

# MISSION OF THE MONTH JUNE 2010 CMS JUDY LUND (TANZANIA) & THE GREEFS (NAMIBIA)

## • Judy Lund - Tanzania

Judy is teaching in the Geography Department of the Christian university set up by the Anglican church in Tanzania. St John's University has a strategic ministry as many of the students will be the future leaders of Tanzania and the University is endeavouring to teach them from a Christian world view.



### Give thanks for:



> The enthusiasm of the 36 students doing the optional course 'Towards a Christian Understanding of Geography'. I have been very encouraged by their desire to read and accept God's Word as the authority on many of the issues we are discussing. Please pray for the students that, as they read God's word and grapple to understand differences in world views, they will come to a new and deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

> The 'Hope for Creation' event which was held on 24th April to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Earth Day. The St John's Environmental Club sponsored the event and we invited students from secondary schools and Tertiary Educational Institutions in Dodoma. The plan had been to download a simulcast made by a group in America, but for various reasons that did not happen. On the Wednesday I realised we needed some Tanzanian input, so I spent most of three days putting together a power point on 'The State of the Environment in Africa and Tanzania'. Then on Friday night when we eventually managed to download the simulcast, we found that the video on 'Hope for Creation' was not appropriate, so early on Saturday morning I prepared another pp on the biblical basis for 'Hope for Creation'. Then of course I had to present both pps which formed the major part of the program. I was totally exhausted afterwards but it was a great opportunity.

## **(Judy Lund cont...) Please pray for:**

1. Development of the student bible studies. The 2 pm Wednesday group has now met for four weeks running but our numbers are small. There are so many competing activities on a Wednesday afternoon that it is hard for students to commit to coming. Today we completed a series on the Kingdom of God and next week we hope to start a series on the Holy Spirit.

2. My wise use of time – I am finding the reading needed to prepare lectures for the ‘Towards a Christian Understanding of Geography’ is very demanding – thus marking students assignments and all other aspects of life hardly get a look in.

3. My health has been much better this semester but I still have days when my energy levels are low and I feel very limited. I celebrated yet another birthday last Saturday and need to acknowledge that age is catching up with me. All the expatriots working here at St John’s came (14 adults and 3 young children) plus three friends from in town. We went to the Pizzeria which is run by a husband/wife team from Italy. It was a lovely evening.

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## **• David & Alisan Greef - Namibia**

*He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:3)*

‘Word Alive’ is a NETS’ initiative to provide Bible teaching to all Christians and Christian leaders in localised areas, regardless of whether they are NETS students. Previously, Word Alive was held in Windhoek, and then it went on the road to some other locations in Namibia, including Rundu, Osire, Rehoboth and Gobabis.

In May, Ongwediva hosted the first Word Alive teaching conference to be held in the North West of the country. Ninety-three people attended, which was extremely encouraging. The Word Alive team from Windhoek included Rev Willem den Hartog, director of NETS DDE (Department of Distance Education), other staff of DDE and 3 students from NETS.



At the same event we were able to celebrate the **graduation of 17 NETS DDE students**. This is the first (non-prison) NETS graduation to be held outside of Windhoek (see photo). Needless to say, we are absolutely stoked!!! The following day, we celebrated the graduation of 6 students at Oluno prison. Providentially, Faith Blake, our CMS personnel secretary, was able to be present at all these events whilst with us, and thus able to see, first hand, the result of CMS involvement in the North of the country, and the sacrificial giving of so many of you, our partners in service of Jesus. We wish you could have been there, too!

One of the students who graduated at Oluno was **Kambahu**, about whom we have often written and spoken. He received a certificate in theology, the equivalent of the first year of a BTh. We heard at the same event that he was to be transferred to another prison. The staff were not happy about this, and last week David heard that this transfer would no longer take



place, due to their protests. Such is the influence of Kambahu at Oluno.



David got back from Rundu and Divundu on 24 April, where he and Jeke celebrated a graduation in Rundu Prison (pic left). The testimonies were **POWERFUL** (we hope to have transcripts on our blog soon).

**Alisan** had another local opportunity (following up the recent workshop in Windhoek) to teach a workshop of 13 enthusiastic people. It was a blessing to also have young men attending, instead of only women, as it so often is.

**Caris, Nicky and Étienne** are enjoying the privilege of being taught to ride by a recently-met, lovely Christian Afrikaans family. Caris is already standing up on a moving horse and Étienne is able to kneel up on the horse! Nicky and Alisan are busy working on their Afrikaans, not least because that is the language of their weekly church service. We thank God for Nicky whose able presence means so much more can be accomplished. Also, she is willing to make a 4th in Bridge, Étienne's passion (but definitely not his Mum's!).

Caris, Thandi, Étienne and Nicky had a wonderful time at a children's church camp (23-25 April) at Ruacana Falls, the annual camp of the Afrikaans church Alisan and the children have been attending this year. Although people there made a lot of effort to speak English, they came back with improved Afrikaans!

Meanwhile, Alisan is **busy packing** because, on 1st July, we will move down to Walvis Bay (10 hours' drive away), where David will take up the position of coordinator for the Erongo, Otjozondjupa, and Khomas regions. For more about Walvis Bay and where it is, visit: [www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walvis\\_Bay](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walvis_Bay), and to see the regions of Namibia: [www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regions\\_of\\_Namibia](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regions_of_Namibia). Please don't send any snail mail to us until we have a postal address in Walvis Bay. But we would love to hear from you via email or skype!

### **Praise God with us for:**

1. Four happy years in the Far North and the privilege of being able to hand over the work to able and God-fearing Namibians. The provision of a suitable house in Walvis Bay.
2. The joy of being in partnership with YOU over the past 4 years, and in what has been achieved here, under God.
3. The graduation of 17 students at Ongwediva and 6 at Oluno prison.

### **Pray with us for:**

1. The time of farewelling and the pain of parting. The packing and the moving (June 29).
2. A speedy adaptation by all the family to a new home, and for David as he begins from scratch again to build a network and establish study groups.
4. Please continue to remember Jeke and Tuhafeni in your prayers; that they will speedily adapt to the work of coordinators in an ordered and systematic way. Pray also that God will work through them mightily to bless churches in Namibia and the Namibian nation.
3. David's trip this month with Tuhafeni, to the Caprivi and Kavango regions, to visit Jeke, and celebrate a graduation of 3 students at Divundu prison.
4. Jeke and Tuhafeni to both successfully pass their driver's licenses BEFORE we leave the North!
5. Fruit from the ministry of a team of Christians from South Africa who will be visiting our region mid-June, with whom we will enjoy wonderful fellowship. Alisan will have the opportunity to be involved with the 'children's ministry' part of the team and the outreach to the deaf with the sign contingent. On 18-20 June there will be a weekend children's ministry workshop at Odibo, culminating in the trainees actually running (under supervision) Sunday school for over 100 children.

In partnership for the Gospel,

***David, Alisan, Étienne and Caris Greeff***

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P.S. Our blog has an archive so you can rev years in the North: [www.greeff.blogspot.co](http://www.greeff.blogspot.co)

