



NEW LIFE FOUNDATION



Greetings

Our dear Friends and Supporters,
We are always excited when we have an opportunity to share with you what is happening here at NLF - Tanzania. This is because you are part of all that is going on. It's because of your prayers, financial, material and moral support. Thank you so much. As you read this newsletter we would have already cleared a cargo full of food from the harbour, that will supply our students and staff for more than a year. We can't wait to show you the photos in our next newsletter. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to all our supporters for the great things that you are doing.

We are so blessed to have our amazing team of staff and volunteers such as Mike Peens from Zimbabwe who has transformed our agriculture and Mel from New Zealand who has been so greatly involved in communications and spiritual nourishment of our students.



Some more good news: - I have been spending more time in other things that I am part of. However, very soon I will be stepping down from being a Bishop and many other things that I do alongside NLF. This will enable me to spend more of my time with NLF and the church that all our secondary students are part of. Please pray for this transition to go smoothly. Once again thank you so much, we sincerely appreciate your support and we know for sure, if it wasn't for people like you (being used by God) we wouldn't be where we are.

Thank you
Glorious and Josephine Shoo



Mama Love

Recently we said farewell to a very special lady - Mrs Esther Msangi who has been part of New Life Foundation since it started in 2002. Her 14 years of service has really been that of a spiritual mother to students and staff over the years. She has counselled and prayed for many.

We call her 'Mama Love' because she led Fountain of Love, the spiritual arm of NLF. This work included all our student outreaches into the community, children's ministry activities and spiritual development of students and staff. Before a student starts at Fountain of Hope school, Esther would visit their home and family to help with screening and understanding the needs of the student. The children who are fully supported by NLF, would then be under her care. Esther's big heart for children and youth, her hard work, trustworthiness and so much more than can be expressed here was celebrated in a big farewell day. The day was mixed with tears, well wishes, prayers, gifts, a flash mob, worship, dance, and many surprises with friends from around the world sending in messages.



New Life in Images ...

All around our village you can see a sea of green as the maize crops are growing. It's a beautiful sight with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background. We have our own sea of green too. In the photo you can see our farm - beans (five acres altogether) and maize (fourteen acres). Eggplant and tomatoes are starting to come up, onions too and more...There are 40 bundles of green leafy vegetables arriving at our school everyday from our vegetable plots.

Pictured above is our grade three class with Chinese cabbage and our new cook Abednego preparing lunch. We're going to be the healthiest school in the neighbourhood...An acre and a half of new vegetables are being planted every month.

Local people are also buying our veggies, and we're gradually building up to generating an income of 16 million shillings a month!

We appreciate so much the expertise and input of Mike Peens our Head of Agriculture, whose practical teaching is having such a positive input into the students lives (and diets) now and we are well on the way to becoming organic sustainable farmers.



New Positions

Alice Mungai

In 2011-2012 Alice was heading up the sponsorship programme at NLF and we are delighted to have her back with us in the position of NLF accountant.



Visit to Norway

Ola Muan The chairman of NLF Norway shares on friends, fellowship, blessings and snow during the Shoo's recent visit to Norway.

We were so blessed and honoured to receive Pastor Glorious and Josephine Shoo in Bergen, Norway on Friday 29th of April. We visited some old friends of NLF and met some new ones at house fellowship and two different churches in the area during the weekend. I was interpreting and ministered together with them. The Shoo's were staying with Lasse Midtrød in Bergen, who was the key person in starting NLF Norway back in 2003. He and his wife Alisa were a great blessing to us during this visit. After the weekend we went by car across the mountains to Seljord. There was still a lot of snow in the mountains and I believe it was a great experience for our friends from Tanzania.

In Seljord we had a house fellowship together with several NLF supporters in the home of Tor-Bjørn and Janna Nordgaard, who are also NLF Norway board members.

God really used Pastor Glorious and Josephine Shoo in a great way to share the word of God and to minister to the people we met. Many people were touched and blessed by their ministry. We also had eleven new children sponsored during the visit.

To God be the Glory!

Heading towards Sustainability

This is our future chicken house. It's not any ordinary chicken house, it's going to sit over a fish pond and the chicken dung (full of nutrients) will drop into the water. It's great food for fish because they eat the undigested parts of the dung and the plankton that has been fed by the nutrients.

As we are embarking on these new sustainable projects we're learning new vocabulary too. 'Hydroponics' is our latest new word. It's all about growing things in water containing nutrients. One of the best things to grow is barley because it's 27% protein. We'll be growing lots of barley as part of our hydroponic project, enough to feed 25 chicken houses, and so that means more well fed fish.

We're aiming for 100 chicken houses. We love chicken but our focus also will be generating income. Future income generating projects are on the drawing board, we'll tell you more about about pigs and goat's cheese next time!



