



MISSION MOROGORO

SUMMER SEASON NEWSLETTER 2015

Mission Morogoro wishes a very Happy Summer season to all who have supported us over the past year.

MM is a small independent UK charity pledged to making a positive difference to the lives of all the people who live in the remote but beautiful villages of Tunguli and Berega in the Diocese and Region of Morogoro in Tanzania.



THE TRUSTEES - MM has eight Trustees and a number of close associates. Our Chair is Tony Mortimer, his wife, Tricia, is our Secretary and Ann Matthews is our Treasurer. Other Trustees are John Green and his wife Margaret,

David Plummer with his wife Sue, and Helen Deegan, who is living in Spain for the next twelve months. Our close associates are James and Sue Barrett and Ann Carman, who lives in Malvern. Our special thanks, also, to Judith Burman, who continues to be one of our close associates after deciding to stand down as a Trustee so that she could devote more time to fund raising.

The past fifteen months have seen MM active in many significant events in Worcestershire and beyond, raising thousands of pounds for projects that have transformed the lives of our friends in Tunguli and Berega villages.

THE HIGHLIGHTS HAVE BEEN

THE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE - This daunting physical challenge featured two of our Trustees, Helen Deegan and Ann Matthews, and a group of staff and parents from Walkwood School, Redditch, where Helen Deegan was a Deputy Head. This intrepid group raised £5900, the bulk of which we intend to spend on providing an ambulance vehicle for Tunguli village. Our grateful thanks go to all those who bore the rigours of the three mountain peaks to raise such a fantastic sum of money.



MADRESFIELD COURT OPEN DAY

- MM was privileged to be allowed to organize a day's worth of tours of this most beautiful and historic house and home, which was the inspiration for Evelyn Waugh's famous book 'Brideshead Revisited'.

We were so grateful to Lucy Chenevix-Trench in giving kind permission for visitors to invade the Court. Tours took place in the morning and afternoon. Trustees provided a sit-down lunch with a glass of bubbly for morning visitors, and high tea, also with a glass of bubbly, for those who visited in the afternoon. A total of more than two thousand pounds was raised as a result of our efforts and this is being be used to send a tractor to Tunguli.

EASTER CHICKS, DINOSAURS AND CLOWNS

One of our Trustees, Margaret Green, has been knitting morning, noon and night to provide beautiful Easter chicks with Cream Eggs, plus an



amazing assortment of clowns, nursery characters and prehistoric dinosaurs. The money raised from Margaret's knitting marathon will go to providing new mattresses and mattress covers for the clinic and for the new guest facility which will provide accommodation for doctors to stay overnight in this remote location. Money is still coming in but, so far, MM has raised about £1250 from the results of Margaret's efforts.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

- In the cold month of February MM laid on a wonderful opportunity to visit London and the Mother of Parliaments. Over fifty people set out on this most enjoyable and instructive day, which was so successful that MM hopes to arrange another trip next year. At the moment next year's destination is a closely guarded secret, so you will have to keep up with MM news to make sure you are in time to get your place on the coach! Thanks so much to Tricia, MM's hard working Secretary, for arranging this wonderful day, which made in excess of £800 towards the Tunguli tractor appeal.

CRISIS OVER BEREGA BRIDGE -

Just over a year ago, Berega Hospital faced a daunting challenge when the main river bridge connecting it to Morogoro and Dar Es Salaam collapsed in a sudden flood. Vehicles were unable to get to and from the hospital, creating an emergency situation for those with life threatening illnesses and making it very



difficult for both patients and doctors to function. MM trustees, along with other agencies, were able to help in this time of need by providing a small amount of emergency funding.

POWER OF A POUND -

MM Trustees have been concerned to provide opportunities for anyone and everyone to give regularly to MM as a way of complementing our fund raising projects and we were delighted when one of our Trustees, Tricia Mortimer, had the vision to suggest that we slowly develop a giving



programme which we have called 'The Power of a Pound'. We hope this will bring us a regular income and at the same time emphasise just how much £1 will buy for those living in Tunguli and Berega. For example, £1 will buy transport to hospital for life giving treatment or one hundred grams of maize, which is the staple diet in Tunguli and Berega. If you would like to join this programme please see our website or contact Ann Matthews, the MM treasurer.



