



the RABENOLDS

serving with GMI
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Dear friends,

What a privilege it is to send this prayer letter and update highlighting the outreach work in Tanzania.

Our work is physical as we rejoice in being reunited and reconciled to God's beautiful creation through Christ's blood on the cross. At the end of history, God will make all things new! Astoundingly, He cares about people's bodies, fish farming, trees, clay, chickens, and livestock as well as bees .

Our work is relational as we seek to become lovers of broken people remembering Christ forgave us of our many sins and offenses.

Our work is also spiritual as we rejoice in the abounding grace and love emanating from the heart of God our Father. The Bible tells us that through God's great love and sacrifice, we may now be called, "Friends of Christ." We need not live overwhelmed, afraid, insecure, or plagued by past failures. If God is for us...then who can be against us?

Developing and being developed as disciples of Christ is the great theme of Christianity.

We are forever grateful for the Tanzanian team of men and women God has placed in our lives!

Boaz, who heads up our horticultural work, was recently asked by a visitor to our Valley Farm venue, "How do trees and God relate together?" Boaz responded that it was God's great idea to make seeds. They're so small yet God makes something big from them. Some trees produce over four hundred boards; another may produce five hundred avocados. He makes something big from something small. It's like that with our faith. **It starts as something small, but God uses it to shape and change the world as we interact with others.**



Grand Nain, bananas and banana plants can be obtained by local people at two of our valley farms.



Kim, loves time with the wives and children of the men who work in our training venues.



Relationships and skills develop naturally while working together on potters wheels. Pastor Mulungu with a new potter named Alan.

Jubi runs our pig and fish farming projects. After visiting our farm venue, a visiting church leader exclaimed to him "I feel like the Samaritan woman at the well. I came and met with God here and I am going to tell others about it!"

We are grateful for the excitement local farmers experience when visiting our farms. We strive to model farming techniques and agriculture that are new and innovative for our valley. Our goal is to develop relationships that encourage our team and guests to utilize natural resources in new and different ways and ultimately point them to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have had an excellent time visiting with many of you during our short time in the United States this fall. We look forward to updating you on our various projects throughout the year through our pictorial email updates! If you don't receive our monthly pictorial updates and would like to, please send your email to ted.rabenold@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.

Love,

Ted and Kim Rabenold

Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

A note from Jeremy Clark, Executive Director of Grace Ministries International:

Thank you for investing in and praying for Ted and Kim and their ministry in Tanzania. There are not many individuals with the God-given passion and talent to transform rural communities in Africa in the name of Christ. Grace Ministries International is privileged to serve alongside of Ted and Kim as they engage their neighbors in the Rukwa Valley in western Tanzania pointing them to their Creator. While the Rabenolds are unique in the way they serve the Lord, you too are unique. The prayer, encouragement and resources you provide Ted and Kim through GMI so faithfully and generously are also very rare. Your selfless investment in them represents the ideal and best of the Body of Christ! On behalf of Ted and Kim, and GMI, thank you so much for standing behind them as they impact lives for Jesus Christ.

Pressing towards the goal,

Jeremy Clark
Executive Director



The August wheelchair distribution service equipped 10 people with the ability to have unimagined mobility!



The pottery studio is in its infancy but fully operating; as we seek to develop both relationships and potters. Clay is an amazing and plentiful resource impacting our region.



Thanks for the incredible kindness you show us by enabling us to be conduits of your love to the Tanzanian men and women in our discipleship team!



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