

8° SOUTH *with the Rabenolds*

Dear Friends,

A local Tanzanian doctor recently came to our training center. After he met with Boaz, he told him, "I heard that there are things available at this training center that aren't available anywhere else in the whole valley?" Since then Boaz has visited him at his house and helped him in his desire to get an orchard of fruit trees established.

A group of 70 high school students came to visit us in September with four teachers from Ilemba Secondary School. The teachers called and asked us if they could come on a class trip for agricultural training, as well as to have a tour of our work. Afterwards, one of the teachers told me that the trip was very educational and he wondered how much we would charge them. Since our training for school students is free, I was able to tell him, "No charge. As Christians, we as well as these resources are God's. He has given us all of this and it is our pleasure to help others who are interested to learn about it, as well as to utilize these good things."

In our past outreach work, we always looked for an audience to hear our message. We invariably ended up with a mixed group of people—most of whom weren't prepared to hear what we had to tell them. Today we are excited to say that people from all classes of society come looking for us. We have a training garden unlike any other in our region and progressive farmers seek us out. Many come for our training sessions which are taught by well-known teachers from the government and private agricultural sectors. Others come for a tour to see the practical aspects of what a fish farm, pineapple garden, apiary of beehives, or broiler chicken project looks like. The trainers who come not only use our venue as a practical training site but also help by telling us what we need to change in order to make our project better.

We have been able to visit farmers in their gardens, as well as have them come and learn here at our training center. Our discipleship team has embraced this process, truly excelling at one-on-one work. Our discipleship training (TCT) Truth Centered Transformation by Reconciled World has been inspirational in the process, giving us a great platform to integrate the physical work of utilizing God's resources together with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ's death on the cross doesn't just make it so we can go to heaven one day but has given us the ability in at least three ways to be like Adam and Eve before the Fall, impacting the world and those around us.

- 1) Reconciled with God
- 2) Reconciled together with other men and women
- 3) Reconciled with creation and the resources God has given us



Ted teaching in Kinambo village Grace church



Isack, from Lyanza village, with one of the many bikes that you have donated



Pictured with a group of Form 3 high school students from Ilemba village who came for a class trip to our Nsanga Training Garden



Left: Ted helping Baba Joy from Jangwani village graft his avocado trees. Many agricultural pursuits give you great opportunities to spend one-on-one time with people.

What great news! We all have meaningful work which will bear fruit while still in these bodies!

The fish pond is finished. As of August 18, 3,000 tilapia fish from Ruvu Fish Farm are now in our pond. They are growing like crazy and have encouraged us greatly as they are a vital link in the symbiotic relationship between pig farming, fish, and fruit trees. The pig waste goes to the fish as food and the fertilized water from the fish pond irrigates our fruit trees, which in turn provides fallen fruit to feed our pigs. Since one thing naturally feeds the next, it helps to cut costs in pork, fish, and fruit production. In only one month

the tilapia have grown from a half inch to three inches long!

We are almost done with the work on the Nsanga village primary school classroom. The ring beam has been poured and the gables erected. All that needs to happen now is for the roof to go on! Pictures by email update to follow soon.

Please let us know if you would like to be put on our email list. Once a month we send pictures with a short text attached showing progress on the projects you support. Write to us at [ted.rabenold@gmail.com](mailto:tet.rabenold@gmail.com) if you would like to be added.

We have started a water project in the village of Lyanza. It has been a huge undertaking— first getting all of the materials on site, and now the details of actually making it happen. Clearing massive boulders in a remote setting is quite different with no large earth moving machines. We set large fires over the stones in the way of our pipes and pour cold water on them to crack them and remove them piece by piece from the channel so the pipes can get down to the village. This project should be done by the middle of November and will enable the people in Lyanza to have water at their primary school, as well as the village marketplace. It will also give us the ability to have our Lyanza garden irrigated.

Thank you for supporting these valuable projects!

May God give you courage and protect you where you are. May He use you to impact your neighbors giving you unprecedented valor as you remember that, “He will never leave us or forsake us.” Whatever losses we incur in this world...we can never lose Him.

Thanks for your prayers, support, and cheer!

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance” James 1:2.



Above: Methodi Mwendapole and his wife, Mama Hekima, GMI missionaries to Burundi, during their visit to our training center. While visiting us, Methodi received a certificate for intensive beekeeper training, as well as attending training in horticulture. He told us that Immigration in Burundi told him it was important that visitors coming to work in their country be able to assist Burundian people to harness the power of local resources.

Love,
Ted and Kim Rabenold



Left: Ted, teaching students about beneficial symbiotic relationships between pigs, fish, and fruit trees. Each contributes to the feeding of the next, saving the farmer costs if they are raised together.