

Seeway Tanzania April-May 2010

We are very excited to share our news with you!! We have saved up two months of news to give you a bumper issue!

After two+ years of searching, negotiating, and praying, we have found and negotiated successfully for our own land. Not only that, the compound we are buying already has several buildings we can utilize for housing, offices, a centralized kitchen and stores!! We have been amazed and humbled at the wonderful provision we have experienced, enabling us to purchase the plot quickly and without bribes and loans. And we have been shown favour by our lawyer here, as he vastly reduced his fees to bless us AND the seller. The process has been easy from start to finish, confirming to us that this is the right place for us to buy.

A huge thank you to everyone who has given towards the land purchase over the years - it has finally happened.

Just a couple of things to sort out before we take possession, but we will be out of our rented houses by the end of July! The next adventure for Seeway Tanzania is starting!

Other highlights from the past two months:

- Birthdays in April and May: Kanuti (20); Riziki (12); Fatuma (13); David (7); James (4); Faidha (7); Anderson (11)
- We had some Swedish visitors, one of whom boxes for Sweden. She agreed to spar with our kids - the boys thought they would give her a tap and knock her out...it wasn't quite like that...
- Johnson and Kanuti came home for their school half term holidays - it was so good to see them both and they seem to have each grown several inches taller!
- We received a lot of beautiful export quality raspberries (which we made into jam), which didn't make it to Europe because of the Icelandic volcano...
- We had a wonderful volunteer, Hanne, from Denmark, who assisted in our nursery class. It is always hard to say goodbye to our volunteers, and we have especially appreciated Hanne's input.
- We had several face-painting days! The kids paint the adult's faces now...
- Riziki and Careen started full-time boarding at their school. After a year of asking us if they could board, we have given in, and seen them off with their suitcases full of regulation items! We miss seeing them every day, but know they are receiving so many more extra-curriculum opportunities now.
- Joshua went off to spend his last three months of primary school at a hostel run by his headmaster, where he is receiving extra tuition in the evenings.
- Wendy and Rebecca continued to be busy with Rotary Club activities in their "spare" time, and delivered a car full of drugs and equipment to a local clinic as part of a malaria-prevention project. Wendy continued overseeing the building of toilets at our local secondary school - up until now 1,000+ students and the teaching staff have had just 6 toilets between them! Pooh!
- To prepare for moving into our new compound we closed down Chama house, managing to squeeze everyone into our other two neighbouring houses. Everybody (kids and staff) loves being closer together, and it sure is a lot easier managing two houses rather than three! We have seen our monthly costs go down too, which helps significantly.



The main house in the compound we are purchasing!!



Kitchen, sitting room in main house; and another two-room building in our new compound!



Goodluck, Rebecca, and Careen showing off their boxing skills!



Teacher Hanne making paper boxes in nursery class!



Careen & Riziki off to boarding school; Joshua to hostel!



Moving out of Chama house!



Muungano Secondary School toilets

Thank you for helping to make a difference in Tanzania!!!