

A new year ahead...

The day before college officially opens for 2012, and catching a lift over from Moshi with friends, Stephen and Marian Gabbott, is one of Munguishi's newest students - Dickson. Dickson is from a village on the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro, and has come to start the Evangelists course. What is he hoping for? To increase his knowledge of God and be better equipped to serve his church.

The academic year started with a chapel service, welcoming new students and sharing together again with continuing students. The new Principal (Mike) spoke on sitting at the feet of Jesus, following Mary of Luke 10, and encouraged the students this semester to listen to Jesus as they read, study and meditate on God's Word. This was followed by a very long Orientation session, and the next day, classes began in earnest. Mike is teaching New Testament, Romans, Theology, and Biblical Theology to a variety of courses and languages. He is also introducing and leading the staff through a Mentor Group programme.

Meanwhile, Katie (now in possession of a work permit), is Directing the Nursery School at Munguishi. Nyota Nursery School runs as an outreach to children in our area. It prepares children to enter primary school (at age 6-7), through teaching numbers, science, reading/writing Swahili, basic English, sport and craft. Each morning they listen to a bible story and pray. About half our children are from Christian families and half from Islamic families. Please pray for the 5 staff and 90 children that attend the school. Please pray that we will know how to best manage and direct the school to give glory to God.

The past weeks have been very busy, as we get our heads around the logistics of managing the farm, college and school. There will be continuing "teething problems" and frustrations over the next few weeks. This work is physically and emotionally stretching; but we rejoice and praise God for his never ending, unconditional love and care. It is a privilege to serve our Lord and His people.

Prayer

- ★ Thank God for the new students arriving to join our community. Please pray for open and willing hearts, eager to learn. Pray for teachers also as they prepare lessons. Pray for a smooth first few weeks of transition.
- ★ Thank God for providing all we need to start planting food crops.
- ★ Please pray for continuing energy for us, and that God will provide people to help in his work at Munguishi.
- ★ Please pray that our children will continue to enjoy college life, and feel a part of our family's ministry at Munguishi. Please continue to pray for Miri's health.
- ★ Pray for the celebration on **5th Feb** - farewelling the Parks and dedicating Mike as the new Principal of the college. Please pray for the logistics (seating and feeding over 200 people) including all the Pastors in our Diocese. But also that we may all join together as one, united in Christ and the work of taking the gospel to the Diocese of Mt Kilimanjaro.



"Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess." Hebrews 3:1.



Chapel - the opening of a new year at MBC.



Sammy and Miri (aged 2.5 and 3.5).