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8° SOUTH *with the Rabenolds*

Dear Friends,

It has been fun to be able to catch up with so many of you during our visit to the USA! I just received a great picture from my Tanzanian leadership team today showing a large group of high school students, as well as teachers, who have come to our AG training center from Kaoze village for training this past week. We are elated that the work keeps going while we are currently visiting America and giving updates on the projects!

This has been a timely, solemn trip home for us. I have shared in some of the past pictorial updates about Ted's Father, Paul Rabenold, who is fighting cancer. We have made Ted's mother and father's home north of Orlando our base during this part of the time in the States. Being close to them has made it possible to support them and help Mom R as she has been the primary caregiver. *We have been stoked* to visit churches in Pennsylvania, New York, California, and Wyoming. We have also had the pleasure to meet many individuals who tirelessly encourage and support the work in Africa. Thank you for your interest, as well as partnership, in taking the GOOD news of our reconciliation to God, our neighbors, as well as the world and its wonderful resources to others!

The AG training center in Nsanga, Rukwa Valley, continues to become more established. Having trainers come has helped us learn how to make our projects better. Each one who visits gives valuable insight into how we can add to or modify the work we are doing, ultimately, so that we can best model modes of farming and livestock husbandry.

In concert with our spirit of helping people locate and utilize sustainable, local resources, we have started the second phase of our plateau training facility. This will house our stoneware studio located on the Ufipa Plateau. One of the unique things we would like to do at this project site is to establish a studio for high-fired pottery. We have located high quality clay near our site that has excellent qualities appropriate for high firing. The clay will be extracted from the ground and then sieved and filtered to purify it for throwing on a potter's wheel. The potter's wheels are called kick-wheels and operate without electricity by the potters themselves. The pieces



Harvesting tilapia from one of our three fish ponds



Ted and the District Commissioner of Sumbawanga district, Mhe. Haule, helping Peter get started with his three-wheel ATV wheelchair



First piece of pottery made using clay from our site. This was thrown on a potter's wheel and tempered in Tanzania but fired in USA proving the durability and quality of local clay



Trainees at our AG training in the Rukwa Valley—July 2021



Pastor Paskali Mwendapole training church leaders in agriculture at Msia village Grace church conference



Relationship building with other organizations, such as Unite Africa whose goals line up with ours, is important to us

will be fired twice (bisque firing and glaze firing) using propane which is readily available. We have already proofed this process and the clay indeed makes beautiful pottery. There are four phases to completing this project. The first phase of building a store room-workshop has been completed. We have also constructed an office in the upper room.

This new project will give us the ability to impact the arts in our region and to have one-on-one time with local artisans who will be trained by us and incorporated into working there. If you would like to read more about this new project go to:
<https://gracem.denarionline.com/Projects/Detail/?givingOption=62BFF73462>.

We are grateful for the Mbuya family from Mkusi. One of the men on our discipleship team named Boaz recently led this family to Christ. Mr. Mbuya and his family were poverty stricken and came to ask advice from our training center. Boaz spoke into their lives by helping them start a half-acre papaya farm which now accounts for most of their income. Mr. Mbuya said afterwards, “Oftentimes, in Africa, if people have knowledge they like to hide it or charge money to help someone, but you have helped me for free without asking me for anything.” Over the visits to their home Boaz shared about the goodness of God through Christ that gave him a heart to help others.

Thanks for all your encouragement and support! Its great being conduits of your love and concern for the Rukwa Valley, Tanzania.

Quote by one of the guys on our discipleship team; “I have been amazed that God has made leaves to show His glory by using them to produce fruit.” This guy with a rudimentary education who lives daily on the poverty level understands profoundly things that are so easily overlooked.

Love, Ted and Kim Rabenold

**Grace is for the humble.
Without the grace of God
at work, no matter what
your theology or how
much knowledge you
have, your life will lose
the power and presence
of God.**

~ Jack Miller



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