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#PraiseGod for the opportunity to work with our partners in training 5000 farmers in conservation agriculture. #Pray #PrayMonday

  04 Apr

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Pray for our new conservation agriculture program in partnership with @Foodgrains and @CanadaDev #praymonday

  21 Dec

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Pray for the continual transformation of communities like Musoma
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  14 Dec

"Agriculture helps me to reach my ambitions"

A Story of Transformation from AICT Geita



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Juliana (40 years old) from Ngoma village is one of the beneficiaries of the sustainable livelihood and food security program implemented by AICT Diocese of Geita. She joined the Upendo VICOBAs at the beginning of the program, and that opened opportunities for her to engage in other entrepreneurial activities. She received a loan from her VICOBAs group of Tshs 50,000 in 2012, and she decided to grow potatoes. The season was difficult for Juliana because she was not aware of the appropriate variety of potatoes to grow on her farm. Disease and a shortage of rainfall reduced her harvest significantly.

In 2013 the AICT Diocese of Geita provided training for Juliana on how to grow sweet potatoes with appropriate spacing from one plant to another. She also learned about other potato species that can be grown in her area, and these are high-yield varieties that are also disease- and drought-tolerant. Juliana then decided to grow the Kabode and Polista varieties, which are orange-flesh potatoes. Fortunately these species grow well, and because of Juliana's success with them, her neighbor farmers changed their mindset and began growing potatoes too. Juliana decided to sell potato cuttings to her neighbor farmers, and she became an agent of spreading knowledge on how to grow potatoes in the village.

Juliana began to sell her farm produce, earning enough money to buy a sewing machine. She then started to make clothes for her family and for other community members. This became a good business and helped her to raise her family income.

Juliana also had an ambition to build and live in her own house instead of renting a house. She saved money from the sales of her farm produce and clothes. She says, "Many people think that agriculture cannot improve life. But, for me, agriculture has enabled me to reach my ambitions." She eventually started building her house, and

Juliana weeds her flourishing potato crop in Ngoma village.



currently it has reached the roofing stage. She is confident that by the end of 2016 her house will be completed.



Juliana makes clothes ready for sale.

Juliana's house



Liberator Simon—An Introduction

Liberator (“Liberata”) Simon is the World Renew Tanzania administrative assistant, a key position in our country office in Dar es Salaam. Without Liberata’s administrative and logistical work we would be restricted in achieving our purpose in Tanzania to help communities, families, and individuals transform their spiritual and physical lives for the better. Liberata handles all of the logistics related to our frequent work-related travel, making bookings for plane tickets, transport to and from the airport, hotel accommodations, and meetings. She supervises the worker who cleans the office and the employees who maintain the office grounds and provide security for the office and for the country director’s residence. She also goes back and forth to the government ministries that process work permits for expatriate workers and dependent passes for their spouses and children; the permits have to be renewed every two years and require many documents and visits to the ministries over a period of months. The water supply is not reliable in Dar es Salaam, so Liberata is often called upon to contact the city water company to come out to restore service at the office or at the country director’s residence when the system fails. This has to be done in person—no one will show up if she just makes the contact by phone. The electricity supply can also be unreliable, and the wiring in the houses is often not up to standard. This often means having to contact electricians to repair what was not well wired in the first place. What’s more, there are vehicles to be serviced and bills to be paid. It is an indispensable position, and Liberata handles it all with patience, perseverance, and a sense of humor.

Liberata has had the opportunity to live in many places in Tanzania. Her home area is Kigoma Region, bordering Lake Tanganyika. Her father was a teacher but changed his career and became the general manager at a cooking oil industry in Kagera, the region of Tanzania that borders Lake Victoria. So Liberata was born in Kagera Region, the second in a family of four.

One sister has since passed away, leaving Liberata and her two younger brothers.

When Liberata’s father passed away, the family moved to Sumbawanga in Rukwa Region to stay with an uncle. That is where she went to primary school from 1995 to 2001. She passed

her examination and went on to the girls’ secondary school in Tabora Region from 2002-2005. She was then selected for her advanced level of education in Mbeya Region at Mbeya secondary school from 2006 to 2008. In September 2008 she entered the University of Dodoma. She graduated in 2011 with a bachelor of arts in International Relations.

In September 2011 Liberata was selected for the Graduate Volunteer Program funded by Tear Fund UK and the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT). She worked three months at CCT as a field officer to the Pamoja Tuwalee project in Singida before the program phased out. She was then shifted to the Tear Fund UK Dar es Salaam office to work as the office administrator.

In June 2012, when former country director Margaret Njuguna was looking for someone from the graduate volunteer program to work as her administrative assistant in the country office, Liberata moved to World Renew in 2012.

When asked what gives her satisfaction in her work, Liberata says, “Satisfaction in my work comes from working in a friendly environment that allows interaction of job responsibilities and collaboration to work as a team, and having supervisors who are servant leaders.”



Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for our new conservation agriculture program and our implementing partners from the Africa Inland Church dioceses of Geita and Mara Ukerewe, as they plan to work with nearly 4,000 farmers, helping them to restore their soil and produce healthy and sufficient crops to provide good nutrition for their families and make a profitable living from farming.
- Pray for a partner organization that has been going through difficult times. After doing very effective community work in the past, there have been some serious issues with accountability, and some programs have been curtailed and employees laid off.
- As we look for new partnership opportunities in Tanzania, 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.
- World Renew continues to look for a team leader for the East Africa Ministry Team, which includes World Renew missionaries in Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. Pray that the right candidate will soon apply through the recruitment process and be chosen for this important leadership position.
- Tanzania has been largely peaceful in a region that has seen a lot of violent conflict. We give thanks for this, and we request your prayers that this peace will continue and will not be undermined by people who would like to stir up conflict in the name of religion.

Deputation Plans for Jim and Josephine

We will be in North America later this year, visiting supporting churches between September 6 and October 16. To confirm or schedule a visit, please contact Molly Mead (mmead@worldrenew.net) in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, office. We look forward to seeing many of our supporters again while we are in the United States and Canada.

