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Bwana Asifiwe by Tim Neet

Bwana asifiwe is a Swahili phrase that most visitors to Tanzania come to know almost immediately. It is a very common phrase reflecting the heart of the believer as they "Praise the Lord." The immediate response from all of those within earshot is "Amen."

Most of our children in Project Child speak Swahili, although it may not be the primary language of their family. Swahili is a Bantu language commonly used throughout the East African Nations of Kenya, Uganda, the Congo (DRC) and Tanzania. While it is the "mother tongue" for only 5 million people – it is the trade or bridge language for some 60 million people. It is considered the national language of Tanzania. Swahili derives from local languages with Arabic and Persian influence. Note the name of it's largest city in Tanzania "Dar es Salaam."

Many of our children are from the Maasai Tribe and

often speak "Maa." Others also speak Meru or Chugga. English is increasingly the language of business and education. Some languages are only spoken, others written – how would you like to learn three languages at a young age. Quite a challenge.



From the beginning, Pastor Wariaeli insisted that the Karansi Christian School should be English based. Many of us disagreed – but have since found that success in Secondary School is dependent upon a command of English. It is good that Pastor Wariaeli held firm.

In my many visits to Tanzania I have routinely heard "Bwana asifiwe" in many different settings. In wor-

ship services, it is an expression of affirmation of God's Word. In the home, it can be a greeting "Give Praise to the Lord." When a gift is received or given, "Bwana asifiwe" often accompanies. "Bwana asifiwe" is a recognition of God's blessing. Why do we hear it so much

in Tanzania? It may be that in the midst of significant poverty God's blessings are more appreciated. It may be that dependency upon the seasonal rains for food, and reliance upon God for healing, yields hearts that are truly grateful. It may be in the midst of living the American Dream, we in the US have worked hard to depend upon ourselves and our own provision and have missed the truth that "every good and perfect gift" comes from God. We can learn a lot from our friends in Tanzania.

Bwana asifiwe.

Year-end Wrap-up by Terry Mechling


(Terry is the lay leader of the Perimeter – Tanzania Ministry Team)

As we enter 2012 along with our brothers, sisters, and sponsored children in Tanzania, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each of you who support this ministry in your own way. 2011 has been a year of

many changes and accomplishments that would not have been possible without each of you. The building for the computer lab was finished and as of last week has been furnished with desks. Our third class of standard 7 students graduated in November and will continue on to secondary schools in the area. What a blessing to us all

to see these children with hope in their eyes and dreams of a better tomorrow for themselves, their families, and the village of Karansi.

God blessed us again in late 2011 with a gift that will enable the construction of the final building for the PUNCHMI Primary School

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Year-End Wrap-Up (Continued)

This building will include a library (possibly for the community at large) and staff room for Headmaster Godfrey and the wonderful teachers in Karansi. Isn't it amazing and awesome to see how the more God blesses others through us, the more we are blessed.

There have also been a couple of changes at Imara. Bruce Bone, his wife Rochelle and their 3 children arrived in Arusha last April to see how they could help build God's kingdom in TZ through the work of Imara Ministry Foundation. It was quickly realized that Bruce had the background and skills needed to lead Imara to the next level. In July Mike asked Bruce to be the Acting CEO of Imara to help guide the

future direction of Imara, Bruce accepted and has been a pleasure to work with the past 6 months. I believe there are great opportunities ahead in 2012. If you would



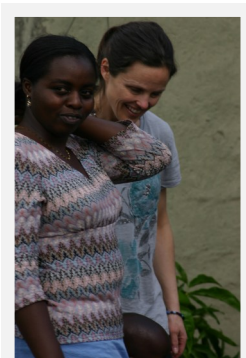
Bruce and Rochelle Bone & Family

like to see some of this first hand, please consider a GO Journey in June, September or early November. The June trip will focus on mercy by serving alongside the people in Karansi. September is the opportunity for those in or associated with the medical profession to "Give Yourself Away" in Tanzania. And, the November trip is intended to be coordinated with the graduation of our fourth Standard 7 class.

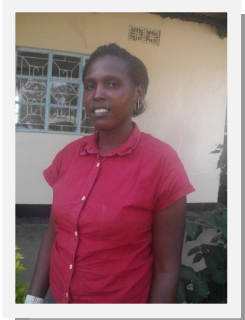
Again, thank you all for your support of the children, prayer support, and other financial gifts that is truly transforming a village that is taking its place in God's Kingdom to spread the gospel and prepare the next generation for a better tomorrow.

Whose on Staff? by Tim Neet

Many of you who have traveled to Tanzania have met **Rachel Kaanael**. Rachel is the Karansi Project Manager who works with the Imara and Karansi Personnel in implementing Project Child and our other ministries in Karansi. She supports all of our teams who journey to Karansi and is great at developing close personal relationships. She has been a great addition to our team



Brand new to our team is **Betty Petro Majele**. Betty is our new Karansi Social Worker. In this capacity she follows up with many of our children to insure their health, social and spiritual nurture are continuing to develop. She not only works with the families of our children but also supports our ministry to community widows. Betty also coordinates all sponsor communications efforts.



NOT receiving the Journal by email??

Each month we issue a TZ Journal to help sponsors and supporters keep up with what is happening in Tanzania and the village of Karansi. If you have not been receiving the TZ Journal via email, then we may not have your correct address --- or you may need to list timneet@att.net as a Safe Sender.

Please email me your preferred address or addresses and you can help us save a lot of time and money.

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Christmas Gift—Final Results

A new set of clothes were provided to each child in Project Child. This year we collected \$4453 in special gifts from donors which we supplemented with \$1,000 from our general funds so that each of our 362 kids received a gift. Thanks for your support.



Boys & Girls in Christmas Clothes



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