Activities included watching the Passion of Christ and Coloring Easter Eggs



- The Sand Sorter Machine has been operating fairly consistently which makes preparation of the filter media much easier and insures better quality.
- Yusto and His Wife welcomed Agabo, a little boy to their family.
- Dismas & Anneth added a little girl whom they named Dorcas



James tells us that the prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective. Please join us in prayer.....

- For Mkoko Village, especially for the head teacher Ngaya as he has been removed from his position by the government, for the small church, for Pastor Ester and her that their needs will be met, for the hearts of the children to be open to the love of Jesus, for the new believers that they will stand strong, for the Holy Spirit to convict hearts.
- For the SON team as they teach seminars, make & install filters, and share the love of Jesus.
- For the SON Team health, family and relationship challenges.
- For Charles as he finishes his last semester of University, for focus to complete his projects and exams and for clear direction and guidance for work and life choices.
- Wisdom for us as we prepare for our time in the U.S. and the SON leadership as we seek God's leading in making plans for the future and direction of the ministry.
- For provision of all the resources needed to continue the property development, properly compensate SON Team members, continue with the WASH school program, launch additional education projects, as well as make and install filters.



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Revelation 22:17

"And 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"