

# DOWN to EARTH

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### EI TANZANIA CONFERENCE 2015

As EI's work in Tanzania continues to grow we have recognized the importance of stopping periodically to reflect on what we're doing, where we've come from, where we're going – and most importantly, to seek God's direction for our work. That's what we did in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December last year as we gathered for our EI Tanzania conference. The Monger family, together with agricultural trainers Peter and Esther, travelled the 1000km from Mwanza to Iringa so that we could spend the week together as the whole EI Tanzania team.



**Peter Beatus and Esther Turuka share about the conservation agriculture project in Mwanza**

It was great to be able to spend time together as a team (21 of us, including the children), some of us meeting each other for the first time. We started our

time together with a day of prayer and fasting which we all found was very helpful to prepare us and get our focus right for the rest of the week together. During the week we shared with each other about the various projects we have been working on and prayed for each other.

At the end of the week we held a 'Vision Day' event in which we invited various leaders and pastors of our host church in Iringa, the Anglican Diocese of Ruaha. We also invited friends, pastors of other denominations and leaders of other NGOs in Iringa to come and share with us. The aim of the Vision Day was to share with people about EI's mission and approach, what we are doing, and to get ideas and input from outside of our team



**Invited guests share their ideas at the vision day**



**The vision day brought together leaders of various churches and NGOs to share ideas with the EI team**

about how EI can best serve churches in holistic mission. Following the Vision Day, we took the participants to visit two of our projects: the water project in Kiwere and the new stoves project in Lyamungwe, so that people could talk to church and community members and see firsthand what we are doing.

The feedback we received from the participants was that they really appreciated learning about the whole of EI's work and being able to share ideas together. For us it was a good opportunity to inspire people about our vision and get local people 'on board' – praying for us or supporting us in other

ways. We are currently taking steps towards forming a national advisory committee that can guide us as we seek to move EI forward strategically in Tanzania, and we would appreciate prayer for this process.

During our time together we discussed about how we as EI in Tanzania can fulfil EI's global mission: "To encourage, equip and assist churches to serve the poor in wholistic ministry" within our context. From what God has been teaching us, and from our discussions with church leaders and other stakeholders we feel that key priorities for us are to educate and mobilise churches at the local level to use their own resources, especially human resources, to serve



**Project officer Benny and technician Eric explain about the Kiwere Water Project at the site visit**



**Vision Day participants learn about the water intake in Kiwere**

their communities. We did an exercise to write with a 'vision statement' for EI in Tanzania, which defines what it is that we would expect to see, if EI fulfils its mission here. What we came up with is this:

**"kuona makanisa ya Tanzania yamewezeshwa kuwa na jamii bora yenye uzima!"**

Roughly translated from Swahili means "to see Tanzanian churches mobilised to bring holistic transformation to their communities".

**Please pray for the EI team in Tanzania, that together with our partners and other supporters we can continue our journey towards this goal in God's strength!**



*By Andrew Wingfield, Country Director of EI Tanzania*

## Tree seedlings

Tree seedlings were distributed in the stoves groups of Mawambala and Lyamgungwe in Tanzania to help raise awareness of the many benefits of trees and environmental conservation.



## Terena Church Conference



### Terena Church Leadership Meeting

The Terena leaders, in Brazil, have recently held their General Conference. Representatives from all the 32 churches were present.



Terena Church 2016 Assembly

## Ivan Silva Graduation



Fred and Carla Silva's son Ivan had his graduation ceremony on 17 December 2015. He is now a qualified medical doctor. Fred is the General Secretary for Missao Emmanuel do Brasil (EI in Brazil). Our warmest congratulations!

## EIUK Conference and AGM 2016



City Temple Conference Centre, London

# 6 February 2016

10am till 4pm

**Tom Edom** is on home leave in the UK and he will be telling us about his work with the Pads Ministry and the Deaf in Pader, Uganda.

**John and Christine Raby** have returned from their time in Malawi, and will be with us to tell us about their work.

**The Annual General Meeting** will be held in the afternoon.

**Please pray for us as we meet together as an EI family.**

A full report in the next Down to Earth.

## Phoebe Bailey



Tom Edom is delighted to announce the birth of his 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild, Phoebe Margaret Bailey. She was born on Christmas eve at an eye-watering 9lb and 10oz (4.32kg if you think in metric). It was a long and exhausting labour but, praise God, mother and baby are doing well.

## Dates for your diary

**Board meeting: 20 March 2016**