

Hello, Friends! April 2022

Greetings from Tanzania, East Africa!

It's the day before Easter and over the past week Kim and I have been encouraged by the theme of, "He makes All things New." Christ's resurrection and the empty tomb are reasons for rejoicing in a troubled world. The promise in Revelation 21:3-6 of all things being transformed back into what God originally planned is a reason for hope and confidence. Are you full of hope as you contemplate God's future plan for the world? It's comforting to know that His plan is going to come to pass. He desires that we live faithful lives as we wait for Him to rejuvenate the world into what we have always longed for.

Thank you for your kind and faithful partnership in the outreach work here in East Africa. The past six months have been both challenging and rewarding. As many of you know September to early December found us staying with Dad and Mom Rabenold as we awaited my father's passing. It was good to be there to support both of them during that time. November 21 God took my dad from this life to the next. His American memorial service was the 13th of December and was attended by friends and family in Florida where they lived. Another service was held just over one month later in Tanzania, where many of our Rukwa valley friends came to express sadness and give gifts as they shared stories they remembered of my father and mother's visits to Africa over the years. In spite of my father's death...He makes all things new.

Our discipleship team is currently going through a series of teaching on family and marriage. Jubi, one of the youngest guys on our team, likes the teaching so much that he goes home in the evening after every Monday class and teaches his wife what he learned the Bible says about marriage and family. In our group we have had long talks about what it means when God tells us to, "love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her." Also, how can we help our children know what it means to be in the world but not of the world??? Marriage and family...He makes all things new.



Boaz and his wife, Mama Miriam, pictured with some of the chickens they raise. Boaz daily gets the opportunity to share the "good news" of God and His abundant resources with fellow villagers who come to see their project.



Jubi, feeding fish in one of the fishponds at our training venue. We have learned the nutritional needs of our fish and make our own fish food from local products.



Jeremy Clark (GMI Executive Director) and Cliff Tulsie (Team Care Coordinator) came to Dar es Salaam to meet with the Tanzanian field and Burundian field in March. We were all encouraged by their visit. They are pictured here in front of a big Baobab tree in Dar.



Ted, pictured here with the discipleship team we have been blessed to work with. Each one of these men is involved in leading both physical and spiritual outreach work in the Rukwa valley.



Jericho, Bandanga, and Martin in the "step down" water collection tank of the Lyanza water project. This project has brought water to a primary school, village market place, and one of our AG venues.

Our agricultural training venues continue to attract visits from neighbors, secondary schools, and government leaders. Engaging the community around us by providing hands-on training has had a lasting impact upon people both physically and spiritually. The guys from the leadership team have heard time and time again thanks from local people because they help seekers learn how to utilize God-given resources without asking for anything in return. Befriending people and speaking into their lives practically has given us unprecedented avenues for change in our rural agricultural-oriented community. From chickens to bees, fruit trees, and fish, including the environment we live in... He makes all things new.

Our team and neighbors have all been struggling with sickness the past two months. It's the end of the rainy season. A very poor rainy season with half the amount of rain we usually get; but still enough to allow mosquitos to breed and other sickness to spike. The guys on our team, as well as many local people, have been struggling with: Malaria, Typhoid, Bilharzia, and parasites. Would you pray that God would protect them and their families as they often come in contact with many diseases that we do not have in the USA? One day He will wipe every tear from our eyes...He makes all things new!

HE HAS RISEN - HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW!

John 19:18 - 20:18 Revelation 21:3-6

With loving and grateful hearts,

Ted and Kim Rabenold

Thanks for partnering with us!

If you would like to receive our exciting monthly email pictorial updates let us know at: ted.rabenold@gmail.com



We had the JOY of having all our children and grandchildren together with us for New Year's this year. Here we all are pictured in Colton and Anna's backyard in Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania.



Thank you for your kind and faithful encouragement, prayers and support.