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Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, Guildford

Team Tanzania 2017

Mission Trip

We went to support and help the village work on a clean water project. This is managed, in partnership with the Ruaha Diocese, by Andrew Wingfield and his team from Emmanuel International. Lupembe Lawasenga village in Iringa Rural District is some 50 km from Iringa town and is 18 km east off the main Iringa to Mbeya road. The village population is 2 600. The village has a primary school with over 600 students, but only 13 teachers, and is in the process of building a secondary school. There is a government-run dispensary with maternity facility. However, there is no water supply, so patients have to bring their own water. Until the new water supply is installed and working, the residents typically spend an hour or more going to fetch dirty water from shallow springs/wells near the village, or from the Little Ruaha River which is 2 km away.

- To mobilize and empower the community to take a leading role in driving their own development and owning their own assets.
- To improve health by providing adequate water and education on water sanitation, leading to behaviour change in household sanitation and hygiene, thus reducing water-borne diseases.
- To improve productivity of community members by reducing the time taken to fetch water.



The project objectives are as follows:

- To provide clean water within easy reach of each household.
- To provide clean water at Lupembe Lawasenga Primary School and the new Secondary School.

A series of springs, which are active all the year round, had already been identified about 5 km up the hillside from the village as a suitable water source to supply a gravity-fed piped water and storage system to the village. A concrete water intake structure at the water source has already been built; also a 50,000 litre concrete block collection tank in the centre of the village. Part of the Guildford team's task was to build a fence around the water intake to avoid contamination from human or animal activity. We were able to erect about 180 large fence posts but the barbed wire will not be in place until the current

Eleven members of Emmanuel Church went to Tanzania from 1st to 18th April on our second mission trip to Africa. Three ladies, six men and two teenage lads made up the team which went to a small village called Lupembe Lawasenga in the Southern highlands. Five of the men had previously been to Tanzania in 2014.

maize crop has been harvested. The main work involved digging a trench one metre deep and half a metre wide for the plastic pipe to take water from the intake to the collecting tank in the village. In total there will be about 12 km of pipework in the water system supplying standpipes so that villagers can all get water close to their homes. In our time there we managed to dig about 150 metres of trench. The community are digging the rest! It was hard work and we all went to bed exhausted at the end of each day.

In the afternoons we ran a children's holiday club at the brick built church telling bible stories, singing songs in English and Swahili, dramatising Bible stories and also telling them using puppets (a crocodile/*Mamba* and a giraffe/*Twiga*). We played games with the children, about 150 on the best supported day. At the end of each session they had a piece of paper and a crayon to do some drawing related to the story, which they could take home. Their special treat before the end of the day was to chase soap bubbles which we generated from a battery operated fish. We engaged with the local community as much as we could with our very limited Swahili.

Greeting people is a very important part of Tanzanian culture and we soon learned how to greet people politely either in Swahili or in a local language (Kihehe). After a few days in the village, the children greeted us with enthusiasm and spontaneously burst into songs we had taught them. We all learned a lot about ourselves and about Tanzania. Everyone stayed well and Andrew Wingfield was surprised at the amount of work we were able to do.



It was a successful mission trip; it was an opportunity to explore our individual faith and share the love of God with others. Particular highlights included the Palm Sunday service in the village church where Rupert assisted the Pastor, including giving the prayer after communion in Swahili, and I preached the sermon. On Easter Sunday we were in Dar es Salaam and attended a charismatic service in Swahili at the Victory Christian Centre which was very loud and exciting – but of course this was not a village church.

Ed Varley (on behalf of the team)

Since the team returned to UK, the villagers have completed digging the trench, the plastic pipe is laid and water is flowing into the storage tank. Three water points are already supplying water to the lower end of the village but there remains work (and fundraising) to install a solar pump to pump the water to the upper end of the village.

Reflections Reflections

from
team members

Seeing the joy on the children's faces from something so simple as bubbles was a picture I will always carry with me.

Our hosts Andrew and Miriam create this envelope of love that extends out to all they come into contact with.

The happiness of the villagers was evident from their faces, their gifts, music and song.

The work was very hard but so rewarding, knowing that we - in a small way - have contributed so little to provide so much gain for an improved life in the village.

Steve



Great to see the finished water project at Kiwere village, seeing the gratitude of the villagers and how it has benefitted their lives.

Football brings people together even though they do not speak each other's language.

Elliot



Working alongside the well-organised villagers as they build the infrastructure (with Els' assistance) to improve their lives was a real privilege.

Humbling to see how hard they work (and how much better they swing a *jembe*!).

Mike



Well organised trip.

An experience made up of challenging work with great people, and moving speeches with much appreciation and gratitude.

Rob

It was such a humbling experience.

A real insight to see the work that EI Tanzania carries out on a day-to-day basis, and total respect for all the wonderful people that work for EI.

Not a day goes by that I don't think of the people and beauty of East Africa.

Maggie

Well organised mission trip.

The excitement shown by the children when given the chance to be creative with paper and crayons.

A thought-provoking experience with lasting memories; the whole experience of working with a great team.

Rupert's prayer after communion in Swahili, and Ed's sermon.

Diane

The football match.

Everyone



I gained a real appreciation for Stoney's ginger beer.

Tanzania is a country in change.

I experienced world-class handshaking bouts!

Diane used a white mosquito net as an angel costume and it also doubled as a fishing net.

Bob

Bishop Joseph and Pastor Mbanzi coming to the village and joining in kid's club – colouring pictures!

Ed

Fresh bread cooked on an open fire by Mama Miriam.

Celebrating the putting in of the last fencing post.

