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Dear BREAD Supporters,

We are so grateful for your support and your prayers for all the work going on in Berega. As you will read below quite a number of people are going out to Berega in September and October including two of our BREAD trustees (Mike Mytton and David Curnock) and when we get back we'll be having the BREAD AGM in November, after which we'll be sending you a full newsletter with first-hand reports of all the work and projects in Berega.



Since our last newsletter the large underground water tank for the School of Nursing has been completed - this project was under the direction of Wilbard Mrase, the principal of SONAB, built by Titus the Diocesan Builder and his team, and paid for by BREAD.

The other big project has been the building of new classrooms for the Church School - Bishop Chitemo Primary school. The school is expanding rapidly and now has 164 pupils, and the pupils are achieving very good results in the Morogoro Region school exams, beginning to fulfil Isaac Mgego's vision for the school - that it would provide good English-medium education locally as a fee paying

school, and be a big incentive to the trained hospital staff to remain in Berega, knowing that their children can receive a good education.



The photo shows the classrooms nearing completion on a beautiful site just below the hospital. They have been paid for by a loan taken out by the Diocese.

The hospital has been going through hard times: more than half the health care in Tanzania is provided by church hospitals and clinics, like Berega, and the agreement is that the government pays the salaries of the trained staff in the church hospitals. But for the last four years the government has been paying only a small proportion of these salaries – at Berega Hospital only 30%, and this has of course led to severe financial difficulties.

We would really appreciate your prayers about this. The current position is that the Government have promised to start paying the salaries in July. We are waiting eagerly to see if this happens as the Diocese has been disappointed several times before.

We also ask for your prayers for those travelling out to Berega, and for what they hope to achieve:

Mike Mytton: visiting in September, will be working with Isaac Mgego (Hospital Director), Wilbard Mrase (Principal of SONAB), Ruth Mgego (the School Administrator) and Pasis Maira (Director of the Bible School) to help analyse the financial challenges and help them build their business plans.

People travelling with Mike are:

Kathleen Rudman: a retired teacher coming for the first time, with a special interest in the Church Primary School.

Christine Cleave: for her second visit to Berega: as a retired Physics teacher, she was invited last year to teach the Physics teachers at Mgugu Girls Secondary School and she will be following this up this September.

Robert Cleave: Christine's husband, visiting for the first time, just retired from a senior management position at Boots.

Also in Berega during September and October are:

David and Anne Curnock: David as a retired Paediatrician will continue his role of encouraging and teaching the Hospital staff, and spending time with Isaac and Mrase. Anne is hoping she can contribute to the English classes at the two Government Primary Schools again. She will also be liaising with Kathleen Rudman and Ruth Mgego to see how BREAD can support the pupils and staff at the Bishop Chitemo Primary School and explore how we could offer bursaries for some of the children.

Travelling out with David and Anne will be:

Heide Twilley : an experienced community nurse who will be working with a project empowering women in Tunguli - a village 60km from Berega where there is a small hospital which Berega Hospital has responsibility for. Heide will be using her experience to find out about and support the Tushikamane Project (Swahili for "we join together in solidarity), which is linked closely with Mission Morogoro - an initiative of the Anglican Church in the Worcester Diocese.

Also coming out for two weeks in September will be:

Alistair Stanley: a young paediatrician who was out in Berega for three months last year with his wife, and who, with support from his home Baptist church in Bath, did a fantastic job organizing a project to refurbish the empty Ward 4 at the hospital (previously only used for extra beds when the Flying Doctor came) to become the new Neonatal Unit.

All of us will be keen to find out about how the Bible School/Lay Training Centre is getting on, and how we can support Pasis and her team, Geoffrey and Zerida.

We'll also be finding out how we can continue to support Patmo Orphanage, and St Mary's Church and the daughter churches and Sunday Schools.

Please pray for:

- good relationships and fellowship
- guidance as to the best way BREAD can help.
- health and safety
- travelling mercies
- for a just resolution of the government's failure to pay many of the trained staff at government hospitals including Berega

THANK YOU!

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Remember our web site has all sorts of interesting stuff on it, including some videos of the village. You can find it at:

<http://www.bread-trust.org.uk/>

Thank you again for helping this small charity to make a big difference to the village of Berega.