MOSQUITO NETS FOR TUNGULI CLINIC - Thanks to the wonderful generosity of North Worcester Rotary Club the sum of £350.00 has already been given for providing life protecting mosquito nets at Tunguli Clinic. Fund raising is continuing with

both the Rotary Club and Bromsgrove Inner Wheel set to raise funds for much needed medical equipment for the Clinic. Thank you both Rotary and Inner Wheel. MM appreciates having you on board as we seek to improve health outcomes for some of the poorest people in the world.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE CHILDREN OF HIMBLETON SCHOOL - MM would like to thank children, parents and staff of Himbleton School for their amazing fund raising efforts on behalf of the residents of Tunguli. On their first fund raising week they raised the magnificent sum of £1000



for new water tanks at the clinic and have now completed a second fund raising week to provide much needed funds to purchase a plough, now on its way to Tunguli village as part of the Tractor Appeal. It warms our hearts that such a vital link is being forged between children, staff and parents in one of our beautiful villages and the residents of all ages in a remote and beautiful village in rural Tanzania. Thank you so much everybody!



MM VISIT TO TUNGULI AND

BEREGA - In late May of last year six Trustees made a special visit to Berega and Tunguli, beginning our special focus on Tunguli village. The team consisted of Tony, Helen, John, Margaret, David and Sue. We made

two visits. On our first visit there were great celebrations to welcome us and many speeches. We were overwhelmed by their welcome and we even joined in some of the dancing provided in our honour! On the second visit we were taken on a tour of all the significant places and institutions in the village, including the Church, clinic and both the primary and the secondary schools. Trees were planted by each one of us to mark the beginning of this special link between MM and the village of Tunguli. As a result of our time in this lovely community, MM agreed to raise money for the water harvesting tanks at both schools in the village.

THE TRACTOR PROJECT - in 2011 the Bishops of Worcester and Morogoro signed a special Friendship Agreement. During the course of the first visit to Tanzania the clergy from Worcester made a commitment to provide a tractor for Tunguli



village, so that the residents might become more able to feed their village and the surrounding area. A 'tired' Massey Ferguson tractor was bought at auction with the aim that the students at Moreton

Morrell Agricultural College in Warwickshire should restore it as part of their course work. Unfortunately, the leader of the project moved away last year and the MM team was approached and asked if they would take over the leadership of the project and bring it to completion. We were happy to do this, but we have had to raise a considerable sum of money to add both a trailer and a plough, and we have been faced with the oceans of complexity and red tape which are involved in finding a container, packing it with the tractor and other much needed items - such as computers, sewing machines, text books, bedding and medical supplies - and shipping it all to Tanzania. This has been a major piece of work, which we are sharing with the Diocese of Worcester. Our Chair, Tony, has carried the heat of the day along with Dave and James who have generously given of their practical skills. We are all looking forward to seeing the tractor at work in the earth of Africa.



SO, WHAT CAN WE SAY?

We are amazed thrilled speechless at what WE and YOU have achieved in the short time that MM has been a registered charity. Our story so far has been truly breath-taking, with a kaleidoscope of different people and projects all reaching out in generous self-giving to our friends in Tunguli village in sub-Saharan Africa. Your love and generosity has taken MM to schools with open hearted children wanting to make a difference, the agendas of Rotary and Inner Wheel, a stately home in beautiful Worcestershire, numerous church congregations filled with the love of God, students working on a tractor in an agricultural college and

to the struggles and rugged determination of intrepid walkers scaling the highest mountain peaks within our shores and finally to the Mother of Parliaments in Westminster!

SO, WHAT CAN WE SAY?

We are truly humbled at your love and support. Our friends in both Tunguli and Berega are profoundly grateful for all your kindness and efforts on their behalf.

They and we say with all our hearts **THANK YOU**

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ASANTE SANA, TO EVERYONE

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