

Ted and Kim Rabenold Pictorial Update

Rukwa Valley – Tanzania, East Africa

March 11, 2018

Dear Friends,

We hope that you are well! We wanted to take the opportunity to "thank you" for participating in the outreach work here in Tanzania. What a blessing to be part of such a huge network of people concerned about the physical and spiritual welfare of others!

The "big news" for March is that we have purchased our tractor! It is due here in April after clearing and licensing. This tool will be used for our agricultural and construction projects and will be invaluable to us! We plan to send pictures of the tractor's arrival and another update at that time.

Hopefully you will enjoy the many pictures we are sending with this update!

Ted is talking with local leaders about the tree nursery being established on the Ufipa Plateau this dry season. Reforestation is currently a huge topic in the Sumbawanga district due to the future need for timber and boards.



Three of the men on our leadership team. Jafeddi Francisco, Jericho Mugalla and Frenki Nziungu holding Jafeddi's daughter. These three men are gifted and capable leaders! Our project in the Rukwa wouldn't be effective without the leadership and hard work these men and others provide!



Frenki Fungamali pictured with his wife Mama Akon and their two children in front of their home.

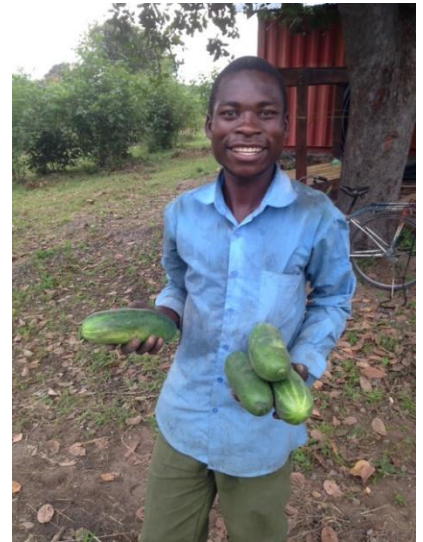
Frenki Fungamali works together with us part time at our Nsanga Agriculture Training Center. He had been asking questions about our faith for the past two months. He noticed that the team of Christian men we work with have genuine concern for each other's welfare. After considering Christ's claims he decided two weeks ago to place his faith in Him. His wife also followed him, placing her faith in Christ as well! One of the men on our team told me that Frenki said, "Christ has given meaning to our lives in a time where we had only emptiness and fear." Pray for Mama Akon who is crippled and has a difficult time walking.



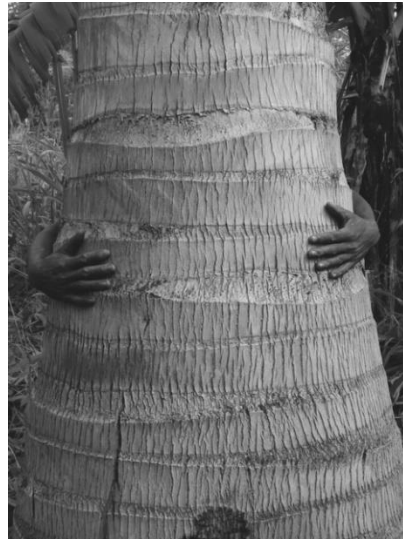
Isaiah is amazed at the size of the leaves on Teak trees! We are currently the only providers of Teak tree seedlings in western Tanzania. Teak trees will impact local farmers as well as self-sustaining pastors and church workers by providing a future income from boards and poles. These highly lucrative trees are being introduced by us to the Rukwa Valley. They only thrive in hot climates with fertile soil.



Living off the land! There is always something around the Rukwa valley that can be turned into an excellent meal!



Boaz heads up the cultivation aspects of the work at our Nsanga AG Center. He is the newest member of our leadership team and a very passionate farmer.



Our coconut trees are massive! The minerals in the soil cause these trees to flourish and bear much fruit. It is our goal that running expenses at our Agricultural Training Centers be met by the fruits and produce we grow there. Jafeddi is trying to get his arms around this one!



We are currently producing all the seeds we need for sprouting coconut tree seedlings from our own trees which we planted in 2009.



It is our plan that coconuts like this one produced on our Lyanza plot as well as other agricultural products such as papaya, pineapples and hybrid limes will generate income to cover running costs at our training centers. Thanks for your generous assistance in providing the funds to establish these centers in remote areas such as Rukwa region!



Frenki Fungamali weeds between papaya and hybrid lime trees. The rainy season is a busy time for any agricultural work as weeds grow quickly!



A pineapple inflorescence. It takes 12-18 months to grow a pineapple. The plant produces suckers as the fruit matures, which is the primary way of propagation.



Kim is visiting with Mama Luku in Lyanza village.

Jafeddi's son Luku is in front of concrete posts we made to delineate our property borders and protect the agricultural work from roaming goats and cattle.



The Nsanga village chairman's daughter hand grinds peanuts to mix with cooked greens.



Ted prepares for a meeting with Immigration and government officials in our Olesiti, Arusha office.

"You are not your own, you were bought at a price."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Love,

Ted and Kim Rabenold