

Seed to the Sower

WHEN WE SEE GOD PROVIDE, IT BUILDS OUR FAITH



BIBLES TO TANZANIA THE WORD IN THEIR TONGUE AND HANDS



ONLINE MISSIONARY RAISES \$3700 FOR SWAHILI BIBLES



FORMER MUSLIM BRINGS HUNDREDS TO JESUS

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

The Skinner Family Prayer Letter



“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store” (2 Corinthians 9:10)

From the beginning, Global Media Outreach was meant to be a “catalytic” ministry. We’ve always hoped to make a framework for Christian movements worldwide. This month, I’d like to share about one of those movements that is beginning.

I’ve shared before about all three of the people involved. **Joss** is a new believer in Tanzania. His story was the topic of last year’s March letter.

“The wish list is really high. It’s about 500 bibles. Even my fingers are trembling typing the figure.” —Mary

Diana is his Online Missionary. I mentioned her in the previous April's letter describing our 500-hour test of live chat evangelism on the GodLife site. Finally, **Mary** was a chat Bible study participant who came to Christ in 2007, then became an online Missionary herself in 2012. Her story is in the November, 2012 letter.

Diana led Joss to Christ and disciplined him for a year. They wrote emails to each other every week, but it was difficult, because his primary language is Swahili. That's Mary's native language as well, although she was living in Japan and teaching English there, so I asked if they'd be agreeable to a swap. They all agreed in April. By this time, Joss' reputation in his country was growing. **He'd brought 356 men from his former prison to the Lord. Because of their exemplary behavior, he is now welcome to speak in any prison in the country!**

Mary moved back to Tanzania in October, (The ship with her things didn't arrive until December!) and started emailing and even telephoning Joss regularly. In June, she translated our discipleship materials into Swahili so that he could distribute them. She was also sharing prayer requests with Diana and me, letting us know about Joss' faithful service, even under attack from local Muslims, who poisoned 250 chickens he was raising to support himself. (They were angered because Joss had evangelized many of their children.) She asked us to pray for a miracle so that he could have more Bibles.

But then: "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27) —Mary

Count on His provision

Diana began researching the cost of shipping vs. purchasing Tanzanian Bibles, then started a donation program at her

church to raise funds. Meanwhile, I contacted Voice of the Martyrs, which had supplied Joss' original 50 Bibles. When Mary finally got the estimate of Bibles needed by Joss, she was nervous about telling us: he wanted 500. On August 18, Mary received 224 Bibles for Joss from Voice of the Martyrs. After meeting their fundraising goal, Diana's church purchased another 538 Bibles and Mary picked those up on September 8. Mary, who trembled at asking for 500 Bibles, has now received 762 to deliver to Joss.

She wrote: "Pray for me friends. Remember those guys who were given 10, 5 and 1? I have been given these Bibles to invest wisely. The Lord is using Joss in ways hard to believe. Last week he was called by the prison officer to the prison. This can only happen once a year. Joss dropped whatever he was doing and went there. This resulted in 150 new believers. The prison officer is a believer but it was during Joss's previous visit to the prison [that he became one]. Now they are working hand in hand. The second coming is at hand."

Giving Joss Bibles seems like a pretty wise investment! God is at work in these three amazing lives. And 2 Corinthians 9:8-15 tells us that we can know *when we give with His Kingdom in mind* that God will not only *supply the needs of the minister* we support, in doing that, he will "enrich us in every way to be generous in every way."

Thank you for *your* prayers and generous investment in our work—only eternity will tell how many stories like this are out there!

Love in Christ

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"One Day Closer!" (Romans 13:11)