*Mike Peens (Head of Agriculture)
with hydroponic shelves*

A time of Transformation

Working in Fountain of Love (NLF Department for spiritual development), I have the privilege of seeing God moving amongst the students and staff in the school. We are in an exciting time at the moment, it's a time of transformation. What does that look and sound like? Every day I continue to be amazed. For example, last week I was in the office and heard children praying outside the window. I ventured outside to see what was happening. There was a line of primary students waiting to see the doctor. We have had a bout of flu going around the school and the line was longer than usual. However the children were not waiting for the doctor to provide the answer to their healing, they were praying for healing for each other before they even went inside.

I interviewed our student spiritual leaders to find out more about what is happening in the school.

Melanie Bell



What are the changes you have been seeing in the school and for you personally?

Joshua Mahene (Spiritual leader- Primary): Students have been praying in tongues, and they are being filled with Holy Spirit. We are feeling different. It's like we are not on earth, it's like we are in another place. You feel happy. Some students have been seeing visions of Heaven. Some have had prophetic words about our school. Some students have changed from being mean to others or angry all the time to being normal - like polite. Before, I would close my eyes and listen to God and I would only hear Him talk to me sometimes. Now when I listen to Him He tells me something or He gives me a vision most times. One day He was telling me how much He loves me.

Josephine Mahia (Spiritual leader- Primary): I've seen changes, spiritually and in the behaviour of students. I have seen students obeying God and teachers, people have been praying in tongues and hearing from God, they've been seeing visions.

Devotah Minja (Spiritual Leader- Secondary): Nowadays students are serious. We have our personal time with God now and it helps us to build our relationship with God. We call it snuggling with God and it's like being close to God and going deeper with Him. I've been hearing testimonies. Around 7 students have told me that they didn't now how Holy Spirit sounds when he speaks but now they can hear Him. For me too. I have been realising I couldn't concentrate well on hearing the Holy Spirit. I used to just get visions and dreams but now I can hear Holy Spirit speaking to me clearly too.

Testimony of Transformation

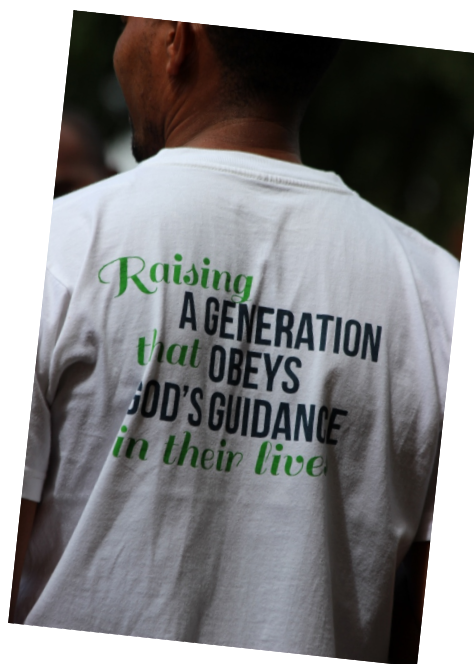


I can remember the day I arrived at Fountain of Hope School as a 4 year old boy. I had come from very far away; my home was a remote place in north western Tanzania called the Sonjo. My family had no money to send me to a quality school and I was just staying at home. I had a dream to be a Pastor. If you met me in my first year you would have seen a quiet, stubborn boy. The reality of my culture is that men who don't know Jesus are bad tempered and always angry even at little things. I was like that. In the first year I also cried a lot because the only language I knew was Sonjo, I faced a big language barrier not being able to speak Swahili or English. It was hard for me to express my feelings, ideas and emotions but I was excited to learn and to be in a new place.

Now I am 17. I never thought I could become the person I am today, full of hope for my future, my destiny, my dreams and all the possibilities that are out there for me. It's NLF that has brightened my mind in this way and has helped me to know my potential and how valuable I am to the school, my nation and the world at large. My eyes are open to see new possibilities of becoming not only a pastor but an engineer, doctor and even the President of Tanzania.

I am a person who loves achieving personal goals. At secondary school I had the goal of being the school spiritual leader and that's my leadership position now in Form Four. I have learnt and succeeded in my academics. I have learnt about God, the Trinity and about having an intimate relationship with Him. My friends can't believe how much I've changed. If you see me now I'm confident, kind with a high self-esteem, still determined and focused. I'm not that bad tempered person any more, I'm changed. It's like my heart has softened. In my culture it was hard to love someone outside of my own tribe, now I love people just for who they are because Jesus is in me.

Emmanuel Ezekiel



Thank you ...

We appreciate so much your support, interest and prayers for our organisation. With your prayers, visits, letters, sponsorships, support and interest in NLF - you have partnered with us to bring hope, life, education and a future to hundreds of our children.

We are praying for you and are so grateful to God for you all. May you and your families be blessed and encouraged as we stretch out in faith, being empowered by the Holy Spirit to be all we can be.



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