

EIGHT DEGREES SOUTH WITH THE RABENOLDS

Ted and Kim serve in the Rukwa region of Tanzania ministering to small-scale farmers *eight degrees south of the equator*. They appreciate your encouragement, prayers, and support. Thanks for being on the same team with them!

Salutations from East Africa,

We hope you are all enjoying the fall. We will be thinking of you during Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Those are two of our favorite holidays! We love the snow. It is the end of dry season for us now in Africa. Interestingly, even though most trees are now leafless, leaves actually start budding before the rains come. Even though right now dust dominates the sky and landscape, it's always a sign that the rains are near when the leaves sprout.

This new project has been a time of transition for us. Our lives have changed in many ways these past two years. One of these new changes involved waiting for what is called a Residence Permit. This permit allows us to legally live and work in Tanzania. Our country of service has changed many of its policies regarding visitors in the past few years. Many long-term expats (foreigners) working here have had their residency status revoked, cancelled, or not renewed upon its expiration.

With the way God has clearly led us these past two years we felt confident the Lord would provide this important document. The good news is He did! It just took 14 months from start to finish with many meetings in between....On October 2 we received our new permit with its updated status. We are grateful for your many prayers and encouragement as we continue to move forward training men and women in our region.

IN OTHER NEWS:

We succeeded in drilling a well (for the tree nursery as well as future home use) at our plateau training venue in Sandulula village. The 86-meter-deep well and solar pump we hooked up delivers 5,000 liters of clean drinking water in 2½ hours--enough for all our needs and more!

Construction on our valley training/team home is going GREAT! We are planning to move there before the rains begin in December. Many of you have given gifts so this important home could be built. Feel free to plan a trip to visit us so you can see it in action! It will be our valley base and the site of most of our resource training seminars.

Thanks for your generosity to our leadership team, the Rukwa people, and us!

Ephesians 2:10: For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which He prepared beforehand for us to do.

Love,
Ted and Kim Rabenold



The trusses went up on our training/team house at our Nsanga village AG center last week.



Masonry work going on as we fill in between the poured concrete columns. It is our hope to move into this home before Christmas.



This is a variety of pineapple grown by us called smooth cayenne. We are beginning to farm pineapples like this as well as the improved MD2 which is the variety that Del Monte produces. The MD2 is not just for local consumption but is of export quality. Pineapples have never traditionally been farmed here but thrive. Local farmers are very interested in the seed stock which we will be producing.



Pineapples growing at our Nsanga AG center.



Our new grandson Ryker James on his birthday! He was born to Colton and Anna Rabenold October 9 in Nairobi, Kenya.



The Katibu Tarafa (local government leader) and her husband visiting our plateau tree nursery in Sandulula village. We now have over 100,000 seedlings there for planting as well as for purchase by local farmers.



Most things are still done by hand where we live. It is effective and allows us to hire local men who love the salary they make while helping us. It is also one of the best ways to make relationships! These guys helped mix concrete and haul it by the bucket to build our home.



Ted and Kim are excited about the many opportunities coming up. They work with their Tanzanian discipleship team training local men and women to utilize resources so that they can make a better living.



Plantain bananas are called Matoke in Swahili. We have imported several varieties like these grown at our valley AG center.



Well drillers at the plateau tree nursery.



Hitting the water jackpot! We have always used water from rivers since we came to live in Africa. Having clean water from a bore hole will be an amazing improvement upon our quality of living.



Sandulula village government comes to congratulate us on our water strike as well as to watch the machines work. I am shaking hands with the chairwoman of the village. The village is excited we are locating our AG center there as they believe it will bring progress to the area.