



Update from Tanzania

April 2010

KCM-USA Receives Tax Exempt Approval

After many, many hours of work filling out forms, developing support documentation, and completing numerous other requirements Key Connections Ministries—USA has received its tax exemption approval, [501 (c) (3)] from the Internal Revenue Service. This has been an important prayer request for several years, so thank you for your prayer support. This approval will allow KCM-USA to continue accepting and receipting supporter contributions.

A big thanks goes to Christian Grosse who picked up where Marty left off in completing the IRS forms and gathering all the required documents into a bound volume an inch and a half thick. The professional look and feel of the volume must have made a positive impact on the IRS officials as it was approved on the first submission. I am told that a first submission approval is quite rare for a non-profit organization.

Zakayo's Proclaimer Report

Pastor Zakayo, one of several pastors using Proclaimers, relates his experiences as follows: *On behalf of the servants of God whom I'm working with them in serving God in Loliondo area. I humbly give my thanks to Key Connection Ministries supervised by Steve McFarland and his team for enabling us doing the work of the ministry in the hard areas in the villages by praying for us and giving us Proclaimers which have been the great blessing to us and the community (Maasai and Wasonjo) that we are ministering in which the gospel has not reached well.*

Since we started using the Proclaimer, I have received the information from our facilitator Mr. Elikana Zakayo about the listening group in Mgongo village, Sonjo area. Seven people gave their lives to Jesus after listening to the Proclaimer. On 26th April 2009, Ezekiel Koiye and I went to Orkuiyeine village and we gathered people to listen the



Proclaimer. After listening, we discussed with them about the word of God and ten people received Jesus as their Lord and Savior of their lives.
On 12th May 2009, I was driving my motorcycle to certain school to see how the famine has affected that area. I decided not to use the main road, but instead I used the way that is used for walking. On the way I turned on the Proclaimer as the way of attracting people. Suddenly, I was stopped by people and they asked what is that thing speaking? So I got the opportunity to share with them about God through the Proclaimer. After listening to the Proclaimer I then discussed more with them about God. Eleven people gave their lives to Jesus as they are seen in the picture above.



Proclaimer

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KCM WEBSITE UPDATE

The response to the updated KCM website has been very encouraging. Since its announcement in the previous newsletter there have been almost 600 visitors to the site. Several contacts have already been made that would have otherwise been impossible. New content has been added since the website's announcement, so please continue to monitor the website for new developments in the ministry of Key Connections.

www.keyconnections.org

JOIN US IN PRAYING . . .

- For Thane and Charlotte White as they work hard to secure needed financial support.
- For a special person to help KCM with much needed ministries for Tanzanian children and youth.
- For the Glenn Park team as they prepare to come to Arusha.
- For clear priorities as we face far too many very good things to do
- For wisdom as we continue to plan and organize this mission

OUR GOALS

- Provide free and low-cost materials to church leaders
- Train leaders to effectively utilize resources
- Develop innovative ways for the poor to obtain key resources
- Utilize short-term volunteers and teams to meet critical needs
- Impart an urgent vision for ministry and evangelism
- Support health and development initiatives
- Bring unity to believers with Bible-focused materials

. . . SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:17



Bicycle Bashing



James
(Gardener)

It just doesn't seem to be my gardener, James', season for safe bicycle riding. After recently taking a tumble he has again taken another one and is very lucky to be alive. He had left work for the evening on his new bicycle and around 45 minutes later returned on foot. As best as I could understand in his fast Swahili, he was hit by a speeding motorcycle. Both he and the motorcycle rider



James' "Modified" New Bicycle

were thrown off of their machines by the impact, but the motorcycle was only slightly damaged. It was a different story with James' new bicycle. The front wheel was bent beyond repair and there were other lesser damaged parts that I didn't quite understand. Now James has some new scrapes and has torn open some of his older ones.

It's sad his new bicycle was damaged, but I am very thankful he wasn't severely injured or worse. Since then the bicycle has been restored and James is again riding it on the six mile round trip to and from work.

GLENN PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH TEAM COMING SOON

Preparations are being made for the late May arrival of an eight member short term team from Glenn Park Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas. They will be conducting a two day seminar on the topics of sin, lawlessness, and selfishness to some 125 Tanzanian pastors and church leaders in the remote bush outside of Arusha. Videos developed by Good News Productions will be utilized to reinforce Bible based teaching. The team will also be teaching at the Ngaremtoni Nursery School (See article) in addition to other ministry opportunities during their stay in Arusha. Please lift up this team of people in prayer as preparations are being made both in Wichita and Arusha, Tanzania.



Good News Production Video
"Samuel's Problem"
Teaching about the problems that come as a result of sinfulness.

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Ngaremtoni Nursery School Project



The nursery school project continues to move forward. The next step is to add roof trusses and roofing materials. Peter Lukumay has for many years envisioned a nursery school near where he was raised. Key Connections Ministries is assisting him to realize that vision. KCM is providing a method for the donors from charitable organizations in England to properly transfer funds, tracking and oversight for the use of funds, and design and construction consultation. This school will help provide a basic education with a strong Christian influence for 30-35 kids for the local area. The structure will contain a classroom, a kitchen, and two restrooms. Peter has many plans for future expansion into primary and secondary education levels at the Ngaremtoni location.

