

ARUSHA MARANATHA WORLD OUTREACH

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1 Corinthians 16:22 Come O Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As I am writing, it is a time when the world is going through a major crisis of the Coronavirus, it is shaking the world. The good news is our God cannot be shaken, yet He can shake everything He chooses. Let's believe that He will shake off the virus in Jesus' name.

I want to encourage you as a believer to seek the face of the Lord, instead of being filled with fear, panic or despair. Let's us stand in the word according to 2CHRONICLES 7.14. I believe God will heal our lands. While others are complaining let us humble ourselves before the Lord.

It is my prayer for you all that you will be protected. The Lord will see all of us through this victoriously.

Remember to pray for those who are involved with helping people in this crisis (like medical personals).

In Tanzania we have 253 known Coronavirus cases and 10 deaths, as I write.

As it is in most parts of the world, many people have lost jobs. It came to my attention that some of our members in some of the branch churches in East Africa are having the same problems. Some families have gone without food because they lost their jobs or their work places have closed. Please pray for them.

In this issue we will share news from since our last newsletter from 2019.

Kindly continue to pray for us, as we do for you
Stay safe, protected

Pastor Eric and Elisikia Mukwenda and the Maranatha family

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MARANATHA SCHOOLS NEWS PRAISE REPORT

Towards end of 2019 and from the beginning of 2020, we received the results of the final examinations, which were taken at the end of last year.

7th GRADERS sat for final national examinations.

Our school position national wide was **159 out of 1011** in schools with 40 students or less. We praise the Lord for helping our students and for teachers' efforts in helping the students succeed in their examinations. Some of the students will continue with Secondary School examinations as part of our Maranatha Secondary School (High School).

10TH GRADERS in Tanzania sat for final national examination. Those who did well will continue with studies to complete secondary school. Those who perform below the required pass mark will repeat 10th grade. Our students did very well. Our students attained high pass marks. Out of 25 students, 10 students got first division (which is the highest), two of the students got A grades in seven subjects. The rest got division 2, 3, 4 and no one failed.

12th GRADERS. They sat for final secondary school examinations. Our students did well. **Glory to God.**

SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Since March 17th, all schools have been closed, including colleges. The government has announced that schools should remain closed until further notice. We understand the reasons; for safety and for combating the spread of the virus. It is a challenge as we do not have online systems. Teachers and parents are cooperating. Teachers prepare homework and parents come to pick it up one by one to take home to the students to do the work. Pray for students and teachers during this challenging time. Pray for the school, as it is challenged financially because of the situation.

In all of the above achievement we praise God for helping our students to do well.

We thank all of you for prayers and financial support - we are all part of what God is doing.

SHORT MISSIONS TEAM FROM WIDE AWAKE

In 2019 we received a third team from Wide Awake Mission from the US. Under Pastor Greg, Wide Awake has been bringing youth teams to Tanzania for missions to expose them what God is doing in different parts of the world and to encourage them to be involved in missions.

The team ministered to students at Maranatha Mission School. They ministered to children through open-air meetings and ministered to branch churches like KIA branch church and Maasai outreach.



MINISTRY OVER VIEW FROM THE WIDE AWAKE TEAM MEMBERS

We will share a few of them here and will continue to share more in future newsletters.

Serving at the Maranatha Christian School was an amazing experience and life changing. I loved spending time with the kids and teaching them more about Christ and the love of Jesus. They were filled with so much joy and it was very clear that God was working and doing amazing things in the school. Visiting the church (Maranatha Christian Center) I was in awe at the worship. The church was alive and their love for Jesus was so powerful. The way the church is in Arusha, is how I want more churches to be in America. I am excited to share the love of Jesus in my church and the amazing experience I had. I am extremely grateful for Pastor Eric and Mama. They welcomed me and showed me love and treated me like family. I am so thankful for this trip. God is doing amazing things and I can't wait to see what God continues doing in this beautiful country. God bless.

Love, Breanna (Eugene)

The church people were very welcoming! Since we are from America, it was very kind to have one of the church members translate for me! The children were willing and eager to learn about God! The teachers were great and super sweet.

-Faith Ryan

This church and school are just overflowing with love and joy for God! I can't wait to see how this church grows and continues to change lives in Arusha.