Assisting the pastor during communion.

Rupert

Since returning home, opening the tap for a glass of water daily reminds me of the importance of the work of EI.

Kate



THE EIUK SUMMER EVENT / GARDEN PARTY WAS A SUCCESS.

Dave Varcoe, Chairman of the EIUK Board of Trustees welcomed everyone. We started the day off with worship, led by **Rony Padilla**. It was so meaningful to be able to worship together as an EI family. **Sue Fallon**, EIUK General Manager, made sure that everyone knew what was expected and acted as Master of Ceremony throughout the day.

Don and Rachel Sayers, and their children Danielle, Hudson and Nate, were in the UK and joined us to tell us more about their work in South Africa. EI in South Africa partners with African Hope Trust to provide safe houses for vulnerable children, where they are raised in a family-like setup by a foster parent who treats them as their own children. (You can read a full report on this in the July 2017 issue of Down to Earth.)

We are so thankful for modern technology that allowed us to Skype with some of our missionaries who are living and working overseas.

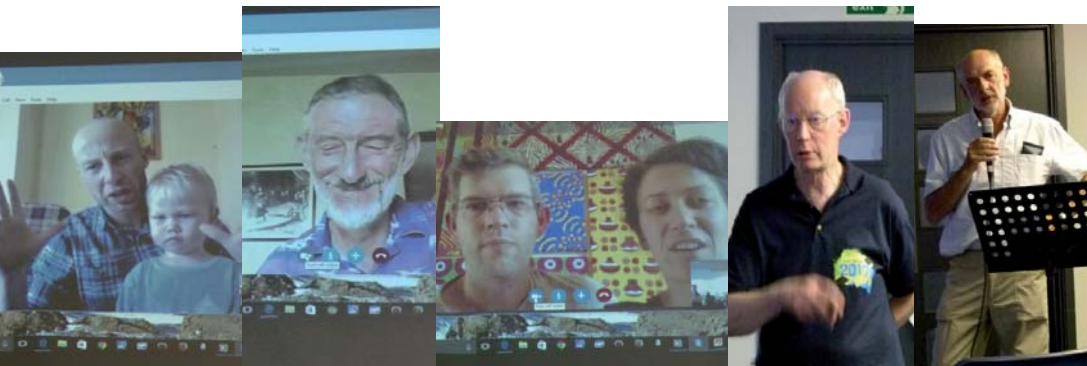
Dave and Titus Rollett joined us from Iringa, Tanzania and told us how they are settling in after their first 4 months in mission. Tricia was away on a retreat. Titus greeted us with a sweet '*shikamoo*' (Tanzanian greeting). The family is doing well and practising their Swahili. Dave shared a few mispronunciations on their

part that caused great amusement to native speakers.

Tom Edom, based in Pader, Northern Uganda, told us about his work. Tom and Milly are making good progress with the Pads Ministry, with regular visits to fairly remote schools. He shared some of the difficulties that the Deaf experience and how he is assisting them to help themselves. In Conservation Agricultural (known in Uganda as Farming God's Way) Tom has had some successful harvests and more is expected. He hopes that people will learn from this and apply the techniques. Tom is returning home in December.

Simon and Victoria Ewing shared their experiences after being in Tanzania for 6 months. They were first based in Iringa, but are now based in Mwanza, where they are manning the EI office while Tim and Rachel





VERY INFORMATIVE. FUN. GREAT TO SEE THE EI FAMILY.

Monger are on furlough. They are moving to their own home in Mwanza, as well as a home on Kome Island while they work with the Rural Island Community Health project. Victoria has injured her knee and was, at the time of the event, considering the next steps. She has since had treatment in South Africa and the knee shows great improvement. Please pray for complete healing.

It was super to hear from **Ed Varley** about the summer team trip that Emmanuel Stoughton undertook to Lupembe Lwasenga this year (see the main article in this issue of BushNet).

Andy Sharpe is providing fundraising support for EIUK. He has been applying to many organisations for funding for our projects, and gave feedback about the challenges and successes of the year so far.

This was a very successful get-together for the EIUK family. We spent quality time together and had opportunity to socialise, particularly at the BBQ that followed the day's proceedings. We had 25 adults and 5 children, with many others sending greetings who were not able to join us on the day. It was great to be in the company of a group of people who care about the work of Emmanuel International. It was a great time!

☺ On Saturday 8th July we were invited to the EI annual summer meeting followed by a BBQ. Those of us who managed to attend had a real treat! We were few in number but we experienced that special sense of "the EI Family". With many shared experiences and accounts of God's provision and blessing, we delighted in giving Him praise and thanks.

Sue and Linda had worked hard to organise our special day. We were treated to Skype conversations with people serving at present. Having visited our daughter when she was working in Uganda we realise how important and encouraging it is to have contact from home.

It was a scorching hot day! Dave Varcoe had made us welcome at his church in Harrow during the day then Dave and Ineke welcomed us to the manse for the evening BBQ with their special gift of generous hospitality. As usual those dear people treated us to a fine feast. We were indeed blessed.

Anthony and Isobel Donald



WE ENDED THE DAY WITH A BARBEQUE IN THE MANSE GARDEN

It was a perfect summers evening for a barbeque in the garden - warm and sunny. The food, provided by Dave and Ineke Varcoe, who also generously opened their house and gardens for us, was wonderful. Everyone made themselves at home and used the opportunity to relax together and catch up with each other's lives. The children had lots of fun too!

What a super day you gave us all...

Thank you to Dave and Ineke for their hospitality!

It was lovely to see everyone again.



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