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WHITES



Thane & Charlotte White

Thane and Charlotte continue to work hard at support raising. They are traveling all around meeting with many churches and groups to share about the mission work in Tanzania. We hope it won't be long until the proper amount of support is raised and they can buy their airline tickets.

Famine Relief Project Update

On March 5th we attempted to travel to Loiborsoit for famine relief food distribution. We left Arusha early in the morning and headed southwest. After driving around 45 minutes we turned off of the paved road and headed off into the bush on a muddy dirt road. The night before it had rained heavily in the Monduli



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mountain area which has caused the normally dry river beds to fill with fast moving water. We were puzzled by meeting several stalled vehicles as we travelled farther on the muddy road. After another 20

minute drive we rounded a corner and came upon a river between us and where we wanted to go. The "bridge" had washed out several years before. We watched as several high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles struggled to cross the rocky river bottom. We also

watched as an intrepid motor-cycle rider attempted to cross and was pushed under the by the strong current.

Lucky for him people were there to rush in the river and free him.

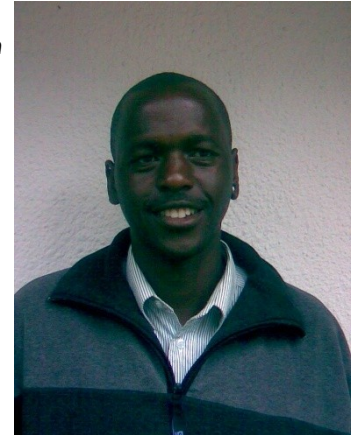
Sadly, after a couple hours of waiting I decided to turn back. The risk of damage to my low clearance 4-wheel drive vehicle was just too great. The good news is that the truck hauling the famine relief food had left the night before, so the distribution of much needed food took place, but without us.



A truck becomes stuck after barely crossing the river.

Zakayo's Proclaimer Report (Cont)

On 17th May 2009, I used the same strategy as before. I turned the Proclaimer volume up loud and went from one house (boma) to another. The crowd of people (as they are seen in picture) came closer and heard the Word of God through the Proclaimer. After they listened and asked some questions, they gave their lives to Jesus. The total of them (men and women) were fifty, and they are continuing to listen to the Proclaimer. Blessed be the name of Jesus.



Zakayo

The Proclaimer is a useful tool in my ministry. Since people started listening the teaching of the Word of God through the Proclaimer, their lives have been and are being changed day by day. People who were not Christian and knew nothing about Jesus and the message of the cross, today they are Christian. Jesus is the Lord and the Savior of their lives.

The Proclaimer has helped us to meet in the middle of the week and have a time of listening to the Word of God. It also helped us to have a schedule of going out and witness Christ to the non-Christians.

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The Proclaimer has helped the leaders of the group who had low understanding in teaching the word of God and those who don't know how to read. By listening to the Proclaimer, they

are able to defend themselves concerning their beliefs and to tell others about Jesus.

The Proclaimer helps us to reach the students and their teachers at schools. They loved the teaching.

The Proclaimer has helped to establish 30 listening groups in different villages such as Maaloni, Oldonyowas, Mgongo, Eyas Mdito, Oloirien, Magaiduru, Olobo, Sukenya, Mundorosi, Oloikoboi and Oloipiri within the Maasai area.

Through we have used the Proclaimer for only a short time the successes in the Kingdom of God are big.

GLORY AND HONOR BE TO THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

steve mcfarland



LINKING RESOURCES WITH NEEDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A Personal Update

Approaching the first anniversary of Marty's passing I am surprised at how quickly the time has gone in such a very slow way. I'm sure it goes without saying that this has been the most difficult year of my life. So, I hope you will forgive me for saying it. However, I'm glad to report it's been an eventful year for the ministry work here in Tanzania and good progress is being made.

"I have felt His hand upon me in great trials and submitted to His guidance, and I trust that as He shall further open the way, I shall be ready to walk therein, relying on His help and trusting in His goodness and wisdom."—Abraham Lincoln

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

Because of the call,
Steven McFarland

REGIFTING?

It's a trend around the world and we think it has merit! Does your church have glass communion cups or trays no longer in use? Do you have a good digital camera that has been set aside for a newer model? Or a working laptop computer you have replaced? Consider giving those items a new life — in Africa! We know many people who would be greatly blessed by those items. If you would like to re-gift, just e-mail us or call Teresa, our US administrator, at (620) 763-2595.

YOUR RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for the many kinds of support. We want to be sure that you are getting accurate and timely receipts. If you send a financial gift and fail to receive a receipt within three weeks, please call Teresa, our US administrator at (620) 763-2595 or e-mail us at mcfarland@bol.co.tz. All donations should be made payable to Key Connections Ministries and sent to PO Box 266, Thayer, KS 66776. Please note any designations. Again, thank-you for your generous support — we pledge our faithful stewardship of your gifts to make a real difference in many lives.



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