



NEW LIFE FOUNDATION NEW ZEALAND

13th October 2007

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On Wednesday September 12th, one of the most traumatic events happened at New Life Foundation, with the sudden passing away of teacher Gerald Simon, after a short illness. He left his wife Mary, who is expecting their child on 20th October.

I find it difficult to describe the events around that time, as Grade 7 students had started their national examinations on the same morning, and the school was preparing for their graduation ceremony, to be held on Saturday 15th. This was the graduation of the founding students of Fountain of Hope, so was an important and celebrated milestone in the history of New Life Foundation.

The students were informed of Teacher Gerald's passing as soon as their exams had finished on Thursday 13th. He had been Grade 7's class teacher. They were shocked and saddened, and had many questions, especially as Gerald had been at school on Tuesday. A short service was held at FOH later that afternoon, before his body was taken to Dar es Salaam, where his family live, for burial. He was accompanied by eight people from NLF, including his wife, Mary and his sister, Dora, a student in Grade 5. We travelled overnight, arriving in Dar at about 4.30am. The funeral took place later that day, and we stayed the night in Dar before driving back on the morning of the graduation. Throughout the three days, Mary continued to lift up the Name of the Lord and praise Him. His grace covered us all as we went through this difficult time, and we are grateful that He eased the way for us in many arrangements. The organization for the graduation had continued, and the event was wonderful. The students were happy, and their parents and relatives were so proud. Everyone had someone bringing them gifts and celebrating with them, and it was very moving to see.

Praise the Lord that He was with us all through these events, one of great sadness and one of great celebration, and that people were able to step up and do what they had to do and do it well. The Grade 7 students went home that day. Their elementary school education has finished, and we're hoping they will all return for FOH Secondary School, opening in January.

On 24th October, a team from Fountain of Love, led by Esther Msangi, the Co-ordinator, and assisted by Kim Seger, undertook a ministry trip to Sonjo, a remote area near the border with Kenya. They carried out ministry in a local school, ran a teaching seminar for local Christians, and held an evangelistic crusade over a period of four days. They saw many people saved, some healed and many filled with the Holy Spirit. They also gave Bibles to people in the local church, who until then had had none.

Glorious and Josephine arrived back on 4th October, and we thank God for all that He did in the USA, Norway and Sweden. New relationships were established and new children were sponsored on this trip. They were given opportunity to meet and share with the Boards of Directors of NLF USA and NLF Norway, and they made many new contacts and partnerships.

Praise God for:

- The way He helped us through the events that took place throughout the month.
- The safe return of Glorious, Josephine and Charity, and for the spiritual blessings God did through them and to them while they were away. Please also thank Him for the items He provided, such as several computers and the camera NLF really needed.
- Salvation, healing and the infilling of the Holy Spirit in Sonjo
- God's faithfulness to the Sonjo team, who traveled safely and without illness.
- God's peace and confidence to the Grade 7 students as they sat their exams.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Mary Gerald, as she prepares for the birth of her baby. Pray for God to comfort her and be her strength. She has said that she knows He loves her very much, and she has continued to praise and worship Him throughout the last few weeks.
- Pray for Gerald's father, brothers and sisters, that God will be their comfort, and that they will draw closer to Him through this time.
- Pray blessing on all those who helped NLF during the days of funeral and graduation organization. Local people, both here and in Dar es Salaam , were very supportive and helpful.
- Pray for new believers in Sonjo, that God will be their strength, and that they will grow in their relationship with Him.
- Pray for the Grade 7 students, who are now at home, that they will continue to worship Jesus, and that He will keep them.
- Please pray for more funds for the construction of the secondary school.
- We thank God that we have some friends who are willing to help us establish a radio station. Please pray for direction, and every step in the establishment of the radio station.