-Ethan Warner

I constantly felt the love and presence of God in every room and conversation! The sweetest people who constantly radiated joy and love through their actions and words! I felt God moving and working through each and every person.

-Holly Fortier

MISSION VISIT FROM CHURCH LEADERS FROM SOUTH KOREA



In 2019 a team of church elders, retired pastors, came to visit. The team, visited several Maranatha branch churches, like Maasai outreach, KIA, Kilimanjaro and Babati.

BABATI CHURCH

This church in Manyara regional was using a temporary building. One of the team members pledged to help with construction of a church building and the construction is going on.

KIA –CHURCH-MAASAI OUTREACH

Pastor presented a gospel message in Maasai outreach. One of team members was touched in his heart to help with construction of church building at KIA branch church in the Meru area. The church was using an old tent for services. Now a new building is already started and is being used while construction is continuing.

Please pray as more churches need buildings. Whatever God touches you to do will be helpful.



In all the churches the teams visited, the pastor gave a gospel message of hope, encouraging churches to be prayerful and to have faith like Daniel and his friends during tough times.

The team visited other churches in Singida and Arusha, which are not Maranatha churches.



MAIN CHURCH IN ARUSHA

The Korean team provided lunch (King Festival) to the church neighbors, as a means of outreach. Many people came to the lunch. Some are coming regularly now.

This was a very positive, strong outreach event. Many hearts were touched.



WATER WELL TO MARANATHA SCHOOL

The team helped with funds to drill a much needed water well for Maranatha Missions School.

This was a big blessing to the school. For many years, we have believed that God would provide a water well for school use, as a lot of water is needed. This will also help neighbors in need of water. Students and staff were rejoicing for the provision of the well. May God bless the team for their help. It is an answer to prayers.



BAEKSEOK UNIVERSITY MISSION TEAM

This year (2020) marked the 8th consecutive year that the Christian Education department from Baekseok University of South Korea has sent students to us for a short term mission trip. The trip was led by professor Yong Te Lee, who has come all 8 years.

This year the team taught students at Maranatha Missions schools and did chapels where they taught students songs in the Korean language as well as teaching them some of the Korean language itself.



They did open air meeting for children in the evenings and hundreds of children came to hear the gospel message. They visited other churches such as Usa River, Boma Ya Ngombe and KIA branch where by Professor Young Te Lee preached.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAND WITH US
Kindly prayerfully consider us with your continued giving to help carry on the work of the schools and churches.
With expansion of the work, needs have increased.

Your one time gift will be greatly appreciated for one time needs use.
Continue to support us on monthly or quarterly, periodically basis.
More than all remember us in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **Pray for God to continue to heal all the land from Coronavirus**
2. Pray for us as we continue to plant more churches in east Africa countries.
3. Pray for provision for needs of church plants.
4. Pray for God to provide funds to help finish new class room construction, as they are needed by January 2021.
5. Pray for provision of funds for other needs including school needs.
6. Pray for full consideration to support this growing work.
7. Pray for God to send us needed volunteers for the elementary school, secondary school, and all the other ministries.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We invite individuals, church teams, youth groups and anyone interested in coming for a short mission trip and longer. We also welcome those who would like to volunteer for a minimum of a month or longer. Volunteers for the secondary school (high school) are needed for teaching, administration, sports teachers (coaches), computers and other skills. For more information please visit our website at www.maranathatz.org and click on the Missions link or contact us at:

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UP COMING EVENTS

- **Revival meeting in May**
- **Short missions team from USA**
- **Short Missions team from Korea**

OTHER ACTIVITIES AS THE LORD LEADS

Bwana asifiwe! (Praise the Lord!)

DONATE ONLINE

Our PayPal donation button on our web site is up and working! You may donate by debit card, credit card or your PayPal account when you log in and click on donate button. You can send us e-mail at missions@maranathatz.org let us know what you want your support used for if it is for specific need or project or general donation to be used where there is a need the most.

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INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

We are so very grateful for those who are sponsoring needy students so they can break the cycle of poverty by getting a good education. Would you like to join the team of sponsors? Our sponsoring program is a big part of helping the school run, and continues to provide the needed education. Please consider sponsoring a student in both elementary and high school.

Please contact us at the U.S. office for further information. (Contact shown in this newsletter)

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