

April 2020

8° SOUTH *with the Rabenolds*

Dear Friends,

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers, encouragement, and support during these trying times. The last six months have found us both greatly encouraged, as well as discouraged! We will continue to “look up” knowing that God has His hands upon the future.

Our discipleship team continues to find tangible ways to engage and impact people both pre- and mid-COVID-19.

We have had to adjust our training schedule to accommodate government regulations on public gatherings. These new regulations caused us to deliver the handicapped bikes to each recipient, instead of having a big distribution service with lots of people in attendance.

We have been making good progress on the physical development projects. The Nsanga fish pond is completed and we have built the foundation on the village primary school classroom.

One verse we have clung to during this time is Hebrews 10:14: *“By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”*

He has graciously made the imperfect perfect and continues to sanctify us so that we should be made holy. God is so patient with us. He uses unusual hardships to mold us to be more like His precious Son.

We love you. May God protect you physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally during these trying times.

Ted and Kim Rabenold

Maria Denis Joseph, from Korongwe village, is pictured with her wheelchair. This year we have purchased 15 of these ATV-style wheelchairs from SIDO in Dar es Salaam. Thank you for your generosity in mobilizing Maria and many others! They are very grateful.





Frenki, pictured in our newly completed fish pond. This pond on our Nsanga AG venue will hold Nile tilapia and will be used in our training courses.



Jericho and Boaz prepping the soil for planting grafted avocado trees.



Kim training local village leaders, as well as our leadership team, about COVID-19 and how to protect their villages and families.



Nine of the men from our discipleship team pictured after our Monday meeting. We currently are using material from Reconciledworld.org for our Bible training time.



Training students from Makuzani High School near Sumbawanga in planting, as well as grafting, of fruit trees. Many local farmers from this area are interested in the benefits of grafting both avocado and apple trees.



We get excellent opportunities to both speak at and spend time with the students at our local high school in Rukwa Valley. Ted has gotten several opportunities to do Bible training at their Friday chapel services.



It's been great to work together using the different gifts God has given us to develop the outreach work!



Pearl Charaxes butterflies are one of the spectacular creatures God has made to live in the Rukwa Valley!



One-year-old grafted apple tree already in fruit at our Plateau Training Center.