

The Rabenolds

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Dear Friends

How are you doing? Have you looked at the night sky recently? Psalms 19:1 says, *"The heavens declare the Glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands."* We live in a beautiful, enchanted world. Every time we look out on our gardens in Tanzania and see the dragonflies hovering in the evening sunlight over the fruit trees or hear the fruit bats calling at dusk, it humbles us. God created us to reflect His Image to the world and everything in the world. Colossians 1: 16-17 tells us *"that all things were created through Christ and for Christ and in Him all things hold together..."* Traditionally, in our empirical Western world, we have a hard time believing in the spiritual realm and its impact upon the physical world we inhabit.

A while ago, a few men came to our farm to ask about farming Tilapia fish. They were interested in digging and establishing the first fish farm in their village. It's a big undertaking, so they asked Boaz, who heads up our gardens and fruit trees, "What gave you the courage to farm fish at this farm when no others are doing it in the Rukwa valley?" Boaz responded because of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that all things are held together in Christ and that God sustains all things by his powerful Word. He then took a fish from the pond and held it in his hand. He said, "Do you see this fish? Why, without Jesus Christ, this very fish would fly apart, and so would you! If this powerful God is for us, we cannot fail."

Thank God for His sustaining power that causes the world's atoms to cling together, providing the framework of life!

Project Updates:

- We continue to process wild clay and develop potters at our plateau training center in Sandulula village. It is our goal to cultivate a group of men and women who make beautiful things from this local resource while growing in their faith and sharing the goodness of God with others in their families and villages. We are confident that this project will be self-sustaining from the revenue generated through the sale of stoneware.
- We have renovated one of our pig pens to house broiler chickens. We had a big loss this past year when African Swine Influenza broke out on our farm and took out our pig herd. This is an untreatable disease that is difficult to prevent. We have decided to focus more on raising chickens and retain only one pig pen in our project.
- We have had the opportunity to preach at six different churches and three missions conferences while visiting the USA to thank supporters and encourage believers in their faith. It has been our JOY to share the message that all our work is spiritual. There is no division between secular and spiritual work. God has made you unique and gifted you to serve Him where you are! If barbers, cooks, construction workers, farmers, and teachers all did their work as unto the Lord, our world would be transformed. By our words and deeds, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, moving them closer towards Jesus.

Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and generosity! We consider ourselves conduits of your love to the people of Tanzania.

Love,

Ted and Kim Rabenold

Nehemiah 8:10 *"Do not be grieved for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*



Boaz, and his wife Mama Miriam have impacted many in the village of Nsanga by the testimony of their marriage.



Our farm discipleship team in Rukwa Valley. Greetings from Tanzania!



Erecting a new water tower at our plateau training center. This is a 28 foot water tower and gives us great pressure!



Kim, pictured in our newly built pottery studio apartment. Kitchenette, full bath and sweet porch with beautiful views! Come visit!



Eliza and Ted working in the studio



Franki, releasing baby Tilapia into our new fish pond. We produce our own fish fry now and stoked this pond with 2,700



These high fired mugs were made with all natural local clays and glazing materials



Ted and Kim, with the Missions committee from Calvary Baptist Church in Yorktown, New York. Thanks to all the churches and individuals who hosted us during this past visit! It was GREAT to be with you.

