

ARUSHA MARANATHA WORLD OUTREACH

2020 YEAR END LAST NEWSLETTER ISSUE .

1 Corinthians 16:22 Come O Lord

Dear Friends in Christ)

Greetings from Arusha, Tanzania.

Dear friends.

I take this opportunity again to write to you with great joy, as we approach the last days of 2020. As I look back on 2020; a year which was filled by the COVID pandemic and has caused a great loss of lives, as well as economic devastation worldwide. One thing is comforting to all of us, is that in all the challenges, still our God is good.

As well I take this opportunity to thank all of you friends for standing with us throughout the year, regardless of the challenges most of you have faced.

I thank all of you friends who have stood with us in different ways through many years, some for the last 20 years. All of you have played a big part in what God is doing through the school as we come close to our 20th year anniversary as well as through the ministry of church planting.

Special thanks to our dear staff in our Dallas office who have continued to work faithfully, as well as our dear sister Donna who has volunteered to work on the newsletter for many years now and to the Bomgardner family who has helped us with office space for several years now. Special thanks to Christ's Chapel and Bishop Afolabi in Canada for being our contact there. Special thanks to Living Faith Church and Pastor Jerry Schwartz of PA who was our first contact church in the USA and have continued to stand with us. Thanks to Morning Star Christian Fellowship Pastor James Smith in NY who as well served as our contact in dealing with children sponsorship for a period of time. Without forgetting my dear daughters Debora and Miriam for their labor for the ministry.

May God bless you all. Please continue to stand with us and to lift us in your prayers. We wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021. It is our prayer that the Lord will see all of you through the challenges caused by COVID19.

Our prayers are with you all. We love you all. In case of any specific prayer needs please send e-mail at missions@maranathatz.org

Pastor Eric and Elisikia Mukwenda, Maranatha family

IN THIS ISSUE WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON SCHOOL NEWS

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OUR SCHOOL'S MILESTONE AS WE APPROACH OUR 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

As we shared in last issue, on January 8th 2021, we will be celebrating our 20 year anniversary of Maranatha Mission School (Elementary School) and 7 years of Maranatha Seminary (High School).

As we reflect on our journey and the goodness of our Lord, all we can say is that so far God has helped us greatly. He has seen us through the schools ups and downs in all situations. There have been times that we did not know how He was going to come through for us but he did

OUR JOURNEY AND STORY IN BRIEF

For more than 5 years, Pastor Eric Mukwenda dreamt and believed God for a Christian school that would prepare future God fearing leaders. Part of the dream was to help kids from lower income and middle class status to get an affordable and quality education. For many years the vision did not seem to make sense.

In 2000 with help of our dear friends Dorchester Family Christian Center of Ontario, Canada, under Pastor Anita Gutter, 15 team members from the church came to Arusha and helped us build two class rooms, one staff room, the principal's office and a few toilets for the students. This was after the assistant pastor Kurt Johnson and his wife, Sarah Gutter, visited Arusha for a short mission with a team from Canada. Pastor Eric shared his vision. God touched Pastor Kurt's heart and he shared the vision with the senior pastor but the initial answer was no. Pastor Kurt did not give up and after sharing the vision with the church leadership and writing down a plan, the answer was yes. They came and built.



The team from Canada



Pastor Eric at school opening January 18,2001

On January 8th, 2001 the doors of the school opened with very small piece of land and the two class rooms. There were 50 students, five teachers, one assistant teacher and five non-teaching staff.



Clearing the land and starting the foundation



Starting staff and non-staff

Many people did not give the school a chance with one official telling Pastor that it would close in few months. Pastor Eric responded that they would be expanding in a few months, not closing. By the grace of God, they did expand. Through a donation from a friend in Canada, the school added a second story on the original two classroom building.



The first foundation with Canadian friends-Aug 2000



Pastor Eric with first students

The school by grace of God, with help of individual friends, churches from Canada and the USA, the school has grown from one step to another. There are now 10 classes from preschool to seventh grade.

10 class rooms are currently being used and when eight more unfinished class rooms are completed we will add more students. Our original 50 students are now 300 students. Our staff has grown from 11 staff (teaching and non- teaching) to a total of 24 staff for the elementary school.



Original building ,after adding second story

A total of 377 students have graduated from our elementary school and have gone on to high school. Here students graduate from elementary and some continue on to high school while others end their education at that point. All of our students have continued with high school education. Many have gone on with their education after high school.



Current building used for Elementary School

SECONDARY SCHOOL (HIGH SCHOOL)

On January 13, 2013 we started the high school to give to students an opportunity to continue their Christian

centered education and to prepare them as future leaders who are God fearing. We started with the support from brother Bill and his family of Australia. We had two students and three teachers .



First secondary school staff

GROWTH



The secondary school (high school) now has about 53 students. We have gone from six classrooms previously used by the elementary school to a new (but unfinished) building. Once finished we will have additional classrooms and laboratories. Our high school staff has expanded to nine teachers. 53 students have graduated from our high school.



SCHOOL BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS (REPAIR)- A KIND REMINDER

As we shared in our last newsletter, we are trusting God for funds to renovate school buildings. We still have that need.

We kindly ask you friends to help as the Lord will put on your heart. There is no gift which is too small or too big.

For more information inquire through the contacts shown in this newsletter, either by calling our Dallas office or by e-mail or by mail.

School@maranathatz.org

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for preparations for the school's 20th anniversary to go well.

Please continue to pray for God's provision for the school renovations work, other school needs and other ministry needs in general.

Please continue to pray for new students to join the school. Pray for plans of the ministry for 2021 to be fulfilled.

UP COMING EVENTS in 2021

- 20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY JANUARY 8, 2021
- FASTING AND PRAYERS JANUARY 2-4, 2021
- NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS JANUARY
- A REVIVAL MEETING AT THE END OF JANUARY
- MORE ACTIVITIES AS THE LORD LEADS

PRAISE REPORT.

We praise God for the final examinations results for the elementary school which was done in October. Our students have done well.

- 8 students received an A grade.
- 14 students received a B Grade.
- 7 Students received a C grade.
- No any students received a D or failure.

Out of 6,641 schools nationwide, our school was in position 912.

PLEASE REMEMBER US WITH YOUR YEAR END GIVING.

**During this year end giving season,
prayerfully consider us with your much
needed gifts. No gift is too small.**

**As we expand our work, our needs have
increased.**

**Your one time gift will be greatly appreciated
as will your continued monthly or quarterly
support.**

More than all, remember us in your prayers.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We invite individuals, church teams, youth groups and anyone interested in coming for a short mission trip. We also welcome those who would like to volunteer for a minimum of a month or longer. Volunteers for the secondary school (high school) are needed for teaching, administration and other skills. For more information please visit our website at www.maranathatz.org and click on the Missions link or contact us at:

missions@maranathatz.org

**MUNGU AWABARIKI SANA (GOD BLESS YOU
VERY MUCH!)**

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INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

We are so very grateful for those who are sponsoring needy students so they can break the cycle of poverty by getting a good education. Would you like to join the team of sponsors? The sponsoring program is big part of helping the school operate and continue to provide the needed education. Please consider sponsoring a student in both elementary school and high school.

Please contact us for further information. (Contact shown in this newsletter)

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