

Ted and Kim Rabenold Pictorial Update

Rukwa Valley – Tanzania, East Africa

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Hello friends, I hope that you are doing well.

Many of you have been praying for us as we begin our new mission of reaching the small-scale and subsistence farmers living in SW Tanzania.

Work is moving ahead on the home that we plan to move into in September or October. This home will not just be a place for us to stay but will give us the opportunity to be hosts to many different teams and trainers that will come to assist the people in the area where we will be working. We are constructing an apartment over the dining room/kitchen to house visiting guests.

We need to make our own bricks, make our own window and door frames, as well as haul cement, gravel and rebar from 4 hours away. We also mix our own cement by hand for each part of the construction. My building team lives in tents together as the work proceeds. It is a commitment to build in this place! Some of the construction team helped me in the construction of the Bible School at Mumba that we built starting in 1991. So, we know each other and enjoy working together!



Training/team house. Cement support columns and foundation complete. We're moving forward!

Perhaps God is stirring your heart to be involved by visiting our agriculture training center? If so, please feel free to write to us and we will get back to you about the hands-on opportunities available.

Would you pray for us?

- Please pray for completion of paperwork on our residence permit. It is at the very end stage for approval, but until it is paid for and stamped into our passports it doesn't matter how close we are to being done. The deadline is September.
- Please pray for our excellent Tanzanian leadership team as we seek to identify and develop men and women both physically and spiritually in this new work.
- Pray that we would have this home completed on time. It has been a long time since we have felt settled.

Thanks to those of you who pray fervently, give sacrificially and encourage us continually.

We love you!

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Jericho and Juma standing with thatch that will be used to roof our training/team house in the Rukwa valley.



Close-up of the thatch. Thatching a cover over the home keeps it cool in the intense Rukwa valley heat.

More photos next page.



Our tree nursery at our Plateau AG training site. Already we have 60,000 seedlings in tubes and will have 100,000 by the end of August. Mixed Eucalyptus, Pine and Cypress.



On a daily basis the AG training center receives people interested in fruit trees and will provide varieties of trees that are "improved," providing better income generation for local small-scale farmers.



Eating together with friends in Rukwa valley. We were so glad to have my niece, Olivia Stauffer, come and visit for a month this summer.



Harvesting honey comb with trainees. Our training is "hands on."



Training beekeepers. Here Frenki helps suit up a trainee who will get to work beside him opening bee hives and harvesting honey. Resource training is fundamental in an agrarian society. We are grateful to be able to share with others the good things God has made!

"Praise be to the Lord my rock. Who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress. My stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge."

Psalms 144: 1-2