



Habari from the Ziems

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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts...."

Isaiah 55: 8-9

Hello Everyone!

Even when life is hard, sad and difficult, our God is good! He is faithful! He is present! He is with us through all of the hurt, chaos and mess. So even though I often don't understand God's ways or purpose, I am confident that he is good, faithful and present all of the time. I often think how do those that do not know Jesus get through each day, week, month or year of their life. Life can be very difficult with Jesus....it must be impossible without Him!

Ann's work permit & residence permit were approved in record time without any road trips to the Capital City, Dodoma! It seems everything is done electronically now! We were even able to pay the fees using a credit card! It seems things are changing in Tanzania. Now that we are both officially approved to continue to serve here in Tanzania for another two years, we will be visiting the U.S. We are so excited to see our family! We are also looking forward to seeing and meeting with many of you and hopefully sharing "A Taste of Tanzania". We arrive in Detroit on July 22nd. We plan to be spending some significant time with family as well as resting for the first weeks. Our schedule is fairly open, so please let us know if you would like us to share in person what God is doing!



In June the SON - TZ team installed 168 filters! While this isn't a record overall, it was a record for the Morogoro Team!



Rain water storage

We have a rain water storage system and occasionally we need to clean them. Nuhu fits inside so he usually gets the job!

Christian Teen Camp!

Thank you everyone who donated so that SON kids could attend camp! Joyce & Rahab with the assistance of other team members and volunteers did a session for all of the campers on how to treat drinking water as well as how Jesus is the Living Water and treats our Spirits by his cleansing blood!





It was Deo's turn to get his pick of chickens! As you can see Tone, is VERY interested in that chicken! In case you didn't know, we accept chickens, among other things, from filter recipients as their contribution to the filter cost. SON Team members and their families are then gifted with these items.

HISTORY LESSON



Today is a National Holiday here in Tanzania - Saba Saba means "seven seven" in Swahili. This was an important date in the history of the country as it was on July 7th 1954 when the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) was founded. TANU would go on to play an important role in the journey to independence and the merging of Tanganyika and Zanzibar to create the United Republic of Tanzania in 1964. Practically it is now looked at as the celebration of international and national business.

VISITORS

A team from Morogoro International School, spent a week volunteering at the SON Morogoro Workshop learning how to make filters and how they worked.



The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective!

Please commit to praying with us.....

- For us as we make the necessary preparations for our time in the U.S.
- For safe and uneventful travel for us.
- That all members of the SON Team will be like minded and work with integrity and hearts for ministry. Especially those in Leadership positions.
- For our continuing ministry work in the areas of Puberty and WASH Education in the local primary schools. That God will be glorified and funds will be provided to continue with the ministry.
- For additional volunteers & partners that have a heart for sharing Jesus in practical ways, especially in the areas of education, outreach & evangelism.
- For God to continue to provide the necessary financial resources to accomplish His purposes for the SON Ministry.
- For Pastor John & his wife as they serve the people of Mkoko Village. That they be able to trust God and show his love through their integrity and real life examples.
- For the outreach this coming weekend, July 9-10, in Mkoko Village. It is a big event as there will be a football match, Jesus Film, filter followups, teaching at education in partnership with Pastor John.
- For Peter & his family as they figure out life without their wife and mother. Especially for 3 year old Kezia.
- For Yusto & his wife as they continue to grieve the loss of their son.
- For Emmanuel Kibasomba for continued healing and for his wife Vicky.



We certainly have been enjoying the time of beautiful sunsets these past few weeks.

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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