Isaiah 41:10
So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

A couple of weeks ago during our weekly Bible Study a question was asked. "Why are we afraid?" We had been reading John 18 and discussing Peter's denial of Jesus before he was crucified. Even though we are believers, like Peter, we are still afraid of so many things! Just think about that. Why are we afraid? How do we answer that question? God loves us more than we can understand and HE is in control. We need to remember that God has our back always, no matter what our circumstances or what is happening around us.

Today in our online church service the praise team was singing the song "No Longer Slaves". Part of the lyrics to this song are....."I am no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God". That is awesome! We are no longer slaves to fear!

DODOMA TEAM RECEIVES NEW FILTER DELIVERY TRUCK!

A great day for the Dismas and the Dodoma team! It will make it so much easier to deliver filters to the surrounding communities. They were using a tired little Nissan pickup truck and would often have to make multiple trips from the workshop to provide filters for all of the families in a particular area. Because of your generosity Dodoma will be more effective at providing families with filters. A BIG THANK YOU!
THE SON MOROGORO ANNUAL EASTER EGG DECORATING CONTEST!
THIS YEAR PASTOR DENNIS WON!
Here in Tanzania COVID-19 arrived in March. Schools were closed and public gatherings banned. According to the reported numbers, it was fairly well contained and most people arriving by air were put into quarantine. Hand washing stations appeared everywhere (a really good thing and not just for COVID!) However since that time things have escalated. The international airport was shut down on Easter with no incoming flights allowed. The U.S. Embassy arranged two charter fights to the U.S. We prayerfully decided not to join either of those flights. The Tanzania government stopped reporting number of cases on April 29th. There are many rumors about what is happening. The regional commissioner of Morogoro announced that everyone should wear masks in public. Our estimate that is about 25% of people are and only half of those are wearing them correctly. The markets, stores and restaurants are still open for the most part. One of the stores we frequent requires masks, hand washing, takes your temperature and only allows a few people in at a time. Public transportation is also still running, with the main requirement being everyone needs a seat. To help SON families, we purchased bulk food supplies for distribution to keep them out of the markets on a daily basis, reducing the potential of being exposed as well as with some increasing food costs. For example, there has been no sugar available for several weeks.
Since 2016 we have been using a combination of well water and rain water at our Morogoro Workshop. The well water has proven to be destructive as it is very "chumvi" or hard. The long term solution was to eliminate the well water from the distribution system and go with just rain water. So we now have a great rainwater system including a new tank and two new pumps. It certainly was interesting and a bit scary watching the tanks come down and then go back up the risers! Nice Job SON Team! The well water is still used for watering the flowers and to cure filters.

The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective!
Please pray with us........

- For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday.
- For wisdom as we make adjustments on how we do things, especially WASH & Filter seminar's during this COVID 19 time.
- For each of the SON families for protection and good health.
- For additional SON -TZ board members that will understand and embrace the vision and mission that God has given us.
- For additional volunteers & partners that have a heart for sharing Jesus in practical ways, especially in the areas of education & outreach.
- Specifically for Charles and Karim as they take on more responsibilities for SON-TZ that they will continue to be men of integrity and faithfulness.
- For Emmanuel & Dismas as they also continue to take on more responsibility in operating their workshops and serving their communities.
For our outreach and education efforts in Mkoko Village and the surrounding communities over the next weeks and for favor and cooperation with the village leaders.

It is starting to be the time of beautiful Sunsets here in Morogoro.....

*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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