



Dear friends,

Greetings from the Rukwa region in far-flung SW Tanzania. How are you doing? We think of you often and thank God for your kindness and support.

Some of you who are new to this list may ask us, ***“What do you do?”*** In short: ***We disciple rural men and women utilizing locally available resources, providing interactive environments such as farms and pottery studios where people can do life together. Every week, school groups and other visitors come to our venues to learn and benefit from the resources we provide to our local communities. We get to help people learn about innovative farming techniques such as growing avocados and how pollination from beehives helps improve crop yields. Our team is contagious regarding their Christian faith, believing that humans are spiritual as well as physical. True human thriving rests upon this fact.***

Highlights from the past six months:

Faraja, one of the guys on our Nsanga farm team, was touched through the weekly Bible teaching. He and his wife have ***both placed their faith in Christ*** as Lord of their lives. Two men on our leadership team have been teaching them to read, and Faraja told them excitedly that one day he'll preach from his new Bible.

Due to living in a semi-arid climatic zone (9-month dry season with no rain), we need to irrigate our farms. It has been our goal for several years at our ***plateau farm*** to bring water from a spring named ***Kisandi***. The good news is that we have ***succeeded, and water is now being pumped*** utilizing an electric powered 2hp pump one thousand meters in distance to a large 40,000-liter stone and concrete tank. Now we can plant more avocado trees!

The pottery studio is ***making beautiful things from 100 percent Tanzanian local resources!*** Please pray for our team as we seek to become more proficient in this craft. It's a process which is rewarding to see, but does take time. We are adding new potters to our team little by little and have a very nice group of young people who love working together.

God-given resources such as clay, trees, honeybees, fish and chickens are at the core of the work we do. We primarily work with common men and women: farmers, seamstresses, teachers, pastors, evangelists, fishermen and carpenters. ***Our purpose is to build a team of people who will learn to love Christ, lean on Him, and tell others about Him.*** Our Lord calls himself the Alpha and Omega, Author of Life, Living Water, Bread of Life, Son of God, and Son of Man; all things are made through Him and for Him! May He be praised forever.

Love always, Ted and Kim Rabenold

* If you would like to receive our monthly email pictorial updates; write to us at ted.rabenold@gmail.com and we will get you on our list!

See reverse for a pictorial update!





Faraja recently placed his faith in Christ and is also one of the new potters working at our studio.



Packing and transporting raw clay to our pottery studio for filtering and processing.



Dulla and Faraja, two of the potters on our team working at the kick wheels.



Water is an incredible blessing in a dry and weary land! We get 20 liters (a bucket) every 14.6 seconds from our new farm irrigation project



Scan the QR code to learn more & give online!



This Tilapia fish is almost at harvest weight.



Boaz, (pictured on the left) who runs our horticulture work together with a guest named Jennifer (also pictured) grafted all those avocados seedling behind them in only 3 days!



Jofree, adds nitrogen to one of our (4) Tilapia fish ponds in the Rukwa valley. Nitrogen facilitates the growth of zooplankton and phytoplankton producing secondary fish food.



Thanks for all you do in supporting discipleship, team building and farm based initiatives in Tanzania!