Habari from the Ziems
March 2021

If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

John 4:10

In Kiswahili there is a saying "Maji ni Uhai" meaning Water is Life. This is certainly true both in the physical and spiritual sense which we have come to understand in a very real way during our 17 years in Tanzania! (Yes, it really has been 17 years) We use this connection as a means to bring greater understanding of our need for Jesus, the Living Water. On March 22nd, the world celebrates World Water Day. We have established a bit of a tradition with the SON Team on this Day where everyone comes together for a time of review, reflection, reporting, education & renewal. This has become quite an event and we are looking forward to it! The SON team has grown considerably over the years and we are expecting more than 20 participants. We have started 2021 off quite well with filter seminars and installations, WASH and PUBERTY programs as well as the Jesus Film ministry. We are quite proud of the SON Team and their willingness to serve their neighbors as well as share the Water of Life through both words and actions.

Avitus, Anjil, Kelvin & Frolian live in Kalagara Village with their parents who are farmers. Emmanuel was able to deliver and installed their filter a little over a week ago.

Robert & Robina are farmers. They along with their children, Rodger, Rebecca, Edson & Lenith were all smiles the day their filter was delivered.

Febronia & Timotheo along with their family, live near the capital city of Dodoma. Febronia is a farmer and Timotheo is a soldier. When Ajuaye & Siamon, from the SON-TZ Dodoma workshop, delivered her filter she told them that she was so amazed to learn about this new "technology" of the filter which she likes very much!
WASH Education

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Education has been in full swing and the first sessions of the year will be completed at the end of March. Joyce & Rahab are doing a great job, teaching at 3 primary schools in Morogoro Town as well as in Mkoko village. The Dodoma team is also branching out into WASH Education.
Mkoko Village - Here are a few pictures of recent filter follow-ups. The water from the river can be very very "chafu" or dirty, so we visit filter households as frequently as we can to make sure the filters are working properly or help to clean the filters. We sometimes provide the users with "shabu" or alum to help settle out the very dirty water before they pour it through their filters. It also seems that their has been an unusually large number of crocodiles in the river, which makes it very difficult to fetch water. This is especially true because many times it is the children's job to go each day and get the water. This has caused a problem of drinking water for the primary school!
The prayers of a righteous man are powerful & effective! Please commit to praying with us.......

- For us, along with the entire SON Team to place trust in God each and everyday.
- For each of the SON-TZ families for protection and good health. It seems that COVID really is here in Tanzania, although there is no reporting.
- 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 our upcoming World Water Day Celebration Event. That the SON-TZ Team will grow in likemindedness and learn more about living for Jesus.
- For additional volunteers & partners that have a heart for sharing Jesus in practical ways, especially in the areas of education & outreach.
- For God to continue to provide the necessary financial resources to accomplish His purposes for the SON Ministry.
- For Karim, as he is no longer a part of the SON Team. Pray that the Holy Spirit will do a mighty work in him and give him revelation, understanding & healing.
- For favor with the Tanzanian government as we wait for the results of Todd's work permit application.
- 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. Satan is working overtime...as they have experienced some significant resistance and harassment from the local witches. This truly is a Spiritual battle. We have also been asked to assist them with a way to pump water from the river making it safer.

An opportunity.....if you are not already doing so, please consider a monthly or one time donation for the following needs:

- World Water Week 2021 for the SON-TZ Team $1500
- WASH Education - $450/class or $10/student
- Puberty Education - $450/Class or $20/student
- Bio-Sand Filter - $100
- Mkoko Village Outreach & help - $2500 (pump/piping from the river)

Visit our website to donate!

AND DON'T FORGET...
NAWA MIKONO MARA KWA MARA!
WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY!
This is one of the most effective ways to prevent viruses from getting into your body.

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