

Greetings from Tanzania! We have lots of news to share in this issue!

Update on Chris's Ministry

Chris has seen several of his projects achieve successes in the last few months.

- If you remember in our last newsletter, we described helping build a home for a woman named Paulina. The construction went well, and the family has moved into their new home. Truly, the home is small- a single room with no toilet- but the home is **theirs**, and that is a source of pride for Paulina. There is space to build an additional room for the house, so hopefully in the future we can help make this happen.
- Thanks to your contributions, we were able to help fund several seminars for women on batik-making, soap-making, and other marketable skills. A few women from each of the four groups with whom Chris works were able to attend, and the results were great. One group in particular has already purchased more fabric to get as many batiks made and ready for sale as they can.
- Another project that Chris has not yet mentioned but with which he has been very involved is the creation of a local organization to teach homecraft skills to orphans. The organization, called Tumaini Jipya ("New Hope"), is the brainchild of our friend Mathew Lupandisha, and he's been working toward starting this program for years. Chris has assisted in drafting a constitution, creating the logo and subsequent marketing materials, and readying the application to become a formally registered Community-Based Organization (or CBO, basically a local-level NGO). They must have done a good job on the application- it was approved within 24 hours of submission! Thank you, God!



Two women learn to make batiks and soap during a June seminar & training session.



Paulina (along with the builder) stands outside of her new home.

Update on Katie's Ministries

In last quarter's newsletter we mentioned that Katie was helping Kivulini Women's Rights Organization to drum up funding to sustain the organization. GOOD NEWS! Kivulini was chosen as a recipient for a two-year, renewable grant to improve the legal rights of women in several villages around Mwanza. There are few legal structures in place in TZ to support women, especially in rural villages. Even if there are formal policies/laws, most local leaders aren't aware of them, and women are often told that the



Preparing for the installation of new tile flooring at Kivulini offices, just one of several recent renovations to finish the 1/2 done construction.

abuse they face is a family issue and nothing can be done. With this new funding, Kivulini will work with local leaders to train community members to be legal advisors to women. Support systems will be set up and a formal referral system will help women to seek justice. Also, thanks to Katie's organizational support and staff development, Kivulini has renewed relationships with funders and wowed current donors with our programmatic advances. We have received word from one donor that they will help improve Kivulini's monitoring and evaluation system and from another that they will continue to fund our community mobilization campaign to engage Tanzanians to take an active stand against violence in their community. Kivulini has also been able to continue the construction on our half-built office, which we have been operating out of for a year and a half.

Since Kivulini is advancing so successfully, Katie has decided that this is a good time to transition out of full time employment at the organization. She hopes to remain at Kivulini on a contractual basis to continue professional development training and other organizational support. Read below for more information about Katie's new ministries.

New Ministries!

Both Katie and I are excited to be starting several new ministries this fall. First of all, we will both be working at St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), a Catholic university here in Mwanza. We originally approached SAUT to pursue teaching a class each semester. However, because of our Social Work degrees, the Chair of the Sociology Department asked if we would help establish a Bachelors of Social Work program at SAUT, and of course we jumped at the chance. The Chair of the Sociology Department has been working on establishing the program for a few years now, but it was moving slowly because neither he nor any of the other staff have any Social Work training, so he was understandably excited when we approached the university. We are still working out the particulars with the university, but the (ambitious) goal is for us to each teach a class while we work together to have a BSW program up and running for Fall 2014. Whether we are able to meet that deadline or not, we're excited to be given the opportunity to try!



Katie meets with the facilitators of the Mabatini girls' group to work out the details of the group's curriculum.

Katie is excited to be planning and launching a group for adolescent girls in the parish/community we live. Mabatini is a very congested, poor neighborhood in Mwanza and young girls face challenges such as early marriage, unwed pregnancy, sexual abuse, early abandonment of school, alcohol and drug problems, HIV/AIDS, etc. Katie is working with three Tanzanian adults to plan and facilitate this group on a weekly basis. They will work on such topics as building girls' self-esteem; teaching life and business skills (economic education, small business management, coping skills); educating them about health and safety. Katie has been meeting with local leadership to gain support, planning with the other facilitators and recruiting girls for the project. The group will be launched in October.

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Write **"Chris and Katie Reid-Mission Account"** in the memo line and the funds will go directly to a special account to be used at Chris and Katie's discretion for projects and ministry needs.

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As we continue our work and start these new initiatives, your support is vital. Seed money will be greatly needed to ensure the success of our new projects. We ask you to consider making a special contribution to help launch these ministries. As always, thank you so much for your prayers and support.

God bless!

Chris and Katie Reid

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THANK YOU!**

