

August 26, 2009

Hello from Tanzania. We hope that you are well.

We are doing great and have been blessed to have all our kids with us for a few weeks this summer. Colton visited from the States where he attends college, and Sierra had summer break from Rift Valley Academy where she has finished 11th grade. It was great to see them all together again and have some good adventures with them!



Colton, Savannah, Kim, Ted, Sierra



Brick-firing kiln

It has been a busy dry season here in Rukwa valley. About two months ago we "officially" got permission by the village to construct a dispensary in Kapenta village. The village gave us 27 acres along the Lundwe River free of charge for this construction project. Our doctor, coworker Mark Guilzon, and his family have gone to the USA for fundraising for this project, while I oversee building of it. At this point we have formed and fired 100,000 bricks on site; hauled the needed stones, sand, and gravel for the foundation; leveled by hand the grade for building the foundation and retaining wall; and bought cement and rebar. The construction team is progressing nicely and the foundation is almost complete. No small task, since the foundation's grade is 5 foot high at the southeast corner!



Perhaps more than any other project in this needy area, this Christian-run dispensary will meet enormous needs that will impact local lives into the future, both physically and spiritually.

God Bless,

Ted, Kim, and Kids.....