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For God So Loved the World - John 3:16

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

We celebrated Valentine's Day today at the filter workshop which is certainly not a "normal" Tanzanian thing to do. We had "keki" which is always a favorite! In our western culture we generally think of February as a time for romantic love, flowers, chocolates and cards. For us February is a very significant month. It represents a time for celebrating love, a time for grieving and time of great transition. Let me explain. We were married in February in the midst of a snow storm, 31 years ago. We lost our first child in February, 28 years ago. We lost our first dog in February, 18 years ago. We were separated for the entire month of February while Todd worked in Japan, We said goodbye to our family & friends and moved from our home to Tanzania in February, 11 years ago. We moved our ministry and home from Dar es Salaam Tanzania, to Morogoro, in February, 3 years ago.



And now, in February 2015, with God's most amazing provision, SON-TZ has purchased property in Tanzania. This takes us another step towards a permanent, sustainable ministry. Over the past 9 months, Todd has spent many hours and experienced more than significant levels of frustration chasing down property owners, waiting for land officers, driving through fields, asking questions, identifying options and negotiating! Working with a reputable attorney, we confirmed that the previous owner

actually had legal title to the property, signed the sales agreement, received government approval for SON-TZ to acquire property, and transferred money. We are currently are working with the Ministry of Land to finalize the right of occupancy and land use. We see God's hand in this process and are looking forward to see what future February events He has for us.

Bits of News....

Mkoko Primary School Toilet Project- With the support of many of you, Todd's Toilet project in Mkoko Village has become a reality! While the "official" opening hasn't happened yet, the village has worked together in an incredible way. We were given an official "Thank you" from the village, teachers, parents, and students in January



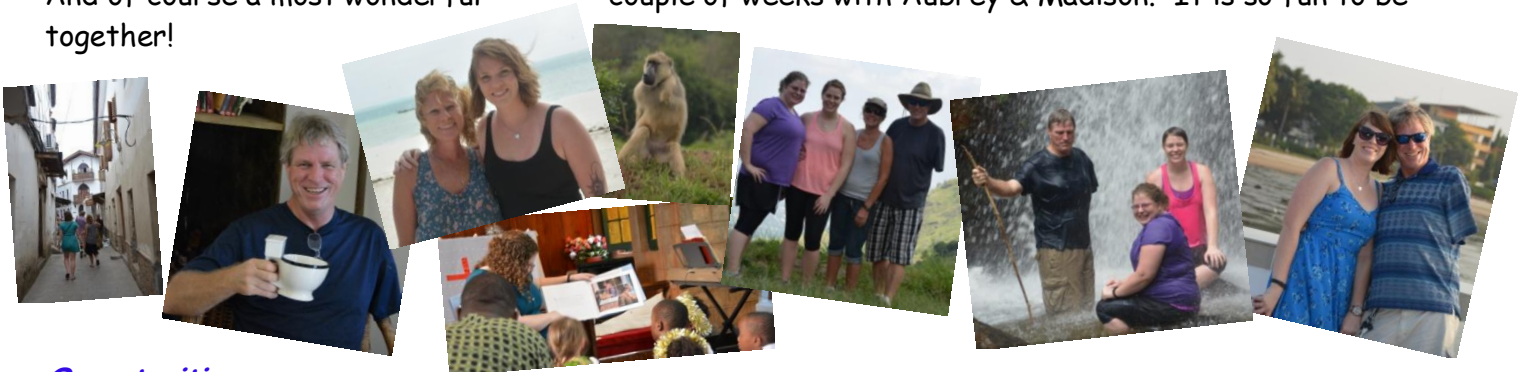
and the construction was nearly completed! Dennis was able to do some training in Mkoko at the new clinic while Selvester visited the homes of those using filters, We shared the hope of Jesus in the evening using the Jesus Film and our new projector.

We had a great time of fun and fellowship with SON Staff and their families during our annual Christmas Party, complete with games and Chicken BBQ and Birthday Cake!



And of course a most wonderful together!

couple of weeks with Aubrey & Madison. It is so fun to be



Opportunities ...

- Don't forget to use AmazonSmile 0.5% of purchases made will go to SON to support the filter work.
- MOVEATHON.....let's make it even more fun this year...maybe expand to other locations....let us know if you are interested in championing this in your area!
- To provide a well for Mkoko primary school to go along with their new toilets! :)
- **We will be in the U.S. beginning in May until August 15th. We hope to increase the support for the work of the Kingdom during this time. Let us know if you would like us to share with you , your friends, church or organization about the work of SON in Tanzania.**

Please continue to pray with us as we give HIM thanks and praise.....

- For Simon Ludege and his family as they walk together through health challenges.
- For the people of Mkoko Village, that the Kingdom work there will have a significant impact both spiritually and physically on the community and on individual lives.
- For the upcoming seminars and outreach in the areas of Mikumi, Kihonda & Mkamba.
- For God to provide the appropriate staff members and volunteers with hearts to serve and the necessary skills to fulfill the needs of the SON Ministry. Administration & Supervision.
- For a "ministry tools" workshop we are hosting for our ministry partners at the end of this month.
- For all of the necessary resources to be provided to meet the needs of SON's work in Tanzania.
- For Dismas as he continue to work towards sustainability of his microenterprise filter project.
- For Emmanuel and his family as they work in Bunazi making filters and sharing Jesus.
- For meetings and discussions to be held in March with CAWST & Seeds of Hope Ministries for future partnership opportunities .
- As we plan for our time in the U.S. sharing our hearts and ministry needs of SON-TZ.
- For our 13 year old niece, Gabby, who was diagnosed with leukemia a three weeks ago. That God will do mighty works in her and through her as she fights this.



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Revelation 22:17

"And the Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" And let him who hears say "Come", whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life"

