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We are praying for Jim & Josephine's visit to the US & Canada. Msg us to have them visit your church! #PrayMonday



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Jesus we praise you for the relative stability in Tanzania. We #pray against any potential threats to our staff and partners #PrayMonday

18 Jul

Conservation Agriculture gets Underway

A Story of Transformation from AICT Geita



Farmers took a field visit during the AICT Geita CA Training.



It is clear that farmers are looking for new, inexpensive ways to improve their crop yields and soil fertility. They have made it clear to us throughout the introduction of conservation agriculture (CA) in the communities, the initial trainings, and the response from the communities.

Demonstration Plots

Both partners, AICT MUD and AICT Geita, have successfully implemented their initial CA trainings. They invited champion farmers from each community as well as the Government Extension Officers. During the trainings, both partners were able to provide hands on training by starting the first demonstration plots. Farmers, who are wary of false advertising, empty promises, and poor yields, are slow to adopt new techniques without first seeing proof. Therefore, the partners have initiated demonstration plots in each community to be used as the Farmer Field School. With successful demo plots, we believe adoption will be easier for farmers.



This farmer is seeing the first fruits from the AICT Musoma Demonstration Plot.

Field Classrooms

In most communities, partners are invited to provide the community trainings at one of the farmers' homes. Trainings are usually conducted in churches, under trees, or outside homes. Rudimentary as it is, this allows the partner to meet the farmers where they are, and begins the relationship building process.



Hands on Learning

Partners work closely with farmers, providing hands on training through every session. Here, a field officer from Geita explains the importance of proper spacing and the correct amount of manure to be added to each planting basin. This demo plot will provide a good example of the benefits of conservation agriculture.



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Government Relationships

Partners work closely with the Government Agricultural Extension Officers as they live and work closely with the community farmers. Extension Officers can often times determine how successful a project like CA will be, due to their support or lack thereof.



Adoption

Adoption comes slowly. In the Ng'mwakiwasha community in Geita, one farmer has been practicing CA for over 3 years under the tutelage of a local missionary. Only now, after seeing his success, have three of his neighbors decided to try CA on their own land. Here, a neighbor shows the CA training class the results of his first year of using Green Manure Cover Crops (GMCC's).



Introducing Rosemary Peter Bombo

Rosemary Peter Bombo was born on September 17, 1982, in Moshi Urban, Tanzania, home to the highest mountain in Africa: Mount Kilimanjaro. Her father Peter Bombo is from Arusha and her mother Agnes Mushi is from Kilimanjaro. Both were employed by the Government of Tanzania. They were doing small scale farming apart from their employment because they are both from pastoralist and farming societies.



Rosemary went to school in the Kilimanjaro Region from Kindergarten to College level. She married Herry Owuor in 2007. They are blessed with three boys.

After getting married Rosemary moved to the Lake Zone Region where she started working as Project Accountant Assistant for TACAIDS on HIV/AIDS projects for the Mara and Shinyanga regions.

She later joined the Village Life Outreach Project, a US based Organization, in December of 2008. She worked as a Project Coordinator and managed health, education and community development projects for seven years. She joined World Renew Tanzania in February 2016 as a Project Coordinator for Conservation Agriculture.

Rosemary was raised learning agricultural practices which has inspired her to continue practicing agriculture until now. In the future she plans to be a large scale farmer and to depend on agriculture as her primary source of income.

Rosemary is a born again Christian who worships at Mennonite Church in Mwanza. She loves to serve the Lord as her personal savior.

Prayers for Tanzania

- Continue to pray for the communities in rural Tanzania as we are in the middle of the dry season. Many are starting to go without proper food and nutrition. We pray the CA Program will make a positive impact and alleviate hunger in these areas as well as restore the soil in order to provide enough food for people in need.
- Pray for safe travel and a successful deputation for Jim and Josephine during their time in the United States.
- Pray with us for discernment and wisdom as we seek a church based partner organization that has been operating with integrity and looking for a partner like World Renew to help enhance their work of community transformation.
- Tanzania has been largely peaceful in a region that has seen a lot of violent conflict. We give thanks for this, and request your prayers that this peace will continue, and will not be undermined by those who would like to stir up conflict in the name of religion.
- Barbara Barungi Kayanja will be joining World Renew as the East Africa Ministry Team Leader effective November 1, 2016. Barbara comes to us with more than 15 years of solid leadership, partnership building, development work and performance management experience as well as in-depth education in development management, social work and administration. Barbara's background coupled with her calling to further God's kingdom will allow her to ably step into this leadership role in the East Africa region. Please pray for Barbara and the entire East Africa Ministry Team.



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